



# Edwards Aquifer Authority

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## Meeting Minutes Board of Directors

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Friday, August 19, 2016

1:00 PM

Tapatio Springs - Boerne Texas

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### A. Call to Order – Welcome - Overview

*Present: 8 - Director Fohn Bendele, Director Rebekah Bustamante, Treasurer Ron Ellis, Vice Chair Susan Hughes, Director Don Laffere, Director Craig Massouh, Director Pat Stroka, and Director Ron Walton*

*Absent: 2 - Director Amy Akers and Chairman Luana Buckner*

**Present:** 5 - Treasurer Byron Miller, Director Gary Middleton, Director Carol Patterson, Chair Enrique Valdivia and Secretary Ben Youngblood

**Absent:** 2 - Director Rader Gilleland and Director Scott Yanta

- **Work Session Introduction/Overview**

*Vice-Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes led the board in a teambuilding exercise.*

### B. General Manager Report

- **State of the Edwards Aquifer Authority**

*Mr. Roland Ruiz, General Manager, provided a work session introduction and overview, and summarized the state of the EAA. He discussed the EAA legacy, reinventing the EAA, factors for consideration such as fiscal, political, and legal, the EAA vision, and legacy goal.*

*He also updated the board on activities related to strategic plan Goals A - D.*

*Staff answered questions from the board.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes recessed the meeting at 2:30 p.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes reconvened the meeting at 3:08 p.m.*

### C. EAA Strategic Goal H: Sustain Fiscal Stability

- **Financial Forecast**
- **Edwards Aquifer Conservancy**

*Ms. Shelly Hendrix, Director/Controller Financial Services, briefed the board regarding budget cycle, revenue, and the five-year forecast.*

*Ms. Elizabeth Woody, briefed the board on an update of the Edwards Aquifer Conservancy.*

**D. 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.**

*Vice-Chairman Hughes closed the meeting to the public at 3:52 p.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes reopened the meeting to the public at 4:51 p.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes recessed the meeting at 4:57 p.m.*

**E. EAA Strategic Goal D: Prevent the Pollution of the Aquifer**

- **Discussion of draft proposed aquifer protection rules and associated programs**

*Saturday, August 20*

*Dr. Richard Lewis, Round Top Consulting Associates, led the board in a teambuilding exercise.*

*Mr. Ruiz introduced discussion on Goal D. Overview of water quality programming, which included rule provisions, and programming.*

*Mr. Marc Friberg, Executive Director - External & Regulatory Affairs, briefed the board regarding the regulatory history of water quality rules and programs, stormwater, current proposed rules, and the ripple effect.*

*Mr. Mark Hamilton, Executive Director - Aquifer Management Services, briefed the board regarding aquifer management services including the first responder education program, and the vulnerability assessment (2017).*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes recessed the meeting at 10:39 a.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m.*

**F. EAA Strategic Goal B: Ensure Effective Management of the Edwards Aquifer**

- **Other potential rulemaking**

*Mr. Friberg briefed the board regarding an overview of rule adjustments, including base irrigation groundwater conversions, and exempt well construction.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes closed the meeting to the public at 11:10 a.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes reopened the meeting to the public at 11:42 a.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes recessed the meeting at 11:43 a.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m.*

**G. Staff Reports on Implementation of 2016-20 Strategic Plan**

- **2016 Implementation**

*Dr. Lewis led the board in a discussion regarding what the board does well.*

*Mr. Ruiz provided a high-level update on projects in the EAA strategic plan.*

*Mr. Hamilton briefed the board regarding an update on aquifer management services in three program areas - aquifer science/research, modeling and data management, and aquifer protection.*

*Mr. Felix Marquez, Executive Director - Administration & Financial Services, briefed the board regarding administration and financial services, IT/facilities, HR/records, finance/procurement, and application solutions.*

*Mr. Lee West, North American Water Exchange, briefed the board regarding electronic filing of permit information. He provided information regarding a pilot program that would electronically prepare, process, and fill all EAA pre-approved forms and paperwork.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes recessed the meeting at 2:45 p.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes reconvened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.*

*Mr. Friberg briefed the board regarding external and regulatory affairs, policy and special projects, public outreach, regulatory affairs, compliance, and water resources management.*

*Mr. Nathan Pence, Executive Director - HCP, briefed the board regarding HCP program areas of administration and science, and non-routine adaptive management, and submerged aquatic vegetation.*

*Mr. Rick Illgner, Special Assistant to the General Manager, briefed the board regarding the ASR program, ASR requirements in the HCP, ASR leasing history and projections.*

*Mr. Ruiz provided additional comments regarding the ASR program.*

*The board met in a director only session.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes recessed the meeting at 4:45 p.m.*

## **H. EAA Strategic Goal G: Build Shared Value in the EAA Mission**

- **Discuss the EAA's approach to the 85th Texas Legislature**

*Sunday, August 21*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes reconvened the meeting at 9:08 a.m.*

*Dr. Lewis provided an overview of the discussion from August 20, and led a discussion on building a stronger board.*

*Mr. Ruiz offered comments regarding the past legislative session and Carriage House Partners.*

*Mr. Gavin Massingill, Mr. James Clark, and Mr. James Mathis - Carriage House Partners, briefed the board on legislative activities, and the political landscape.*

*Mr. Massingill, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Mathis answered questions from the board and discussed legislative matters.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.*

*Vice-Chairman Hughes reconvened the meeting at 10:47 a.m.*

*Mr. Ruiz reviewed the 2017 operational direction.*

*The board discussed long term issues, and next steps, which included an executive summary, open carry issues, a field trip, and the first step to building a recharge project.*

**I. Adjournment.**

*There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.*

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*Enrique P. Valdivia*  
*Secretary, Board of Directors*

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*Jennifer Wong-Esparza*  
*Assistant to Board Secretary*