

Edwards Aquifer Authority

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Meeting Minutes

EAHCP Implementing Committee

Thursday, May 23, 2024

10:00 AM Pauline Espinosa Community Hall & 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 10:05 AM. Committee members present: Roland Ruiz, Greg Malatek, Patrick Shriver, Robert Mace, and Jonathan Stinson.

2. Public Comment

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

Chad Furl provided a hydrologic update to the Implementing Committee. Olivia Lopez provided a recap of the Conservation Measures Subcommittee meeting and an overview of the next Steward Newsletter. 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

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A motion was made by Robert Mace, seconded by Roland Ruiz, to approve the meeting minutes from the April 11, 2024, Implementing Committee meeting. There were no objections.

5. Reports

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5.1 Receive report from EAA staff regarding Edwards Aquifer 2023

Critical Period Management, permitted groundwater authorization, reported use, and possible over-pumping.

Omar Garcia provided an overview of the 2023 Edwards Aquifer Authority permits, critical period permit reductions, and a groundwater withdrawal summary.

Receive report from Mark Enders, City of San Marcos Habitat Conservation Plan Manager, on updates to the City of San Marcos' Conservation and Drought Contingency Ordinance.

Mark Enders proved an update on the City of San Marcos' Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan Updates. The new City ordinance was approved on April 16, 2024 and includes a reduction in the number of drought stage watering reductions and modifications to the drought stage triggers.

5.3 Receive report from Lucas Bare, ICF project manager, on updates to the ITP permit renewal process.

Lucas Bare provided a presentation on considering springflow projections in the permit renewal process with an overview of methods, results and next steps.

6. Individual Consideration

6.1 Consider staff recommendation to approve an amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Authority EAHCP 2024 Funding Application and Work Plan.

A motion was made by Tom Taggart, seconded by Patrick Shriver, to approve the amendments to the 2024 Edwards Aquifer Authority's Work Plan and Funding Application. There were no objections.

6.2 Consider staff recommendation to approve the 2025 Edwards Aquifer Authority Work Plan.

A motion was made by Robert Mace, seconded by Tom Taggart, to approve the 2025 Edwards Aquifer Authority Work Plan. There were no objections.

Consider staff recommendation to approve the 2025 City of San Marcos/Texas State University Work Plan.

A motion was made by Roland Ruiz, seconded by Robert Mace, to approve the 2025 City of San Marcos/Texas State University Work Plan. There were no objections.

6.4 Consider staff recommendation to approve the 2025 City of New Braunfels Work Plan.

A motion was made by Robert Mace, seconded by Patrick Shriver, to approve the 2025 City of New Braunfels Work Plan. There were no objections.

6.3

7. Future Meetings

The next Implementing Committee meeting will be held on July 25, 2024, at the Edwards Aquifer Authority and online via Microsoft Teams.

8. Questions from the Public

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

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

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