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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

EAHCP Implementing Committee

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Mark Enders (New Braunfels), Robert Mace (Texas State
University), Nathan Pence (GBRA), Tom Taggart (San Marcos),
and Darren Thompson (SAWS)
Scott Storment - EAHCP Program Manager*

Thursday, March 19, 2020

10:00 AM

EAA Board Room

A meeting of the Implementing Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan will be held on the date, time, and location stated above.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **EAHCP Program Manager Announcements**
 - 3.1
 - Hydrologic Update
 - SAWS ASR
 - Budget Reports
 - EAHCP Program Management
 - Spring Communities Update
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 Approval of previous committee meeting minutes
 - January 30, 2020
5. **Individual Consideration**
 - 6.1 **Consider staff recommendation to approve the 2019 Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report submittal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.**
 - 6.2 **Consider staff recommendation to approve amendments to the 2020 City of San Marcos and Texas State University Work Plan and Funding Application.**

6.3 Consider staff recommendation to approve the Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group charge.

7. Future Meetings

8. Questions from the Public

9. Adjourn

Olivia Ybarra
Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinator

This meeting of the Implementing Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan complies with Section 7.7.4 of the Funding and Management Agreement (FMA), an interlocal agreement made pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 791 by and among the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA), the City of New Braunfels (New Braunfels), the City of San Marcos (San Marcos), the City of San Antonio acting by and through its San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Texas State University, and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA).



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Consider staff recommendation to approve the 2019 Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report submittal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the Implementing Committee approve the submission of the 2019 Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by March 31, 2020.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Implementing Committee to approve the submission of the 2019 EAHCP Annual Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Annual Report provides a detailed description of the mitigation and management activities that were conducted throughout the year to accomplish the annual goals of the EAHCP.

This Annual Report submittal meets the obligations of Condition U of Incidental Take Permit #TE63663A-1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



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Consider staff recommendation to approve amendments to the 2020 City of San Marcos and Texas State University Work Plan and Funding Application.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the Implementing Committee approve amending the 2020 City of San Marcos and Texas State University Work Plan and Funding Application.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Implementing Committee to approve amending the 2020 City of San Marcos and Texas State University Work Plan and Funding Application.

The Management of Floating Vegetation Mats and Litter (EAHCP §§ 5.3.3 and 5.4.3) amendments include pushing as a treatment method for floating mats of vegetation and references to the methodologies and conditions stated in the Incidental Take Permit #TE63663A-1 Condition M clarification approved by USFWS on September 30, 2014.

The Control of Non-native Plant Species (EAHCP §§ 5.3.8, 5.4.3.1, and 5.4.12) amendment includes the expansion of the aquatic work zone to Bicentennial Park, see Figure 2 of the Work Plan.

Changes to the Work Plan budget table and Funding Application include amounts that reflect actual 2020 costs for each contractor and a total annual budget increase from \$571,000 to \$595,986. The increased budget is attributed to the expansion of work for aquatic maintenance in the Control of Non-native Plant Species Conservation Measure (EAHCP §§ 5.3.8, 5.4.3.1, and 5.4.12).

The amended 2020 City of San Marcos and Texas State University Work Plan and Funding Application are attached.

These amendments meet the obligations of Article Four and Six of the Funding and Management Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this item is \$595,986, which is included in the 2020 City of San Marcos and Texas State University Work Plan and Funding Application. This amount is \$24,986 less than the original 2020 Annualized Implementation costs as described in Table 7.1 of the EAHCP.



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Consider staff recommendation to approve the Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group charge.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the Implementing Committee approve the charge for the Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is for the Implementing Committee to approve the Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group charge.

This Work Group was formed as a product of the approval of the VISPO non-routine adaptive management proposal on May 23, 2019 by the Implementing Committee at the Stakeholder Committee's recommendation.

The Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group will clarify and refine the primary questions for technical evaluations to understand the effects of extended periods of low springflow on Covered Species.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.