



NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

In accordance with the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Program Interlocal Contract between the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) and the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) for Use of the Twin Oaks Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project (the Project) for Contribution for Springflow Protection (ILA), the EAA gives notice that the Estimated Annual Recharge to the Edwards Aquifer (Recharge Average) as reported by the United States Geological Survey for calendar year 2025 was 461,000 acre-feet. As a result, the calculated 10-year rolling annual recharge average for the Edwards Aquifer to 464,610 acre-feet.

Therefore, under the terms of the ILA, the EAA hereby provides Notice of Commencement of Drought of Record for the purposes of the ILA. This notice does not constitute a formal declaration of a new Drought of Record, but merely provides SAWS with notice that under the terms of the ILA, based on annual recharge averages, conditions are similar enough to those in existence during the historic Drought of Record to require implementation of portions of the Project. Accordingly, in 2027, the EAA will require forbearance of all permits enrolled in its related forbearance program.

Please note, this notice does not constitute a Notice of Commencement of a Drought of Record Forbearance Period for SAWS' purposes under Section 4 of the ILA. If conditions warrant implementation of SAWS forbearance under the ILA, the EAA will promptly issue such a notice.

This notice will remain in effect until June 1, 2027, unless or until it is superseded by an updated Recharge Average.

ISSUED THIS 26th DAY May, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland Ruiz", is written over a horizontal line.

Roland Ruiz
General Manager