



**MEMORANDUM**

To: Permits/Enforcement Committee Members  
(Gilleland, Cargil, Carington, Carnes, Middleton, Miller and Yanta)

From: Omar Garcia  
Sr. Director, Water Resources

Date: March 24, 2026

Subject: **Permits/Enforcement Committee Report**

Following is a report of permit-related activities and informational items for February 2026:

**1. Groundwater Withdrawal Transfers**

In February 2026, EAA staff completed processing 87 transfers which consisted of the following:

**Groundwater Withdrawal Transfers**

Transfer Description	Number of Transfers	Acre-Feet	Average (Days)
Transfers (Partial Sales and Re-sales).	6	234.857	46
100% Change of Ownership (Sales).	2	1,215.222	39
Transfers (Leases and Subleases).	77	13,014.444	43
Permit Amendments	2	N/A	36
Permit Consolidations	0	N/A	N/A
Conversions of Base	0	N/A	N/A
Notice of Claim	0	N/A	N/A
Withdrawn Applications	0	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>14,464.523</b>	<b>43</b>

For information regarding this program, please contact Mr. Tamauj Thomas, Water Resources Supervisor, at (210) 477-5132.

## 2. Well Construction Program

In February 2026, EAA staff issued 14 water well construction permits consisting of:

- 3 exempt Edwards Aquifer domestic well permits;
- 2 exempt Edwards Aquifer livestock well permits;
- 2 exempt Edwards Aquifer domestic/livestock well permits;
- 1 non-exempt Edwards Aquifer industrial well permit;
- 4 well plugging permits; and
- 2 “Drill Through the Edwards Aquifer” new well permits.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Mr. Jeff Robinson, Principal Well Analyst, at (210) 477-5145.

## 3. Water Well Flow Meter Program

In February 2026, Water Well Flow Meter Program activities consisted of the following:

### Water Well Flow Meter Program

Programs	Return Goal	Received -%	Deadline Date
2025 Annual Groundwater Use Reports – Agricultural	409	<b>405 (99%)</b>	Jan 31, 2026
Submitted – Online Portal		<b>62 Ag/ 38 NonAg</b>	
Submitted – Meter App		<b>70 Ag/ 78 NonAg</b>	
2025 Annual Groundwater Use Reports – Non-Agricultural	385	<b>352 (91%)</b>	Jan 31, 2026
2025 Annual Groundwater Use Reports – Limited Production	245	<b>191 (78%)</b>	Jan 31, 2026
Submitted – Online Portal		<b>119</b>	
Submitted – Meter App		<b>10</b>	
2025 Annual Groundwater Use Reports – Enforcement Status	19	<b>9 (47%)</b>	Jan 31, 2026
	<b>LPW/UW’s</b>	<b>Department Program Resolved</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Unauthorized Withdrawals Violations - LPW Program	46	2	No New for 2026
	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Expended To Date</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Meter Purchases – O&M, AMR	\$160,000	\$9,548	Ongoing
	<b>Stations Logging</b>	<b>Stations Communicating</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Voluntary Automated Meter Reading (AMR)	213	213	Ongoing

During the month, field technicians continued processing incoming annual groundwater use reports for 2025. Past due notifications were sent out via email and phone calls made to assist well owners that had not filed yet. Site inspections were conducted towards end of the month to estimate end-of-year readings for non-reporters staff were unable to contact. Our Automated

Meter System Technicians continue to monitor, collect and evaluate data received from 213 AMR sites through our Clear SCADA production server for preventative maintenance. They have conducted 3 site surveys for new AMRs that are pending installations, with a Letter of Agreement for 2 locations and determination of meter compatibility with our AMR equipment for another. Preventative maintenance is progressing at 96 completed sites in Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Medina and Uvalde counties that include board replacements and updates, with 30 remaining. SIM card replacements have been placed on hold temporarily to focus on higher priority maintenance.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Natasha L. Ponce, Field Operations Supervisor at (210) 477-1894.

#### 4. Recharge Zone Protection Program

In February 2026, Recharge Zone Protection Program activities consisted of the following:

<b>Subchapter E Spill Reporting</b>	Number of Incidents:	1	
	Regulated Facilities:	94	
<b>Subchapter F Regulated Substance Registration, Storage and Planning</b>	New Registrations:	1	
	Inspections Performed:	3	
	Program Correspondence:	1	
	Regulated Facilities:	256	
<b>Subchapter G Aboveground and Underground Storage Tanks</b>	New Registrations:	6	
	Inspections Performed:	14	
	AMM / TCEQ Plans:	1	
	Program Correspondence:	13	
	Commencement of Construction	0	
	Violations	0	
	<b>Underground Storage Program</b>	Total Capacity:	1,021,030 gal.
		Recognized:	908,727 gal.
		Reserved:	112,303 gal.
	<b>TCEQ – Edwards Aquifer Protection Program WPAP &amp; Plans review</b>	EAPP Plans Received:	11
Response Letters:		0	

#### Recharge Zone Protection - Regulatory Programs

For more information regarding this program, please contact Mr. Kyle Craig, Recharge Zone Regulation Manager, at (210) 477-5138.

## 5. Compliance Matters

As of February 2026, EAA staff opened 17 violations for LPW overpumpers, overpumpers and past due aquifer management fees. These violations typically get identified at the beginning of the year after the reporting and transfer periods close. More overpumping violations are expected to be identified in the coming months, along with the creation of non-reporter violations for 2025.

### Compliance Year 2026

Violation Type	Opened	Resolved	Ongoing
LPW Overpumped	1	0	1
Overpumped	7	0	7
Aquifer Management Fees	9	0	9

For more information regarding this program, please contact Mr. Jorge Paramo, Principal Regulatory Compliance Coordinator, at (210) 477-8525.