



**M E M O R A N D U M**

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

From: Omar Garcia  
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Subject: **Permits/Enforcement Committee Report**

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

**1. Groundwater Withdrawal Transfers**

In March 2026, EAA staff completed processing 147 transfers which consisted of the following:

**Groundwater Withdrawal Transfers**

<b>Transfer Description</b>	<b>Number of Transfers</b>	<b>Acre-Foot</b>	<b>Average (Days)</b>
Transfers (Partial Sales and Re-sales).	17	751.843	35
100% Change of Ownership (Sales).	3	370.547	36
Transfers (Leases and Subleases).	124	12,311.580	52
Permit Amendments	3	N/A	31
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Withdrawn Applications	0	N/A	N/A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>147</b>	<b>13,433.970</b>	<b>39</b>

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

## 2. Well Construction Program

In March 2026, EAA staff issued 15 water well construction permits consisting of:

- 4 exempt Edwards Aquifer domestic well permits;
- 2 exempt Edwards Aquifer livestock well permits;
- 1 exempt Edwards Aquifer domestic/livestock well permit;
- 2 non-exempt Edwards Aquifer municipal well permits;
- 2 well plugging permits; and
- 4 “Drill Through the Edwards Aquifer” 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 March 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>408 (99%)</b>	Jan 31, 2026
Submitted – Online Portal		<b>62 Ag/ 38 Non-Ag</b>	
Submitted – Meter App		<b>70 Ag/ 78 Non-Ag</b>	
2025 Annual Groundwater Use Reports – Non-Agricultural	385	<b>372 (94%)</b>	Jan 31, 2026
2025 Annual Groundwater Use Reports – Limited Production	245	<b>232 (97%)</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>15 (79%)</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	\$31,082	Ongoing
	<b>Stations Logging</b>	<b>Stations Communicating</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Voluntary Automated Meter Reading (AMR)	213	213	Ongoing

During the month of March 2026, field technicians continued processing incoming annual groundwater use reports for 2025. Site inspections were conducted during the month to estimate end-of-year readings for non-reporters which staff was unable to contact and non-reporter

violations were created for all reports not received or approved by well owners and handed over to compliance. 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. Preventative maintenance is progressing at 156 completed sites in Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Medina and Uvalde counties that include board replacement updates to be replaced with a remaining 30 SIM card swaps and enclosure replacements. A new camera type device by Waltero for an AMR pilot project has been approved for 6 months. They will provide 5 devices that take snapshots of the register readings for AMR and will be installed in existing stations to compare functionality side by side. Design and development of 3-D printed housings to protect the W-sensors were generated by staff and a final design that sits on top of the meter register as a lid has been created for testing. Trial equipment installations will begin in April.

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

#### 4. Recharge Zone Protection Program

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

##### Recharge Zone Protection - Regulatory Programs

<b>Subchapter E Spill Reporting</b>	Number of Incidents:	2	
	Regulated Facilities:	98	
<b>Subchapter F Regulated Substance Registration, Storage and Planning</b>	New Registrations:	4	
	Inspections Performed:	8	
	Program Correspondence:	7	
	Regulated Facilities:	252	
<b>Subchapter G Aboveground and Underground Storage Tanks</b>	New Registrations:	8	
	Inspections Performed:	15	
	AMM / TCEQ Plans:	3	
	Program Correspondence:	13	
	Commencement of Construction	3	
	Violations	0	
	<b>Underground Storage Program</b>	Total Capacity:	1,021,048 gal.
		Recognized:	872,032 gal.
		Reserved:	149,016 gal.
	<b>TCEQ – Edwards Aquifer Protection Program WPAP &amp; Plans review</b>	EAPP Plans Received:	19
Response Letters:		0	

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

## 5. Compliance Matters

As of March 2026, EAA staff opened and resolved 38 non-reporter violations, closing the 2025 annual use reporting year. Compliance staff will now shift its focus to overpumping, limited production wells and permitted, as well as violations for past due aquifer management fees.

### Compliance Year 2026

Violation Type	Opened	Resolved	Ongoing
Groundwater Use Reporting	38	38	0
LPW Overpumped	13	0	13
Overpumped	111	3	108
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.