



October 4, 2023

Re: Commencement of VISPO Forbearance for Year 2024

Dear: VISPO Program Enrollee

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the Commencement of a Forbearance year in 2024 as defined in Section 5 of the Voluntary Irrigation Suspension Program Option (VISPO) Forbearance Agreement. As you are aware, the essence of the VISPO is that permit holders participating in the program are financially compensated to suspend withdrawal of enrolled water during very low aquifer conditions. If the J-17 index well in San Antonio is at or below 635 feet above mean sea level (msl) on October 1, VISPO participants are required to suspend use of their enrolled water for the entire calendar year that follows, beginning January 1. On October 1, 2023, the J-17 index well was at 630.3 feet above mean sea level. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that beginning on January 1, 2024, you are required to suspend withdrawals of enrolled water in the VISPO. Payment for your participation in VISPO will be made out to you by March 1, 2024, for your enrolled water.

Finally, if aquifer conditions improve dramatically, and J-17 is above 660 feet above msl on January 1, 2024, you will have the option to not forbear the enrolled water. However, you must notify the EAA of your decision to opt out by January 15, 2024. If you choose to use your water rather than forbear it, you will receive the Standby Payment only and the enrolled water will be subject to any Critical Period reductions in effect for 2024. If you have questions regarding the VISPO program, please contact Mr. Javier Hernandez, Special Projects Liaison, at (210) 222-2204.

Your patience and support are requested and appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland Ruiz", written in a cursive style.

Roland Ruiz
General Manager