



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

Board of Directors

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

3:00 PM

EAA Board Room

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Ch. 551, Texas Government Code, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Aquifer Authority will be held on the date, time, and location stated above.

AGENDA

A. Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Public comment.

C. General Manager's announcements and reports.

- C.1**
- Staffing Items of Interest (anniversaries, new hires)
 - Recent Activities/Events (reports on conferences attended, meetings held, etc.)
 - Legislative Activity
 - Upcoming Activities/Events (conferences, meetings, etc.)
 - Operational Announcements (schedule changes, program updates, etc.)
 - Recent Activities of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Program
 - Aquifer Conditions

D. Treasurer's Report

- D.1** Receive report from EAA staff on the unaudited financial statements for October 2019.

E. Board Reports

- E.1** Receive report from Director Gary Middleton, South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee (SCTWAC) representative to the board, regarding downstream water conditions of the Guadalupe River Basin and current activities and issues of interest to SCTWAC.

F. Consent Agenda

- F.1** Approval of previous board meeting minutes
- Regular Board Meeting - November 12, 2019

- F.2** Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve a contract with ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc., to provide consultant services for an EAHCP Incidental Take Permit (ITP) options analysis, in the amount of \$98,160.
- F.3** Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve a conservation easement on the 151.61 acres known as Cibolo Vista Tracts 1 & 2 in Bexar County.
- F.4** Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to 1) rescind a VISPO forbearance agreement with LEC Legacy, Ltd. (P102-099); 2) enter into a VISPO forbearance agreement with the City of Uvalde (P101-740); and 3) enter into two ASR springflow protection forbearance agreements with LEC Legacy, Ltd. (P102-099 and P102-098), all in support of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan.
- F.5** Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve payment to Kemp Smith for legal services for October 2019.

G. Individual Consideration

- G.1** Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve a contract with Carriage House Partners, LTD, for legislative consultant services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
- G.2** Receive report from EAA staff on the proposed EAA Response to Public Comment for the following Proposed Rules: Chapter 702 (Definitions); Chapter 707 (Procedure Before the Authority); Chapter 709 (Fees); Chapter 711 (Groundwater Withdrawals), Chapter 713 (Water Quality), Chapter 715 (Comprehensive Water Management), and Chapter 717 (Enforcement).
- G.3** Consider recommendation from EAA staff to approve a Final Order Adopting Rules related to the following Chapters of the EAA rules: Chapter 702 (Definitions); Chapter 707 (Procedure Before the Authority); Chapter 709 (Fees); Chapter 711 (Groundwater Withdrawals), Chapter 713 (Water Quality), Chapter 715 (Comprehensive Water Management), and Chapter 717 (Enforcement).

- G.4** Consider recommendation from EAA staff to rescind the temporary moratorium on the filing and processing of applications to convert base irrigation groundwater pursuant to sections 711.342(6) or (7) of the EAA rules.

H. Staff Reports

I. Closed Session.

The Board of Directors of the Edwards Aquifer Authority may go into a closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, to discuss:

I.1 Closed Session.

1. Consultation with Attorney - Pending Litigation (§ 551.071)

Active Litigation:

League of United Latin Am. Citizens v. Edwards Aquifer Auth.
(U.S. pet. for cert. filed Nov. 26, 2019)

Gonzales v. Mendez (285th Bexar Cty. filed Sept. 20, 2018; EAA intervened May 8, 2019)

Cano Invs. v. Edwards Aquifer Auth. (285th Bexar Cty. filed Oct. 24, 2019)

2. Consultation with Attorney - Attorney/Client Privileged Consultations (§ 551.071)
3. Consultation with Attorney - Settlement Offers (§ 551.071)
4. Deliberations Regarding Real Property (§ 551.072)
5. **Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters (§ 551.074)**
6. Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or a Security Audit (§§ 551.076, 551.089)

J. Consider recommendation(s) regarding matters discussed in closed session.

K. Discuss items for future board meeting agendas.

L. Adjournment.

December 5, 2019

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