



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

EAHCP Stakeholder Committee

Thursday, March 24, 2022

10:00 AM

Web-Conference

A meeting of the Stakeholder 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
 - EAHCP Budget Reports
 - EAHCP Program Management
 - Spring Communities Update
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Approval of previous Stakeholder Committee meeting minutes.**
 - Stakeholder Committee: October 14, 2021
 - Stakeholder Committee: December 16, 2021
5. **Reports**
 - 5.1 **Receive report from Ed Oborny, BIO-WEST, on the Net Disturbance and Incidental Take in the San Marcos and Comal Spring systems.**
 - 5.2 **Receive report from Myron Hess, 2021 EAHCP Stakeholder Committee Chair, on potential amendments to the EAHCP Stakeholder Committee Operational Rules.**
6. **Individual Consideration**
 - 6.1 **Election of 2022 Stakeholder Committee officers.**

- 6.2** Receive report from Dr. Chad Furl, EAHCP Chief Science Officer, regarding the Science Committee member vacancy and consider recommendation to create a Work Group and adopt a Work Group Charge to review nominations for the Stakeholder Committee appointee to the Science Committee.
- 7. Future Meetings**
- 8. Questions from the Public**
- 9. Adjourn**

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Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinator

This meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan complies with Section 7.8.4 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 Ed Oborny, BIO-WEST, on the Net Disturbance and Incidental Take in the San Marcos and Comal Spring systems.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is for the Stakeholder Committee to receive a report on 2021 EAHCP Net Disturbance and Incidental Take from Ed Oborny (BIO-WEST). EAA contracts with BIO-WEST to conduct a monitoring program focused on endangered species' populations and quantification of their habitat. As part of regular implementation of the EAHCP and Incidental Take Permit (ITP), a report on the estimated amount of Net Disturbance and Incidental Take of the covered species is required each year. "Take", as defined by the Endangered Species Act, means to harass, harm, pursue or kill any threatened or endangered species. The ITP authorizes the permittees to "take" species while conducting the covered activities of the EAHCP.



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Receive report from Myron Hess, 2021 EAHCP Stakeholder Committee Chair, on potential amendments to the EAHCP Stakeholder Committee Operational Rules.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Stakeholder Committee to review and discuss potential amendments to the Program Operational Rules for the EAHCP Program Adaptive Management Stakeholder Committee. Key issues to be discussed include adding an option to conduct meetings in a web-conference setting and to validate actions taken during such meetings held in response to COVID-19 safety guidelines beginning in 2020. In addition to making this change to accommodate those recent meetings, the proposed amendments would provide increased flexibility for such meetings going forward.

This is a discussion item and any action on rule amendments will be considered in a future meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



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Election of 2022 Stakeholder Committee officers.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the Stakeholder Committee elect officers nominated for 2022.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Stakeholder Committee to elect officers for 2022. Open officer positions are Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The Program Operational Rules for EAHCP Program Adaptive Management Stakeholder Committee Members and Participants details the duties of the Stakeholder Committee officers (see attachment).

At the December 16, 2021 Stakeholder Committee meeting, the committee nominated the following individuals: Chair - Myron Hess, Vice-Chair - Dr. Kimberly Meitzen, and Secretary - Patrick Shriver. A Stakeholder Committee quorum was not present to elect Stakeholder Committee officers.

This election of officers meets the obligations of Article Seven of the Funding and Management Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



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Receive report from Dr. Chad Furl, EAHCP Chief Science Officer, regarding the Science Committee member vacancy and consider recommendation to create a Work Group and adopt a Work Group Charge to review nominations for the Stakeholder Committee appointee to the Science Committee.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the Stakeholder Committee create a Work Group and adopt a Work Group Charge to review nominations for the Stakeholder Committee appointee to the Science Committee.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Stakeholder Committee to consider staff recommendations to create a Work Group adopt a Work Group Charge for reviewing nominations for the Stakeholder Committee appointee to the Science Committee. The Stakeholder Committee and the Implementing Committee each are charged with appointing an equal number of members of the Science Committee, with one appointment made jointly. Currently, there is a vacancy, resulting from a resignation, for one of the positions appointed by the Stakeholder Committee.

This meets the obligations of Section 7.9.1 of the Funding and Management Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.