



At the Edwards Aquifer Authority's September 12, 2006 board meeting, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to recommend to the Texas Legislature that the Authority's enabling act be amended to:

1. Raise the pumping cap to the sum of the permits by converting all existing "junior" groundwater withdrawal rights into "senior" groundwater withdrawal rights (resulting in approximately 549,000 acre feet of permits).
2. Provide for critical period reductions in the statute (including that permitted withdrawals from the Aquifer will be at an annual rate of 340,000 acre-feet per year when all of the pools of the Aquifer are at the most severe critical period levels).
3. Provide that any reductions in permits would be paid for 50% by downstream water rights holders in the Guadalupe River Basin and 50% by the EAA (with all EAA permit holders contributing proportionally to the cost).
4. Allow for the EAA to build recharge structures and issue bonds.