



MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2017

1. **Call to order--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented- 9:00 a.m.**
Steve Raabe took role. There was a quorum of the Stakeholder Committee present.
2. **Public Comment.**
Jenna Cantwell commented that it is the 4th year of the ITP.
3. **Approval of minutes from the September 15th, 2016 Stakeholder Committee meeting** (*Minutes for December 15, 2016 Joint Meeting were adopted by the Implementing Committee and are available on the EAHCP website*).
No objection to approve the minutes, thus the minutes were approved.
4. **Receive report from the Program Manager on general updates about the Habitat Conservation Plan.**
 - Springflow and Index Well levels
Dr. Chad Furl, EAHCP Chief Science Officer, provided a brief hydrologic update on springflows and index well levels.
 - RWCP Finalization Memo
Nathan Pence, Program Manager, described the content found in the finalization memo and that the RWCP has reached the goals established in the EAHCP.
 - 2016 Take & Net Disturbance Memo
Bob Hall, EAHCP Staff, provided a presentation regarding the 2016 Take and Net Disturbance estimate.
5. **Receive presentation from Dr. Danny Reible, Chairman of the National Academy of Science (NAS) review panel, as well as a report on the review process adopted by the Implementing Committee for implementation of the NAS Report 2.**
Dr. Danny Reible, NAS Review Panel Chairman, presented a brief overview of the recommendations provided in Report 2 of the National Academy of Sciences. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.

Dr. Reible answered several questions regarding clarification on the hydrologic model recommendations including decision management tools and specific models that may assist the process.

Following Dr. Reible's presentation Mr. Pence presented the EAHCP process in discussing and implementation of recommendations from Report 2. This includes a Workshop and a Work Group that will help design an implementation plan to present to the Implementing Committee. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.
6. **Receive an update regarding the EAHCP Hydrologic Modeling effort.**
Mr. Pence presented an overview of the current status in developing and validating the hydrologic model. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.

Todd Vottler asked about the division of VISPO enrollment originating from the western counties. Mr. Vottler elaborated regarding the specific refinement of the new hydrologic model will provide more accurate understanding of the effectiveness of our springflow protection measures at lower flows. He added that this refinement could prove that the deficit currently shown in the bottom-up package could be increased or decreased.

Tom Taggart asked about how the exempt wells have been included into the hydrologic modeling efforts. Mr. Pence committed to finding that answer out and returning to the committee with more information.

Myron Hess, Stakeholder Committee Vice Chair, mentioned that the NAS Report 3 will be providing additional information to inform the EAHCP Phase II process.

Gary Spence, asked about how the information from the modeling effort will be distributed. Mr. Pence mentioned that there has been many requests for articles and other published information. He added that there has been specific correlation from recharge to springflow. (One foot at J-17 = 33k acre-feet of annual recharge = 5cfs at Comal Springs).

Carrol Patterson asked if by improving the springs habitat through the EAHCP activities would we be able to be less concerned about a 2 cfs delta found in the bottom-up package.

Mr. Hess commented that the more uncertainty analysis we engage in will provide the planners important information based on the model results. Mr. Pence communicated that current recharge calculations is the number one source of uncertainty in our modeling effort.

7. **Receive presentation on an overview of 2017 EAHCP Nonroutine Adaptive Management Processes (AMP).**

Mr. Pence presented an overview of three AMP proposed for the EAHCP. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.

8. **Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation of the Nonroutine Adaptive Management proposal related to the “Minimizing Impact of Contaminated Runoff” Mitigation Measure for the City of San Marcos.**

Mr. Pence presented an overview of the proposed Nonroutine Adaptive Management proposal for Minimizing Impacts of Contaminated Runoff. The presentation includes technical and financial details regarding the proposed change to sedimentation pond construction. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.

The discussion related to this item was captured in full within the Stakeholder Report found at eahcp.org.

Steve Raabe opens the floor to a motion to approve the motion to recommend this proposal to the Implementing Committee. Gary Spence motioned. Dianne Wassinech seconded. There were no objections to the recommendation.

9. **Presentation and possible endorsement of an expedited process to prepare and to submit the Nonroutine AMP Stakeholder Report, with Stakeholder Committee Chair and Vice-chair approval, to the Implementing Committee.**

Myron Hess communicated the rationale behind an expedited process to complete the official Stakeholder Report to represent the committee’s official recommendation in regards to the Minimizing Impacts of Contaminated Runoff Adaptive Management Process.

Mr. Hess asked to get a motion regarding the expedited process as presented. Jim Bower motioned to approve the expedited process. Patrick Shriver seconded. There were no objections.

10. Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas.

- NAS Report 2 Stakeholder Workshop will be held on April 18th at SAWS.
- The next meeting of the Stakeholder Committee is scheduled for June 15th.
- Refugia Update
- HCP Coalition

11. Questions from the public.

No comments.

12. Adjourn – 12:11 p.m.

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Dianne Wassinech
Secretary