



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

Thursday, December 15, 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 Robert Mace called the meeting to order at 10:56 AM. Committee members present: Roland Ruiz, Phillip Quast, Tom Taggart, Jana Gray, and Donovan Burton.

2. Public Comment

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

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 • October 13, 2022

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, and seconded by Roland Ruiz, to approve the meeting minutes from the October 13, 2022, Implementing Committee meeting. There were no objections.

4. Program Management Update

Roland Ruiz, Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) general manager, provided an update to the Implementing Committee regarding the EAA board of directors' decision to approve designating additional monies within the EAA general fund as additional contingency to cover EAHCP expenses. Tom Taggart, City of San Marcos, expressed concerns regarding the new reserve. Mr. Ruiz clarified that additional monies are in a reserve separate from the EAHCP reserve and are available, as needed, for EAHCP program expenditures (e.g., Voluntary Irrigation Suspension Program Option 2023 payments).

5. Report

- 5.1 Receive report from Lucas Bare, ICF Project Manager, on the Incidental Take Permit Listen and Learn Report.

Lucas Bare, ICF project manager, provided an update on the goals of the permit renewal process and an overview, as well as key takeaways, from the ITP Listen and Learn Report.

6. Individual Consideration

- 6.1 **Consider staff recommendation to approve amendments to Edwards Aquifer Authority 2023 Work Plan.**

A motion was made by Donovan Burton, and seconded by Tom Taggart, to approve the Edwards Aquifer Authority 2023 Work Plan amendments. There were no objections.

- 6.2 **Election of 2023 Implementing Committee officers.**

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, and seconded by Roland Ruiz, to approve the designation of the 2023 Implementing Committee Officers; Chair – San Antonio Water System, Vice-Chair – City of San Marcos, and Secretary – Edwards Aquifer Authority. There were no objections.

7. Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Implementing Committee will be held on March 23, 2023.

8. Questions from the Public

Scott Storment, EAHCP program manager, noted that in coming year there may be a need for EAHCP committees to convene outside of the 2023 schedule to address specific ITP renewal questions and items that require committee approval.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.

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).

Roland Ruiz

Secretary, Implementing Committee

Pending Approval