



## Legislation Text

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**Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve an amended Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Program FY2017 Funding Application of the Edwards Aquifer Authority.**

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the board adopt Resolution and Order No. 07-17-873 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors approving an amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2017 Program Funding Application, increasing the funding request from \$20,576,826, to \$21,077,826 for the purpose of providing additional funding and implementing the VISPO and ASR conservation measures.

### SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the board to consider a Finance/Administrative Committee recommendation to approve an amended Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Program FY2017 Program Funding Application for the EAA regarding funding increases for the Voluntary Irrigation Suspension Program Option (VISPO) Measure, and for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) conservation measures for the remainder of 2017.

On November 8, 2016, the board approved EAA's initial Funding Application for FY2017. The budget amounts presented in the funding application represented the costs contained in the original workplans. However, due to contractual changes and increasing cost for ASR operations and maintenance, EAA staff identified budget shortfalls in the VISPO and ASR programs for the remainder of 2017.

The amended funding application was presented and approved by the EAHCP Implementing Committee at the June 15 meeting. Attached to this summary are red-lined and final signed versions of the amended funding application. A resolution and order, which has been reviewed by legal counsel, is also attached.

At the June 27 meeting, the Finance/Administrative Committee voted to recommend the board approve a resolution and order approving an amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2017 Program Funding Application.

### 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.

**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:**

This amendment to the 2017 Funding Application will require a budget amendment to increase the 2017 appropriation by \$501,000. The board will be asked to consider this budget amendment later on this agenda.