



Meeting Minutes

EAHCP Implementing Committee

Thursday, October 5, 2023

10:00 AM ~~Ma~~auline Espinosa Community Hall - San Marcos, TX 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 11:37 AM. Committee members present: Robert Mace, Tom Taggart, Phillip Quast, Nathan Pence, and Roland Ruiz.

2. Public Comment

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

3. EAHCP Program Manager Announcements

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

Chad Furl provided a hydrologic update of the Comal and San Marcos spring systems. Scott Storment shared the expense reports for May, June, and July 2023. Mr. Storment also provided an update on the recent USFWS proposed rule on the Toothless Blindcat and Widemouth Blindcat species and the implementation of VISPO due to low springflow conditions. Phillip Quast and Mark Enders provided a spring community update on the City of New Braunfels and the City of San Marcos, respectively.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 August 10, 2023

A motion was made by Robert Mace, seconded by Tom Taggart, to approve the meeting minutes from the August 10, 2023, Implementing Committee meeting. There were no objections.

5. Individual Consideration

- 5.1 **Receive a report for discussion and consider recommendations from the 2023 EAHCP Budget Work Group for possible submittal to the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors.**

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, and seconded by Robert Mace, to approve the items for consideration described in the revised 2023 EAHCP Budget Work Group Report and submittal to the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors.

- 5.2 **Consider staff recommendation to accept the EAHCP Existing Conditions Memorandum for use in the Incidental Take Permit Amendment Application process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife.**

The EAHCP Existing Conditions Memorandum for use in the Incidental Take Permit Amendment Application process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was not accepted by the Implementing Committee. Robert Mace suggested revisions to the memorandum and the Committee received an extension to review the document. This action item will be included in the December 14th Implementing Committee meeting.

- 5.3 **Consider staff recommendation to approve the establishment of the Conservation Measures Subcommittee and charge.**

This item was postponed for discussion and approval at the December 14th Implementing Committee.

- 5.4 **Consider staff recommendation to approve the City of New Braunfels 2023 EAHCP Work Plan amendment.**

A motion was made by Robert Mace, and seconded by Tom Taggart, to approve the City of New Braunfels 2023 Work Plan amendments.

- 5.5 **Consider staff recommendation to approve the City of New Braunfels EAHCP 2024 Funding Application and Work Plan.**

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, and seconded by Robert Mace, to approve the City of New Braunfels 2024 Funding Application and Work Plan amendments.

- 5.6 **Consider staff recommendation to approve the Edwards Aquifer Authority EAHCP 2024 Funding Application and Work Plan.**

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, and seconded by Robert Mace, to approve the Edwards Aquifer Authority 2024 Funding Application and Work Plan amendments.

5.7 Consider staff recommendation to approve the City of San Marcos EAHCP 2024 Funding Application and Work Plan Amendment.

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, and seconded by Phillip Quast, to approve the City of San Marcos/Texas State University 2024 Funding Application and Work Plan amendments.

6. Future Meetings

The next Implementing Committee meeting will be held on December 14, 2023.

7. Questions from the Public

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

8. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 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*