



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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Meeting Minutes

EAHCP Implementing Committee

Thursday, September 19, 2024

10:00 AM

EAA & 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

Tom Taggart called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Committee members present: Roland Ruiz, Amy Niles, Donovan Burton, and Nathan Pence.

2. Public Comment

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

3. EAHCP Program Manager Announcements

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- Hydrologic Update
- EAHCP Program Announcements
- Spring Communities Update

Chad Furl provided a hydrologic update on the Edwards Aquifer and spring systems. Damon Childs recapped the 2024 Budget Work Group Meeting and shared the July EAHCP Budget Report. Kristina Tolman updated the Committee on the Conservation Measures Subcommittee, the Science Committee Vacancy Work Group, the EAHCP Calendar, and the USFWS draft Recovery Plan. Phillip Quast provided a spring community update on the Comal Springs and Mark Enders provided an update on the San Marcos Springs.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1

- Implementing Committee May 23 and July 25, 2024 meeting minutes.

5. Individual Consideration

A motion was made by Roland Ruiz, seconded by Tom Taggart, to approve the meeting minutes from the May 23 and July 25, 2024, Implementing Committee meetings. Robert Mace abstained from voting on the approval of the July 25, 2024, Implementing Committee meeting minutes due to his absence at that meeting. There were no objections. A motion was made by Roland Ruiz, seconded by Tom Taggart, to approve the meeting minutes from the May 23 and July 25, 2024, Implementing Committee meetings. Robert Mace abstained from voting on the approval of the July 25, 2024, Implementing Committee meeting minutes due to his absence at that meeting. There were no objections.

5.1 Consider staff recommendation to accept the Springflow Simulation for Initial Preliminary Take Assessment for use in the Incidental Take Permit Amendment Application process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A motion was made by Roland Ruiz, seconded by Amy Niles, to approve the directive to proceed for using the 1947-1976 springflow simulation as the basis for an initial assessment in the permit renewal process. The Implementing Committee will review the Springflow Modeling Reports and the Conservation Measures Subcommittee Report to ensure the continued validity of the springflow simulations for initial take assessment. There were no objections.

6. Future Meetings and Items for Consideration

The next Implementing Committee meeting will be held on October 10, 2024, at the City of New Braunfels City Hall and online via Microsoft Teams. The next Implementing Committee meeting will be held on October 10, 2024, at the City of New Braunfels City Hall and online via Microsoft Teams.

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 12:02 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).

Greg Malatek
Secretary, Implementing Committee

Pending Approval