



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Omar Garcia
Sr. Director, Water Resources

Date: January 27, 2026

Subject: **Permits/Enforcement Committee Report**

Following is a report of permit-related activities and informational items for December 2025:

1. Groundwater Withdrawal Transfers

In December 2025, EAA staff completed processing 52 transfers which consisted of the following:

Groundwater Withdrawal Transfers

Transfer Description	Number of Transfers	Acre-Feet	Average (Days)
Transfers (Partial Sales and Re-sales).	11	647.107	38
100% Change of Ownership (Sales).	2	185.457	36
Transfers (Leases and Subleases).	37	4,568.006	47
Permit Amendments	1	N/A	25
Permit Consolidations	1	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Withdrawn Applications	0	N/A	N/A
Total Transfers	52	5,400.570	44

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

2. Well Construction Program

In December 2025, EAA staff issued 35 water well construction permits consisting of:

- 14 exempt Edwards Aquifer domestic well permits;
- 6 exempt Edwards Aquifer livestock well permits;
- 5 well capping permits;
- 7 well plugging permits; and
- 3 “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 December 2025, Water Well Flow Meter Program activities consisted of the following:

Water Well Flow Meter Program

Programs	Annual Goal	*Completed-%	Current Status
Annual Water Meter Inspections - Irrigation	716	683 (95%)	Ongoing
Annual Water Meter Inspections – Municipal/Industrial	620	598 (96%)	Ongoing
Annual Water Meter Inspections – Limited Production	247	230 (93%)	Ongoing
Annual Water Meter Inspections - SAWS	127	120 (95%)	Ongoing
Annual Water Meter Inspections – Undetermined/No Permitted Water Rights	18	10 (56%)	Ongoing
	LPW/UW’s	Department Program Resolved	Current Status
Unauthorized Withdrawals Violations (LPW/UW’s)	54	8	No New for 2025
	Annual Budget	Expended To Date	Current Status
Meter Purchases - O&M, AMR	\$151,950.00	\$138,268.00	Ongoing
AMR Operation/Maintenance (O&M) Tree City Tech.	\$30,015.00	\$30,015.00	Completed
	Stations Logging	Stations Communicating	Current Status
Voluntary Automated Meter Reading (AMR)	212	212	Ongoing

During the month of December 2025, field technicians reviewed and verified data in EAGIS for accuracy to begin generating 2025 Annual Groundwater Use reports for Permitted, LPW and Non-Permitted wells. Our annual mass mail out of 796 permitted well reports was scheduled for December 15th and 16th and 263 LPW Annual reports scheduled for December 31st. They continued to attempt to schedule all remaining wells for site inspections: Municipal, Industrial,

Irrigation, LPW and non-permitted wells. Two teams conducted the annual site inspections for 120 SAWS wells in coordination with SAWS staff. Not all wells were visited due to renovations and out-of-service site locations. All wells for City of San Marcos are now AMR, after the last installation was completed this month. Our Automated Meter System Technicians continue to monitor, collect and evaluate data received from 212 AMR sites through our Clear SCADA production server for preventative maintenance with the assistance of our field technicians as needed. They continue to update and switch out SIMs cards with 57 of the 212 stations having been completed. This should cut our communication costs of \$24,000 by half.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Mrs. Natasha L. Ponce, Field Operations Supervisor, at (210) 477-5112.

4. Recharge Zone Protection Program

In December 2025, Recharge Zone Protection Program activities consisted of the following:

Recharge Zone Protection - Regulatory Programs

Subchapter F Regulated Substance Registration, Storage and Planning	Regulated Facilities:		94
	New Registrations:		1
	Inspections Performed:		2
	Program Correspondence:		1
Subchapter G Aboveground and Underground Storage Tanks	Regulated Facilities:		256
	New Registrations:		14
	Inspections Performed:		8
	AMM / TCEQ Plans:		0
	Program Correspondence:		7
	Commencement of Construction		0
	Violations		0
	Underground Storage Program	Total Capacity:	1,021,030 gal.
		Recognized:	908,727 gal.
		Reserved:	112,303 gal.
TCEQ – Edwards Aquifer Protection Program WPAP & Plans review	EAPP Plans Received:		18
	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

In 2025, EAA staff opened and settled 132 violations, with two ongoing, open compliance matters, that are almost completed and awaiting administrative processing.

Compliance Year 2025

Violation Type	Opened	Resolved	Ongoing
LPW Over Pumped	8	8	0
Groundwater Use Reporting	22	22	0
Over Pumped	104	102	2

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