

## **SUMMARY**

# **Statements of Interest**

Participants in the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program are interested in the following aspects, activities, and outcomes associated with the RIP process:

- Gaining an increased understanding regarding the needs of the federally listed species dependant on flows from the aquifer through scientific research and analysis.
- Contributing to the protection and recovery of the listed species and their associated habitats.
- Addressing and understanding how aquifer flows affect downstream users to support people, recreation, and economies.
- Understanding how aquifer flows affect the downstream bays and estuaries.
- Developing a cultural framework that moves beyond the separation of groundwater and surface water management, as well as political boundaries in favor of considering the function of whole ecosystems.
- Maintaining springflow from the aquifer and insuring high quality water enters the aquifer to benefit all who depend on water from the aquifer, including the threatened and endangered species.
- Contributing information to ongoing planning and water development processes related to the Edwards Aquifer.
- Protecting existing water rights and private property rights.
- Ensuring an adequate water supply for water users and the listed species during times of drought.
- Exploring all of the options available for providing water for communities, farmers, and the listed species.
- Creating regulatory certainty and consistency regarding water availability for water right holders and municipal users.
- Determining minimum yields for Edwards Aquifer withdrawal permits holders during Demand Management and Critical Period Management Periods.
- Achieving a balance between the interests of those who rely on aquifer wells and the interests of those who rely on aquifer springflows.
- Providing scientific and technical expertise related to the hydrology, water quality, water availability and the species associated with the aquifer.
- Providing for the recovery of the species while assuring the economic stability of production agriculture and agribusinesses.
- Continued sustainable use of water by the communities located within the Edwards Aquifer.
- Continued sustainable use of water by communities downstream of the Edwards Aquifer.