



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2017 Funding Applications submitted by the Edwards Aquifer Authority (\$16,147,247), the City of New Braunfels (\$524,150), and the City of San Marcos/Texas State University (\$641,000).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the board adopt Resolution and Order No. 11-16-861 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors approving the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2017 Program Funding Applications submitted by the Edwards Aquifer Authority, in an amount not to exceed \$16,147,247; the City of New Braunfels, in an amount not to exceed \$524,150; and the City of San Marcos and Texas State University, in an amount not to exceed \$641,000, for the purpose of implementing the Conservation Measures and Program Activities as required by the EAHCP, for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the board to consider a Finance/Administrative Committee recommendation to approve Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP) FY2017 Program Funding Applications submitted by the Parties to the EAHCP for funding to implement the Conservation Measures and Program Activities described in the EAHCP as being the responsibility of each of the Parties. Each Party to the Funding and Management Agreement (FMA) and the EAHCP has the responsibility of "undertaking and performing each of the specific Conservation Measures assigned" to it in Chapter 5 of the EAHCP.

The FMA between the EAA, City of New Braunfels, City of San Marcos, San Antonio Water System, and Texas State University (collectively "the Parties"), requires that the EAA fund the mitigation and flow protection measures as required by the EAHCP to be implemented by the Parties. Program Funding Applications, submitted by each Party for calendar year 2017, list the contractors selected by each Party and the associated funding reimbursement amount for each conservation measure or program activity "task." These Funding Applications are attached. Also attached is a table summarizing the funding amounts for each Conservation Measure requested by each Party.

A resolution and order, which has been reviewed by legal counsel is also attached.

At the October 20th meeting, the EAHCP Implementing Committee approved the Funding Applications as submitted. At the October 25 meeting, the Finance/Administrative Committee voted to recommend the board adopt a resolution and order approving the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2017 Program Funding Applications submitted.

M/WBE PARTICIPATION:

This agenda item does not involve the procurement of goods or services by the EAA and, therefore, this section is not applicable. However, EAA M/WBE procedures will apply to contracts associated with EAHCP.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:

This agenda item supports the EAA's policy direction as set forth in the EAA 2016-20 Strategic Plan: Goal A. Sustain Federally Protected Aquifer-Dependent Species.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of these Funding Applications in 2017 is \$17,312,397. This amount, which was based on the original work plans, was included in the 2017 Proposed EAA Budget.