

# What Changes to Covered Activities Should the Permit Renewal Process Consider?



## Covered Activities: How to Define?

Covered Activities encompass all actions that Permittees will conduct for which take is authorized by the incidental take permit.

Covered Activities must be under the control of the Permittees, or participating entities.

## Current Covered Activities

The EAHCP covers activities associated with the use of the Edwards Aquifer by EAA, San Antonio Water System, the City of San Marcos, the City of New Braunfels, and Texas State University. These Covered Activities include, in summary:

Groundwater Withdrawal	Management and Operations	Aquatic Recreation	Conservation
Groundwater withdrawal programs and regulations	Water management to maintain consistent flows in the Comal and San Marcos springs	Aquatic recreational activities (swimming, wading, boating, tubing, kayaking, paddleboarding) in the Comal and San Marcos springs and river ecosystems	Conservation Measures to minimize and mitigate impacts on Covered Species and to contribute to their recovery
Groundwater permit transfers and amendments	Diversion of surface water in accordance with State laws		
	Operation of boats and the spring-fed pool at Comal		
	Construction of infrastructure to direct aquatic recreation access		
	Golf course maintenance		

## 2020 Permit Options Report: Change to Covered Activities to Consider

Change to Consider	Background	Rationale
Add projects occurring in the San Marcos River with the potential to affect Covered Species	The EAHCP covers only routine, minor maintenance and repair of infrastructure along the springs system, not major construction projects such as dams or bank stabilization	Since the Covered Activities were determined in 2010 and 2011, other infrastructure projects have been proposed in the San Marcos Springs system that could affect Covered Species and their habitats

### Questions to Consider

Are there activities not already covered that should be considered for coverage in the renewal process for the EAHCP?

Is there information about EAHCP Covered Activities that should be considered in the renewal process?