



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING - Draft

Board of Directors

Tuesday, December 8, 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 _____. 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, December 7, 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. Administer Oath of Office.
- C. Public comment.
- D. General Manager's announcements and reports.
 - D.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
- E. Treasurer's Report

- E.1 Receive report from EAA staff on unaudited financial statements for October 2020.

F. Board Reports

- F.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.2 Receive report from EAA staff on the recently completed EAHCP options analysis.

G. Consent Agenda

- G.1 Approval of previous board meeting minutes
- Regular Board Meeting - November 10, 2020
- G.2 Consider EAA staff recommendation to approve an arrangement letter with RSM US, L.L.P., to provide independent audit services for fiscal year 2020, in the amount of \$57,750.
- G.3 Consider EAA staff recommendation to approve payment to Kemp Smith for legal services for October 2020.

H. Individual Consideration

- H.1 Consider EAA staff recommendation to approve a contract with Quacito, LLC, for maintenance services on the EAA database system, in an amount not to exceed \$552,960.
- H.2 Receive report from EAA staff and consider possible action regarding the EAA's 2020 legislative priorities.
- H.3 Consider EAA staff recommendation to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the EAA and the University of Texas at Austin Bureau of Economic Geology for the installation, operations and analysis of eddy covariance for quantifying evapotranspiration, in an amount not to exceed \$199,939.71, and to authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

- H.4 Consider EAA staff recommendation to partially approve an application to convert base irrigation groundwater owned by Michael S. Hackebeit and Rebecca M. Hackebeit based on a change in land use.

I. Staff Reports

J. 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:

J.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)

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

L. Discuss items for future board meeting agendas.

M. Adjournment.

December 3, 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.