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Meeting Minutes

EAHCP Science Committee

Thursday, March 7, 2024

9:00 AM

EAA Board Room

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Dr. Jacquelyn Duke, called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. All Committee members, except Janis Bush, were present either in-person or online.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comment requests to address the Science Committee.

3. Program Announcements

- 3.1 • Hydrologic Update

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of previous Committee meeting minutes.

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A motion was made by Jack Sharp, and was seconded by Charlie Kreidler, to approve the meeting minutes from the previous Science Committee meeting on September 6, 2023. There was no opposition, the minutes were approved.

5. Individual Consideration

5.1 Election of Science Committee Officers for 2024 and 2025.

A motion was made by Tom Arsuffi, and was seconded by Butch Weckerly, to nominate Jacquelyn Duke as Chair and Charlie Kreidler as Vice-Chair of the Science Committee. There were no other nominations and there was no opposition, the Chair and Vice-Chair were approved.

6. Reports

6.1 Receive report from EAHCP Permit Renewal subcontractor, BIO-WEST, Inc., and Dr. Chad Furl, P.E., Chief Science Officer at EAA, to the Science Committee on the revised Biological Goals and Objectives for the EAHCP Permit Renewal.

Dr. Chad Furl, P.E., Chief Science Officer at EAA, presented an overview of the Science Committee's process to develop a Memorandum Concerning Biological Goals and Objectives. This memorandum will represent the Science Committee's response to the recently proposed Biological Goals and Objectives as part of the future EAHCP. The process will start on March 7th, two drafts will be circulated to members, and the report is anticipated to be finalized by April 4th. Report recommendations will be presented to the Implementing Committee at their meeting on April 11th.

Christa Kunkel, Aquatic Ecologist at BIO-WEST, EAHCP Permit Renewal contractor, presented an overview of the revised proposed Biological Goals and Biological Objectives for the EAHCP Permit Renewal. The memorandum summarizing the proposed Biological Goals and Objectives was shared with members in November 2023, members submitted comments and suggested edits in December 2023, and the memorandum was recently revised and updated per the comments received. This presentation summarized the differences between the original and recently revised Biological Goals and Objectives, the revised Biological Goals and Objectives and BIO-WEST's Response Memorandum summarizing revisions and comments received will be shared with all EAHCP Committee members later today, on March 7, 2024.

7. Future Meetings

6.2 Receive report from Dr. Daniel Bishop, Climate Resiliency Manager at ICF, to the Science Committee on the Temperature and Rainfall Projections modeled for the EAHCP Permit Renewal.

Dr. Daniel Bishop, Climate Resilience Manager at ICF, EAHCP Permit Renewal contractor, presented an overview of the ongoing process to model future temperature and precipitation conditions for the EAHCP Permit Renewal. A detailed summary of the results will be presented at the Science Committee's April meeting, also referred to as the Hydrological Modeling Workshop, at Edwards Aquifer Authority on April 18, 2024.

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The next Science Committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 18th at 9:00 AM at the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

8. Questions from the Public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

9. Adjourn

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM.

Kristina Tolman
Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinator

This meeting of the Science Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan complies with Section 7.9.3 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).