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**EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY BOARD HIRES KARL J. DREHER
AS GENERAL MANAGER**

SAN ANTONIO (March 9, 2010) – Karl J. Dreher, the former director of water resources for the State of Idaho, will assume the position of general manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority effective March 15, 2010. The Authority's board of directors voted to approve an employment agreement with Dreher at their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9.

Dreher, with more than 30 years experience in water resources management, was selected from more than 150 applicants to succeed Velma R. Danielson as general manager. Most recently, Dreher has served as the managing member of Dreher Consulting, LLC., an independent consulting firm specializing in environmental and water resources management issues. Prior to his service with the State of Idaho, Dreher served as the head of Engineering Services for the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

In other action, the board of directors approved proposed rules that would allow the Authority to establish administrative fees to recoup costs related to certain specific administrative acts of the Authority. The proposed rules will be presented for public comment through a series of hearings to be scheduled in April.

The board also approved a contract with the design-build team of Bartlett Cocke General Contractors and Kell Muñoz Architects for the expansion and renovation of the Authority's main facilities.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority manages, enhances, and protects the Edwards Aquifer, one of the major groundwater systems in Texas serving approximately 1.7 million people. More information on the Edwards Aquifer Authority is available on line at www.edwardsaquifer.org or by calling (210) 222-2204 or (800) 292-1047.

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