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EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY BOARD APPROVES MEASURE TO MONITOR, CONTROL SALADO CREEK RECHARGE

SAN ANTONIO (April 10, 2007) – The Edwards Aquifer Authority, in a move to further protect Edwards Aquifer water quality, is undertaking an initiative in collaboration with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to improve the monitoring and control of rainwater runoff entering the aquifer from one of the area's major watersheds.

The Authority's Board of Directors, at its meeting April 10, 2007, approved a \$200,000 cooperative grant agreement with the TCEQ to fund a two-year program that will put in place a system to monitor and control the quality of recharge entering the aquifer from the Salado Creek watershed in Bexar County. The TCEQ grant will help fund the installation of an automated continuous water quality monitoring system at the Hollywood Park sinkhole on Lorence Creek. The new system will automatically analyze recharge from rainwater runoff and control its flow to the sinkhole and into the aquifer based on water quality readings.

Authority directors also endorsed a precipitation enhancement program for 2007 by approving inter-local agreements with two area groundwater districts – the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District (EUWCD) and the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (WGCD). The agreements allow the Authority to partner with the two districts to conduct cloud-seeding projects to enhance rainfall in Bexar, Medina, Bandera and Uvalde counties. The Authority has funded a precipitation enhancement program since 1999.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority manages, enhances, and protects the Edwards Aquifer, one of the major groundwater systems in Texas serving approximately 1.7 million people. More information on the Edwards Aquifer Authority is available on line at www.edwardsaquifer.org or by calling (210) 222-2204 or (800) 292-1047.

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