

Charge of the EAHCP Budget Work Group

The Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP) has numerous controlling documents and schedules for budget management within the EAHCP: Table 7.1, the Interlocal Agreements with the Permittees, the Funding and Management Agreement, the Implementing Agreement, and the HCP. These documents establish how revenue is collected and funds are expended, including the processes, timelines and amounts. The purpose of the EAHCP Budget Work Group is to review the EAHCP programs adherence to these controlling documents and make recommendations to the Implementing Committee regarding any directional changes that ensure a good stewardship of the public dollars. Towards that end, as a guiding principle, the Budget Work Group will review the EAHCP budget process – revenue and expenses – annually to ensure a fiscally responsible program and make recommendations to the Implementing Committee.

This document lays out the charge and administration of the Budget Work Group as approved by the Implementing Committee.

Specifically, the Work Group will:

- Collaborate with and inform the EAA Budget Process, as it relates to the EAHCP, EAHCP reserve and EAHCP aquifer management fee.
- Address fiscal issues as they arise and are referred by the Implementing Committee.

Membership & Meeting Organization:

The Implementing Committee may appoint one Implementing Committee member, one individual from the Edwards Aquifer Authority, two Stakeholder Committee members, and one individual from the San Antonio Water System to the Budget Work Group.

The Implementing Committee Chairman may appoint the Chair of the Budget Work Group and change the membership or Chair of the committee as described in “Duration and Flexibility of Work Group.”

The Work Group will develop its recommendations through a consensus decision-making process and will present these recommendations to the Implementing Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Duration and Flexibility of Work Group

This Work Group shall exist for the duration of the ITP. However, there is a recognition that the group will need to adapt and be flexible as new issues are identified. Therefore, this charge and membership may be modified by motion and consensus of the Implementing Committee.