



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendation from EAA staff to approve the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2018 Funding Applications submitted by the Edwards Aquifer Authority (\$17,680,444), the City of New Braunfels (\$520,000), and the City of San Marcos/Texas State University (\$851,583).

STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the board adopt Resolution and Order No. 11-17-891 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors approving the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2018 Program Funding Applications submitted by the Edwards Aquifer Authority, in an amount not to exceed \$17,680,444; the City of New Braunfels, in an amount not to exceed \$520,000; and the City of San Marcos/Texas State University, in an amount not to exceed \$851,583, for the purpose of implementing the Conservation Measures and Program Activities as required by the EAHCP, for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the board to consider an EAA staff recommendation to approve Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP) FY2018 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 2018, list the contractors selected by each Party and the associated funding reimbursement amount for each conservation measure or program activity "task." At the October 19 meeting, the EAHCP Implementing Committee approved the Funding Applications as submitted.

These Funding Applications, as well as a table summarizing the funding amounts for each Conservation Measure requested by each Party, and the draft resolution and order, which has been reviewed by legal counsel, are attached.

M/WBE PARTICIPATION:

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 2018 is \$19,052,027. Funding in the amount of \$18,809,028, which was based on the original work plans, was included in the 2018 Proposed EAA Budget. An amendment to increase funding in the 2018 proposed EAHCP budget by \$242,999, is presented later on this agenda.