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RE: Clarification of Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Regional Advisory Group Meeting Frequency
(#TE-63663A-1)

On behalf of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, the City of New Braunfels, the City of San Marcos, the San Antonio Water System, and Texas State University, (the Permittees), I am providing a clarification on the stated frequency of the ASR Regional Advisory Group (EAHCP § 5.5.1). The Permittees do not wish to change the substance of this chapter, but wish to provide clarification in order for the Permittees to conduct these meetings as needed, but no less than annually.

The following includes the specific language clarifying this issue in §5.5.1 that was discussed and voted on unanimously at the groups March 21st meeting (Exhibit 1):

“A 12-person Regional Advisory Group consisting of The Advisory Group will meet as needed but no less than ~~quarterly~~ *annually*. SAWS will organize and facilitate the Advisory Group.”

Currently, the Advisory Group has been meeting quarterly and identified such frequency as not specifically necessary.

To ensure transparency in the implementation of the EAHCP, the Implementing Committee discussed and unanimously approved this clarification at its May 19, 2016 meeting. At this meeting the committee also provided the public an opportunity to comment on the clarification of §5.5.1 of the EAHCP. The agenda and the minutes from this meeting are included as Exhibit 2 & 3.

Respectfully,

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cc: EAHCP Implementing Committee