



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

EAHCP Stakeholder Committee

Thursday, December 14, 2023

10:00 AM

Edwards Aquifer Authority and Microsoft Teams

A meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan will be held on the date, time, and location stated above.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1 **October 5, 2023**
4. **Reports**
 - 4.1 **Receive reports from Desiree Moore, USFWS Research Biologist, and Adam Daw, USFWS Refugia Lead for Husbandry, on research projects conducted at the EAHCP refugia facilities.**
 - 4.2 **Receive report from Dr. Kimberly Meitzen, Texas State University Stakeholder Representative, on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Habitat and Angler Access Program grant and funding from Texas State University's Environmental Service Committee.**
5. **Individual Consideration**
 - 5.1 **Consider recommendation to approve a Stakeholder Committee member to represent Bexar County on the Conservation Measures Subcommittee.**
 - 5.2 **Election of 2024 Stakeholder Committee officers.**
6. **Future Meetings**
 - 6.1 **2024 EAHCP Committee Meeting Calendar**

7. Questions from the Public**8. Adjourn**

Olivia Ybarra
Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinator

This meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan complies with Section 7.8.4 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).



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Receive reports from Desiree Moore, USFWS Research Biologist, and Adam Daw, USFWS Refugia Lead for Husbandry, on research projects conducted at the EAHCP refugia facilities.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is for the Stakeholder Committee to receive reports from Desiree Moore, USFWS research biologist, and Adam Daw, Refugia Lead for Husbandry, on research projects conducted at the EAHCP refugia facilities.

Ms. Moore will provide an overview on one of the EA Refugia research projects. Mr. Daw will discuss how the EAHCP Refugia is prepared to handle drought conditions and the potential need to salvage EAHCP Covered Species at the Uvalde National Fish Hatchery.

The USFWS refugia (EAHCP § 5.1.1) center houses populations of EAHCP Covered Species for research activities and re-establishment in the event of the loss of population due to a catastrophic event, such as an unexpected loss of springflow or a chemical spill.



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Receive report from Dr. Kimberly Meitzen, Texas State University Stakeholder Representative, on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Habitat and Angler Access Program grant and funding from Texas State University's Environmental Service Committee.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is for the Stakeholder Committee to receive a report from Dr. Kimberly Meitzen, Texas State University Stakeholder Representative, on the recently awarded Habitat and Angler Access Program (HAAP) grant and funding from Texas State University's Environmental Service Committee (ESC).

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department HAAP grant is aimed to restore and enhance freshwater fish habitats and improve angler access on public creeks, rivers, ponds, and lakes throughout the state. The HAAP grant was awarded to the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment (MCWE) at Texas State University to fund the removal of non-native aquatic vegetation such as *Hydrilla* and *Hygrophilla* and plant native aquatic vegetation, including Texas wild-rice, in the lower reaches of the Upper San Marcos River.

Texas State University's ESC allocated funding for MCWE at Texas State University to facilitate volunteer events and hire students to help manage floating vegetation mats, remove rooted non-native aquatic plants such as *Hydrilla* and *Hygrophilla*, and remove floating non-native aquatic plants such as water lettuce (*Pista stratiotes*), water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*), and water sprite (*Ceratopteris thalictroides*) in Spring Lake through Sewell Park.



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Consider recommendation to approve a Stakeholder Committee member to represent Bexar County on the Conservation Measures Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the Stakeholder Committee recommend a member to represent Bexar County to serve on the Conservation Measures Subcommittee. If prior to the establishment of the Conservation Measures Subcommittee, the representative declines, or becomes unavailable to serve, the Stakeholder Committee officers, acting jointly, are authorized to designate a replacement representative for consideration by the Implementing Committee.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Stakeholder Committee to recommend a member to represent Bexar County to serve on the Conservation Measures Subcommittee. The Conservation Measures Subcommittee will be established by the Implementing Committee in 2023.

The EAHCP is currently in the process of renewing the Incidental Take Permit with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As part of that process, the existing components of the Habitat Conservation Plan conservation strategy will be reassessed, new elements recommended, and modifications discussed. As a required component of habitat conservation plans, conservation measures are implemented to achieve the conservation strategy.

The purpose of this Subcommittee will be to review and discuss recommendations for the conservation measures that should be considered for inclusion in the next EAHCP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



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Election of 2024 Stakeholder Committee officers.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Stakeholder Committee may elect officers for the 2024 Stakeholder Committee.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Stakeholder Committee to elect officers for 2024. Open officer positions are Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The Program Operational Rules for EAHCP Program Adaptive Management Stakeholder Committee Members and Participants, which details the duties of the Stakeholder Committee officers, are attached.

This election of officers meets the obligations of Article Seven of the Funding and Management Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.