



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

Board of Directors

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

3:00 PM

Via Teleconference

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.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis and in accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Greg Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. To protect the health of the public, EAA staff and Board of Directors, this meeting will be conducted via teleconference in a manner consistent with these streamlined meeting standards.

The public may virtually attend the live meeting by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88199438534>. Individuals wishing to offer public comment during the meeting must register their name, telephone number and the item, if any, on which they wish to speak no later than 5:00 pm Monday, August 10, by emailing jesparza@edwardsaquifer.org or by calling 210.477.5116. Staff will contact registered speakers prior to the meeting time to arrange the process of addressing the committee.

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 unaudited financial statements for June 2020.

E. Board Reports

- E.1 Receive report from EAA staff on the status of the aquifer storage and recovery project under development by New Braunfels Utilities.

F. Consent Agenda

- F.1 Approval of previous board meeting minutes
 - Regular Board Meeting - July 14, 2020
- F.2 Consider recommendation from the Research & Technology Committee to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the University of Texas at San Antonio for water quality responses to recharge at Comal Springs, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.
- F.3 Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve payment to Kemp Smith for legal services for June 2020.

G. Individual Consideration

- G.1 Consider recommendation from EAA staff to approve Voluntary Irrigation Suspension Program Option forbearance agreements with A & S Ranch, Ltd.; Troy L. Bippert and Michelle Bippert, Shawn P. Noonan and Kris A. Noonan; Ray Griggs and Sharon M. Griggs; William E. Schultz, Jr. and Pamela M. Schultz; and Archbishop of San Antonio - St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church for Edwards groundwater withdrawal rights in the total amount of not less than \$212,714.37 and not to exceed \$842,979.17 for the Voluntary Irrigation Suspension Program Option in support of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan.
- G.2 Consider recommendation from EAA staff to approve ASR springflow protection program forbearance agreements with Donald E. Mosing, Larry K. Mosing, Billy F. Mosing and Mosing Land and Cattle Co. d/b/a 4-M Ranch; Grona Partners, Ltd.; John T. Brigman; and Stull Farms, a Texas General Partnership, d/b/a Stull Farms for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Forbearance Program, in support of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan, in the total amount of \$901,664.00.

- G.3 Consider recommendation from EAA staff to approve a contract with Exhibit Concepts, Inc., for installation of interactive exhibits at the EAA Education Outreach Center, in an amount not to exceed \$785,000.00.
- G.4 Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to amend the 2020 EAA Operating Budget by transferring \$50,000 from the Information Technology Capital Expense to Non-Capital accounts.
- G.5 Consider recommendation from EAA staff to approve the purchase of employee medical insurance from Humana of Texas through CBG Benefits Group, for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
- G.6 Receive report and consider possible action regarding a proposed conceptual framework for the development of the conservation initiative: "Edwards Aquifer Authority/Edwards Aquifer Conservancy: The Next Generation."

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:

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

August 6, 2020

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In this Notice of Open Meeting ("Notice"), the posting of an agenda item to be discussed in open session is not intended to limit or require discussion of that item in open session if it is otherwise appropriate to discuss the item in closed session. If, during the discussion of an agenda item posted for discussion in open session, a matter is raised that is appropriate for discussion in closed session, the Board may, as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, adjourn into closed session to deliberate on the matter. Additionally, the posting of an agenda item to be discussed in closed session is not intended to limit or require discussion of that item in closed session if it is otherwise appropriate to discuss the item in open session. In open session, the Board may discuss and take action on any agenda item for which notice has been given in this Notice, including an agenda item posted for closed session. In no event, however, will the Board take action on any agenda item in closed session.