COST SAVINGS: EDWARDS WATER RIGHTS LEASE

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Informational Update
OBJECTIVES

• REVIEW OUR WATER USAGE AND HISTORY

• HIGHLIGHT COST SAVING PARTNERSHIP WITH SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM
COST SAVINGS
EDWARDS AQUIFER RIGHTS

• We own 3,069 acre-feet of Edwards Aquifer water rights
• Historically used most for cooling power plants
• In the 1950-60’s, we built Braunig & Calaveras Lakes to reduce Edwards Aquifer water use & began using treated San Antonio Water System (SAWS) waste water
• Currently, Edwards Aquifer water is used only at Lee West Power Station
• We have available Edwards Aquifer water rights
Over the past 50 years, we’ve saved more Edwards Aquifer water than water in Medina and Canyon lakes combined.
WATER MARKET CHANGES
EDWARDS AQUIFER RIGHTS

In recent years...

• Aquifer Management Fee began to be assessed on unused water rights
  ➢ Funded the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) Endangered Species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

• The EAA Habitat Conservation Plan created market opportunities to lease water

• Partnership with SAWS to conserve and protect a valuable natural resource for our community
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EDWARDS AQUIFER WATER LEASE

- **New**: 5-Year Lease w/SAWS
- **Amount**: 2,000 acre-feet
- **Added**: Rental income of $260,000/year
- **Avoided**: $168,000/yr in aquifer management water fees
- **Total**: $428,000/yr

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One of our many strategic partnerships with San Antonio Water System
Thank You