
Charge of the EAHCP Budget Work Group

The Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP) has numerous controlling documents and schedules for budget management within the EAHCP: Table 7.1, the Interlocal Agreements with the Permittees, the Funding and Management Agreement, the Implementing Agreement, and the HCP. These documents establish how revenue is collected and funds are expended, including the processes, timelines and amounts. The purpose of the EAHCP Budget Work Group is to review the EAHCP programs adherence to these controlling documents and make recommendations to the Implementing Committee regarding any directional changes that ensure a good stewardship of the public dollars. Towards that end, as a guiding principle, the Budget Work Group will make decisions on the EAHCP budget process – revenue and expenses – to ensure a fiscally responsible program, and make recommendations to the Implementing Committee.

This document lays out the charge and administration of the Budget Work Group as approved by the Implementing Committee.

Specifically, the Work Group will:

Short-term

- Collaborate with and inform the EAA Budget Process, as it relates to the EAHCP, EAHCP reserve and EAHCP aquifer management fee.

Long-term

- Address fiscal issues as they arise and are referred by the Implementing Committee.

Membership & Meeting Organization: The Implementing Committee may appoint the following members to the Work Group: Implementing Committee Member Tom Taggart, an Edwards Aquifer Authority designee, Stakeholder Member Steve Raabe, Stakeholder Member Myron Hess, a San Antonio Water System designee and a Member-at-Large. At the request of Implementing Committee Chairman Sansom, Tom Taggart shall serve as the Work Group Chair.

The Work Group will develop its recommendations through a consensus decision-making process and will present these recommendations to the IC at the earliest opportunity. Should legal counsel be required, the Program Manager will seek outside legal counsel that does not currently represent any Implementing Committee member and is agreed to by consensus of the Implementing Committee.

Duration and Flexibility of Work Group

It is the intent of IC Chairman Sansom that this Work Group exist for the duration of the ITP. However, there is a recognition that the group will need to adapt and be flexible as new issues are identified. Therefore, this charge and membership is to be revisited each January and if needed, may be modified by motion and consensus of the Implementing Committee.
