

Individual Production Permits

In 2004, the District's sustainable yield study indicated that an increase in groundwater production from the Edwards Aquifer during drought conditions may cause many wells to "go dry" and detrimentally cause low spring flow. Therefore, as of September 9, 2004, District rules require that all new authorizations for pumpage from the Freshwater Edwards are issued as Conditional Production Permits. Conditional permits may be Class A, B, C, or D; each with distinct, more rigorous drought curtailments and allocation limits.

An individual production permit typically has a requirement for public notification or a hearing when there has been an authorization for drilling or groundwater production. Individual production permit authorizations are available for the following types of uses and permit types:

| Permit Type | Use Type | Description |
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| [IP] Historical Fresh Edwards Permit No Longer Available | Various Uses* | This permit applies to the Eastern and Western Fresh Edwards Management zones and is for those registered nonexempt wells approved by the District prior to September 2004. This permit is no longer available as of 2004. These permits are subject to drought restrictions. These permits have a max curtailment of up to 50%. |
| [IP] Class A Conditional Fresh Edwards | Various Uses* | This permit type applies to the Eastern and Western Fresh Edwards Management zones and is for those registered nonexempt wells approved before April 2007. Wells that have been issued this permit are interruptible and are subject to drought restrictions. These permits have a max curtailment of up to 100%. |
| [IP] Class B Conditional Fresh Edwards | Various Uses* | This permit type applies to the Eastern and Western Fresh Edwards Management zones and is for those registered nonexempt wells approved after April 2007. Wells that have been issued this permit are interruptible and are subject to drought restrictions. These permits have a max curtailment of up to 100%. |
| [IP] Class C Conditional Fresh Edwards | Various Uses* | This permit type applies to the Eastern and Western Fresh Edwards Management zones and is for those registered nonexempt wells approved after March 2011. Wells that have been issued this permit are interruptible and are subject to drought restrictions. These permits have a max curtailment of up to 100%. |
| [IP] Class D Conditional Fresh Edwards | Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) | This permit applies to groundwater production associated with Aquifer Storage and Recovery projects where stored water is recovered and used to supplement or substitute Freshwater Edwards supplies during District Declared Drought. |
| [IP] Historical Trinity | Various Uses* | This permit type applies to nonexempt wells in the Middle and Lower Trinity Management Zones. These permits are subject to drought restrictions. These permits have a max curtailment of up to 30%. |
| [IP] Historical Saline Edwards | Various Uses* | This permit type applies to nonexempt wells in the Saline Edwards Management Zone located outside of the 3-mile buffer. These permits are NOT subject to drought restrictions or curtailments. |

*Various Uses include Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, Agricultural, Domestic, Public Water Supply