



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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Meeting Minutes

EAHCP Implementing Committee

Thursday, March 26, 2026

10:00 AM

EAA Board Room & Zoom

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

**To attend the meeting virtually, go to
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pwd=7zJfiipPn238BhwChN1y1wWoUGGaO2.1](https://edwardsaquifer-org.zoom.us/j/91825916885?pwd=7zJfiipPn238BhwChN1y1wWoUGGaO2.1)**

Meeting ID is 918 2591 6885, code is 319054, and call-in number is 1-253-205-0468. If you would like to make a public comment, please email eahcp@edwardsaquifer.org.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Amy Niles, called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. All Committee members were present: Amy Niles (CoNB), Roland Ruiz (EAA), Mark Enders (CoSM), Donovan Burton (SAWS), Robert Mace (TXST), and Jonathan Stinson (GBRA)

2. Public Comment

Virginia Parker, Executive Director of San Marcos River Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Texas State University's recent partnership with X-Bow to conduct rocket research at the University's Freeman Ranch. Freeman Ranch is located near San Marcos over the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone and the proposed research could contaminate nearby recharge features.

3. Program Announcements

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- Comal Springs Update
 - San Marcos Springs Update
 - Program Announcements

Attachments: [2026-01 EAHCP Expense Report](#)

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 **Approval of previous Committee meeting minutes.**

- February 5, 2026

Attachments: [2026-02-05 EAHCP Implementing Committee Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Roland Ruiz, seconded by Robert Mace, to approve the Implementing Committee meeting minutes from February 5, 2026. The motion passed with no opposition.

5. Reports

5.1 Receive a report from Lucas Bare, Project Manager at ICF, on the EAHCP Incidental Take Permit Renewal (PREAHCP).

Lucas Bare, Project Manager at ICF, presented an update on the EAHCP Incidental Take Permit Renewal process and next steps for developing and reviewing draft chapters of the HCP. More information is available at <https://www.eahcprenewal.org>

6. Individual Consideration

6.1 Consider staff recommendation to approve the use of the Preliminary Costs and Funding memorandum to inform the EAHCP Incidental Take Permit Renewal.

Attachments: [PREAHCP Preliminary Costs and Funding Memo 20260320](#)

A motion was made by Roland Ruiz, seconded by Donovan Burton, to approve the use of the Cost and Funding memorandum to inform the EAHCP Incidental Take Permit Renewal process. The group discussed the memorandum and the need to further refine the proposed cost estimates. By consensus, the Implementing Committee agreed to postpone approval of the motion until the next Implementing Committee meeting on June 4, 2026.

6.2 Consider staff recommendation to approve amendments to the 2026 Edwards Aquifer Authority Work Plan and Funding Application.

Attachments: [2026 EAA Work Plan - Amendment 3 - Tracked Changes](#)
 [2026 EAA Funding Application - Amendment 1](#)

A motion was made by Roland Ruiz, seconded by Robert Mace, to approve amendments to the 2026 Edwards Aquifer Authority Work Plan. The motion passed with no opposition.

6.3 Consider staff recommendation to approve the 2025 Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report submittal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Attachments: [2025 EAHCP Annual Report - Administrative Final](#)

A motion was made by Robert Mace, seconded by Donovan Burton, to approve submittal of the 2025 Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan to USFWS. The motion passed with no opposition.

7. Future Meetings

- 7.1 The next Implementing Committee meeting will be on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Attachments: [2026 EAHCP Committee Meetings Calendar](#)

8. Public Comment

There were no requests to address the Committee.

9. Adjourn

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

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).