



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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Meeting Minutes

EAHCP Implementing Committee

Robert Mace (Texas State University) - Chair

Donovan Burton (SAWS) - Vice-Chair

Tom Taggart (San Marcos) - Secretary

*Members: Mark Enders (New Braunfels), Chad Norris (GBRA),
and Roland Ruiz (EAA)*

Scott Stormont - EAHCP Program Manager

Friday, September 9, 2022

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

Chairman Mace called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

*Members present: Tom Taggart, Mark Enders, Jana Grey, Robert Mace, Roland Ruiz,
and Donovan Burton.*

2. Public Comment

There were no citizens who requested to address the Implementing Committee.

3. EAHCP Program Manager Announcements

- 3.1
- Hydrologic Update
 - EAHCP Budget Reports
 - EAHCP Program Management
 - Spring Communities Update
 - City of New Braunfels
 - City of San Marcos

Scott Stormont provided an overview of the ITP Renewal Process Workshop series. An announcement was made of Jamie Childers', EAHCP Program Director, departure from the EAHCP team. Robert Mace and the Implementing Committee thanked her for contributions to the program.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of previous Implementing Committee meeting minutes.

- May 19, 2022

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, and Mark Enders seconded by to approve the meeting minutes from May 19, 2022. There were no objections.

5. Reports

5.1 Receive report from Zia Burns, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Program Manager, on the San Marcos River Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project.

Zia Burns provided an overview of the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project that is a collaborative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of San Marcos.

5.2 Receive report from Jamie Childers, EAHCP Director of Administration, on the Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group Prioritization of Technical Questions.

Jamie Childers provided a report on the prioritization of technical questions that were developed from first priority of study and first priority for developing monitoring plans.

5.3 Receive report from Scott Storment, EAHCP Program Manager, on the Incidental Take Permit Renewal Process.

Scott Storment provided an overview of the Listen and Learn Workshop series that are the first step in the ITP Renewal Process.

5.4 Receive report from Omar Garcia, Water Resources Manager, regarding Edwards Aquifer 2021 Critical Period Management, permitted groundwater authorization and reported use.

Omar Garcia provided an overview of permitted groundwater authorization by permitted use and an overview of springflow protection through critical period management.

6. Individual Consideration

- 6.1 **Consider recommendations from the 2022 EAHCP Budget Work Group as described in the Budget Work Group Report for possible submittal to the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors.**

Tom Taggart provided an overview of the 2022 EAHCP Budget Work Group discussions. Two meetings were held in June and July 2022 to determine what recommendations can be made to the EAHCP Implementing Committee prior to the finalization of the 2023 EAA Budget. A revision was made to the 2022 EAHCP Budget Work Group Report. This revised report is now available on the EAHCP website.

7. **Future Meetings**

The next Implementing Committee will be held on October 13, 2022.

8. **Questions from the Public**

Dianne Wassenich invited the committee and attendees to the Gruene Grove to celebrate Robert Gulley and Jim Bauer.

9. **Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.

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).

Tom Taggart
Secretary, EAHCP Implementing Committee