



NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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As jointly determined by the Implementing Committee and the EAHCP Program Manager (FMA § 7.9.3.b), the Research Work Group has been formed to suggest refinements to the proposed methodology of the Refugia research projects occurring in 2020. The Research Work Group is comprised of members selected from the EAHCP Adaptive Management Science Committee and other experts. A virtual meeting of the **Research Work Group** for the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 8th, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. on Microsoft Teams.**

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Members of this Work Group include: Tom Arsuffi, Conrad Lamon, Chad Norris, and Floyd Weckerly

At this meeting, the following business may be considered and recommended for committee action:

1. Call to order – Establish that all members are present or represented.
2. Virtual meeting logistics and meeting overview.
3. Public comment.
4. Presentation and discussion of methodology proposed for the Refugia research project: *Texas wild-rice genetic management*, presented by Lindsay Campbell, USFWS staff.
Purpose: To provide the Research Work Group with the opportunity to discuss and provide comments on the methodology proposed to evaluate the genetic management plan for Texas wild-rice.

Action: To obtain input from the Research Work Group regarding the proposed methodology to assess the genetic management program for Texas wild-rice.

5. Presentation and discussion of methodology proposed for the Refugia research project:
Continuation of 2020 study: Factors affecting pupation in the endangered Comal Springs Riffle Beetle, presented by Weston Nowlin, Texas State University.

Purpose: To provide the Research Work Group with the opportunity to discuss 2020 results and provide comments on the methodology proposed to continue evaluating factors affecting Comal Springs Riffle Beetle pupation rates.

Action: To obtain input from the Research Work Group regarding the proposed methodology to continue studying pupation rates of the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle.

6. Presentation and discussion of methodology proposed for the Refugia research project:
Continuation of 2020 study: Identify conditions affecting pupation rates in the endangered Comal Springs Riffle Beetle, presented by BIO-WEST Staff.

Purpose: To provide the Research Work Group with the opportunity to discuss 2020 results and provide comment on the methodology proposed to continue identifying conditions that allow for optimal Comal Springs Riffle Beetle pupation rates.

Action: To obtain input from the Research Work Group regarding the proposed methodology to continue studying pupation rates for the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle.

7. Presentation and discussion of methodology proposed for the Refugia research project:
Captive propagation and longevity of the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle, presented by Lindsay Campbell, USFWS staff.

Purpose: To provide the Research Work Group with the opportunity to discuss the methodologies proposed to increase propagation, survival rates, and longevity of captive Comal Springs Riffle Beetle individuals.

Action: To obtain input from the Research Work Group regarding the methodologies proposed to enhance captive propagation and survival rates of the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle.

9. Consider possible future meetings, dates, locations and agendas.
10. Questions and comments from the public.
11. Adjourn.