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Meeting Minutes

EAHCP Implementing Committee

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:00 AM

EAA Board Room and Microsoft Teams

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 Donovan Burton called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Committee members present: Roland Ruiz, Phillip Quast, Tom Taggart and Robert Mace.

2. Public Comment

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

3. EAHCP Program Manager Announcements

- 3.1
- Hydrologic Update
 - EAHCP Budget Reports
 - EAHCP Program Management
 - Spring Communities Update

Olivia Ybarra provided the hydrologic update. To date, both the San Marcos and Comal River are under Condition M of the ITP. Scott Storment provided an update on the Covered Activities memo, the State Scientific Area Clarification to USFWS and announced Chuck Ahren's retirement from EAA to the Implementing Committee.

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1
- December 15, 2022

A motion was made by Robert Mace, seconded by Tom Taggart, to approve the revised meeting minutes from the December 15, 2022 Implementing Committee. There were no objections.

5. Reports

5.1 Receive report from Mark Enders, Biological Goals Subcommittee Chair, on the Biological Goals Subcommittee.

Mark Enders provided an overview of the 2023 Biological Goals Subcommittee Report. Seven biological goals were recommended to be included in the next EAHCP. This report was provided to the Biological Objectives Subcommittee, the Permit Renewal Contractor and the EAHCP Committees.

5.2 Receive report from David Britton, Center Director of the USFWS San Marcos Aquatic Resources Center, on the EAHCP Covered Species mortality event.

David Britton, Director of the San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center (SMARC), provided an overview of the supersaturation event that occurred at the SMARC facility and resulted in the loss of several threatened and endangered species.

6. Individual Consideration

6.1 Consider staff recommendation to approve amendments to the City of San Marcos/Texas State University 2023 EAHCP Funding Application and Work Plan.

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, seconded by Roland Ruiz, to approve the City of San Marcos 2023 Work Plan amendment. There were no objections.

6.2 Consider staff recommendation to approve amendments to the City of New Braunfels 2023 EAHCP Funding Application and Work Plan.

A motion was made by Roland Ruiz, seconded by Robert Mace, to approve the City of New Braunfels 2023 Funding Application amendment and 2023 Work Plan amendment. There were no objections.

6.3 Consider staff recommendation to approve an amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Authority EAHCP 2023 Funding Application and Work Plan.

A motion was made by Robert Mace, seconded by Tom Taggart to approve the Edwards Aquifer Authority 2023 Funding Application amendment and 2023 Work Plan amendment. There were no objections.

6.4 Consider staff recommendation to approve the Biological Objectives Subcommittee Charge.

A motion was made by Roland Ruiz, seconded by Robert Mace to approve the Biological Objectives Subcommittee Charge. There were no objections.

6.5 Consider staff recommendation to approve the 2022 Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report submittal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Roland Ruiz requested to include the 2013 Critical Period Stage V triggering event that occurred in the Uvalde Pool to the 2022 EAHCP Annual Report. Kristina Tolman acknowledged the edit and confirmed the revision would be applied to the document.

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, seconded by Phillip Quast, to approve submittal of the 2022 EAHCP Annual Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There were no objections.

7. Future Meetings

The next meeting of the EAHCP Implementing Committee will be held on May 3, 2023.

8. Questions from the Public

None.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

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, EAHCP Implementing Committee