



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2020 Funding Application Amendment submitted by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the board adopt Resolution and Order No. 06-20-967 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors to approve an amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2020 Funding Application for the Edwards Aquifer Authority increasing the funding request from \$12,929,620 to \$13,291,587 for the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the board to consider an Executive Committee recommendation to approve an amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP) FY2020 Funding Application for the Edwards Aquifer Authority increasing the funding request from \$12,929,620 to \$13,291,587 for the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

On November 12, 2019, the board approved the initial Funding Application for FY2020 for the Edwards Aquifer Authority. The budget amount presented in the original Funding Application represented the costs contained in the original workplan. However, the revised Funding Application includes the reallocation for unspent funds for FY2019 in the Refugia Conservation Measure (EAHCP §§ 5.1.1). The total amount that would be added to the FY2020 Funding Application is \$361,967.

The amended funding application was presented and approved by the EAHCP Implementing Committee at the May 21, 2020 meeting. Attached to this summary is a red-lined version of the amended funding application. Resolution and Order No. 06-20-967, which has been reviewed by legal counsel, is also attached.

At the meeting on June 2, the Executive Committee voted to recommend the board adopt a resolution and order of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors to approve an amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2020 Funding Application for the Edwards Aquifer Authority increasing the funding request from \$12,929,620 to \$13,291,587 for the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

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:

If approved, the amendment to the Edwards Aquifer Authority FY2020 Funding Application will require a budget amendment to increase the 2020 appropriation by \$361,967. The Board will be asked to consider this budget amendment later in this agenda. Because this change to the 2020 budget is a reallocation of unspent funds from 2019, there is no change to the overall cost of the Refugia Conservation Measure.