



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

EAHCP Implementing Committee

Thursday, March 18, 2021

10:00 AM

Web-Conference

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. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1 **Approval of previous committee meeting minutes.**
 - December 17, 2020
4. **Reports**
 - 4.1 **Receive report from Myron Hess, Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group Chair, on the Part 1 Report and Proposed Part 2 Charge.**
5. **Individual Consideration**
 - 5.1 **Consider recommendation to approve the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department membership position on the Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group.**
 - 5.2 **Consider staff recommendation to approve the 2020 Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report submittal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.**
 - 5.3 **Consider staff recommendation to approve amendments to the Edwards Aquifer Authority EAHCP 2021 Funding Application and Work Plan.**
 - 5.4 **Consider staff recommendation to approve the amendments to the EAHCP 2021 City of San Marcos Work Plan.**
6. **Future Meetings**

7. Questions from the Public**8. 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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Receive report from Myron Hess, Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group Chair, on the Part 1 Report and Proposed Part 2 Charge.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is for the Implementing Committee to receive a report from Myron Hess on updates and progress of the Springflow Habitat Protection (SHP) Work Group. To date, the SHP Work Group has held 15 virtual meetings and worked to develop a Part 1 Report and Proposed Part 2 Charge. The Work Group has refined and clarified questions from the four overarching issues regarding extended periods of low flow: 1) water quality impacts on the spring systems; 2) impacts on the Comal Springs riffle beetle populations; 3) impacts on San Marcos salamander populations, on Texas wild-rice, and on other vegetation serving as habitat for fountain darters; and 4) adaptive management study commitments.



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Consider recommendation to approve the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department membership position on the Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the Implementing Committee approve Collette Barron as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department representative on the Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Implementing Committee to approve Collette Barron as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department representative on the Springflow Habitat Protection (SHP) Work Group. Cindy Loeffler previously held this position until her retirement in 2020. Ms. Barron is now the TPWD representative on the EAHCP Stakeholder Committee.

This membership update of the SHP Work Group meets the obligations of Section 7 of the Funding and Management Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



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Agenda Number: 5.2

Consider staff recommendation to approve the 2020 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 2020 Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by March 31, 2021.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Implementing Committee to approve the submission of the 2020 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 Edwards Aquifer Authority EAHCP 2021 Funding Application and Work Plan.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the Implementing Committee approve the amendments to the Edwards Aquifer Authority EAHCP 2021 Funding Application and Work Plan.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Implementing Committee to approve amendments to the Edwards Aquifer Authority 2021 Funding Application to support the Conservation Measures detailed in the amended 2021 Work Plan.

Amendments to the 2021 Work Plan include budget revisions to the EAHCP-supported U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Refugia program. These revisions, which are a normal part of the budget cycle that occur after the previous year's expenses are finalized, would re-appropriate \$44,767 unspent in 2020, bringing the total appropriation for 2021 to \$1,222,707. These funds will be used towards continued and additional research efforts for FY2021.

The amendments to the Edwards Aquifer Authority 2021 Funding Application and Work Plan, which are attached to this agenda item, meet the obligations of Article Four of the Funding and Management Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These amendments will increase the 2021 EAHCP Funding Application and Work Plan by \$44,767. These amendments would re-appropriate unspent funds from 2020. Therefore, there is no overall fiscal impact to the 7.1A budget.



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Consider staff recommendation to approve the amendments to the EAHCP 2021 City of San Marcos Work Plan.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the Implementing Committee approve amendments to the EAHCP 2021 City of San Marcos Work Plan.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Implementing Committee to approve amendments to the EAHCP 2021 City of San Marcos Work Plan. The annual work plan describes the activities that will be implemented by the City of San Marcos throughout the year for each Conservation Measure.

Control of Non-Native Plant Species (EAHCP §§ 5.3.8, 5.4.3.1, 5.4.12) treatment area was expanded to include removal of hygrophila in Purgatory Creek, a major tributary and source of hygrophila in the San Marcos River. The cost of the expanded treatment area is included in the budget for non-native plant species control.

This 2021 Work Plan, which is attached, meets the obligations of the Funding and Management Agreement § 4.4.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.