



MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2016

1. **Call to order--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented- 9:06 am.**
Members present included: Greg Malatek (New Braunfels), Roland Ruiz (EAA), Andrew Sansom (Texas State University), Tom Taggart (San Marcos), Darren Thompson (SAWS), and Todd Votteler (GBRA).
2. **Public Comment.**
No public comments were made.
3. **Approval of minutes from the September 15th Implementing Committee meeting.**
Andrew Sansom motioned to approve the September 15th Meeting Minutes. Darren Thompson seconded. There were no objections.
4. **Receive report from the Program Manager on general topics related to the implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and operation of the Implementing Committee.**
 - **Springflow and Index Level Update**
Dr. Chad Furl, EAHCP Chief Science Officer, provided a brief hydrologic update to the Implementing Committee.
 - **2016 Stormwater Sampling**
Dr. Furl mentioned that there was a stormwater sampling event in Comal River in late September.
 - **ASR Operations by SAWS**
Darren Thompson, SAWS, provided a brief update on the ASR operations. The EAHCP has provided SAWS 33,258 acre-feet in 2016 and almost all the water has been stored. To date, SAWS has stored over 122,000 acre-feet, of which approximately 51,000 acre-feet stored for the EAHCP.

There were a few questions regarding the overall capacity of the ASR program. Mr. Thompson explained that the planned capacity of their operations is approximately 200,000 acre-feet. Roland Ruiz, gave a brief update on the EAA ASR leasing for the EAHCP.
 - **Budget Report**
Nathan Pence, EAHCP Program Manager, provided the September unaudited financial statement. There were no questions.
 - **Implementing Committee Membership**
Roland Ruiz introduced Mr. Greg Malatek as the new representative for the City of New Braunfels and Brad Smith as the new alternate to Andy Sansom for Texas State University.

- **Region L EAHCP Tour**
Nathan Pence provided a few photos of the Region L Tour of the habitat restoration activities in the San Marcos River.
 - **2017 Meeting Schedule & Locations**
Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, EAHCP Director, provided a brief overview of the 2017 meeting schedule.
 - ***Protecting Threatened and Endangered Species with Continuous Water Quality Data - Database* webinar - aquaticinformatics.com**
Alicia Reinmund-Martinez provided a brief description of the Database webinar.
 - **USFWS HCP Coalition – Mr. Pence informed the Committee that he will be attending this conference in mid-December.**
 - **Science Committee Meeting – Mr. Pence informed the Committee of the November 10 Science Committee meeting to be held in San Marcos.**
5. **Presentation and possible action to approve the amended 2017 City of New Braunfels Work Plans: Flow Split Management, Old Channel Restoration and Comal River Aquatic Vegetation.**
Mr. Pence reminded the committee of the Adaptive Management Process that affected conservation measures having to do with Submerged Aquatic Vegetation in the Comal and San Marcos springs systems.

Mark Enders, City of New Braunfels, presented the three conservation measures that have been revised since the official approval of the 2017 Work Plans in June. Presentation can be found on eahcp.org.

Tom Taggart moved to approve the proposed amendment to the City of New Braunfels 2017 Work Plans. Andy Sansom seconded. There were no objections.

6. **Presentation and possible action to approve the amended 2017 City of San Marcos/Texas State University Work Plans: Texas wild-rice Enhancement, Control of Non-native Plant Species, Designation of Permanent Access Points and Sediment Removal.**
Melani Howard, City of San Marcos/Texas State University, presented the four conservation measures that have been revised since the official approval of the 2017 Work Plans in June. Presentation can be found on eahcp.org.

Andy Sansom moved to approve the proposed amendment to the City of San Marcos and Texas State University 2017 Work Plans. Darren Thompson seconded. There were no objections.

7. **Presentation and possible action to approve the 2017 Funding Applications for submittal to the EAA Board.**
Roland Ruiz, EAA, mentioned that the EAA Funding Application will be amended and presented to the committee at a later date once the Refugia contract is executed.

Mrs. Reinmund-Martinez presented a summary of the EAHCP Budget and proposed Funding Applications for 2017.

Tom Taggart moved to approve the 2017 EAHCP Funding Applications. Andy Sansom seconded. There were no objections.

8. Discussion and possible action to nominate and appoint the 2017 Implementing Committee Officers.

Mr. Pence presented the process in nominating and appointing the annual Implementing Committee officers.

Based on a few changes to the succession plan developed in 2016 the following was presented as the 2017 Implementing Committee Officers:

- Implementing Committee Permittee Chair: Texas State University (Andy Sansom)
- Implementing Committee Permittee Vice-Chair: San Antonio Water System (Darren Thompson)
- Secretary: City of New Braunfels (Greg Malatek)

Tom Taggart moved to appoint the officers nominated. Darren Thompson seconded. There were no objections.

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

- Next Implementing Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17th at the San Marcos Rec Hall (Lions Club Tube Rental) at City Park.
 - Phase II timeline
 - Certificate of Inclusion Program Work Group

10. Questions from the public.

Dianne Wassenich mentioned a letter signed by Myron Hess, Vice-chair of the Stakeholder Committee, and herself about the EAHCP funding.

Todd Votteler mentioned the Guadalupe Basin Coalition's Hill Country Water Summit to be held on December 8th at the New Braunfels Civic Center.

11. Adjourned.



Darren Thompson, Secretary