

Legislation Text

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Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve an amendment to the FY2019 Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Funding Application, increasing the amount of this funding application by \$1,241,906 for Refugia activities.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the board adopt Resolution and Order No. 04-19-932 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors approving an amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2019 Funding Application for the EAA to increase the amount of this funding application by \$1,241,906 for Refugia activities, resulting in a total revised FY2019 Funding Application amount not to exceed \$18,215,622.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the board to consider a Finance/Administrative Committee recommendation to approve an amendment to the EAHCP FY2019 Funding Application for the EAA to increase the requested amount from \$1,156,284 to \$2,398,190 for Refugia activities.

On November 13, 2018, the board approved EAA's initial Funding Application for FY2019. The budget amounts presented in the original Funding Application represented the costs contained in the original workplans. However, Refugia construction originally anticipated to occur in 2018, was delayed until 2019. Therefore, cost savings from 2018 need to be reappropriated in 2019. The amended funding application was approved by the EAHCP Implementing Committee at the March 21, 2019 meeting. Attached to this summary is a red-lined version of the amended funding application. Resolution and Order No. 04-19-932, which has been reviewed by legal counsel, is also attached.

At the March 26 meeting, the Finance/Administrative Committee voted to recommend the board approve an amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2019 Funding Application for the EAA to increase the amount of this funding application by \$1,241,906 for Refugia activities, resulting in a total revised FY2019 Funding Application amount not to exceed \$18,215,622.

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 2019 funding of this item is \$2,398,190, which is \$1,241,906 more than the original amount contained in Table 7.1 of the EAHCP and requested for Refugia activities in the 2019 EAA Funding Application. If approved, this item will require a budget amendment to increase the 2019 appropriation by \$1,241,906. The Finance/Administrative Committee will be asked to consider this budget amendment later in this agenda.