



Implementing Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan

Minutes of the April 18, 2013 Meeting

Located at the New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 S. Castell Ave, New Braunfels, Texas

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present for all purposes. All members of the Implementing Committee were represented.
2. **Public Comment** – no public comment
3. **Approval of Minutes from the Implementing Committee meeting of March 21, 2012** Bill Nance made a motion to approve the Implementing Committee Minutes of March 21, 2013. Roland Ruiz seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.
4. **Receive report from the Program Manager on topics related to the implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and operation of the Implementing Committee, including the following:**
 - Nathan Pence gave report on Science Committee activities; he said that the pertinent EAA Work Plans were presented at the April 3, 2013 meeting; New Braunfels and San Marcos will present their Work Plans at the May 9, 2013 meeting.
 - Robert Gulley reminded the Implementing Committee that nominations for the Science Committee vacancy are due by April 22, 2013; nominations will be brought back to the May 16 Implementing Committee meeting for final decision.
 - Robert Gulley and the HCP staff have had three discussions with Dr. Jeffrey Jacobs and the Program Manager for the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academy of Sciences regarding the Science Review Panel. The NRC is interested in assisting with the panel. It will prepare tentative budgets and schedules for the work, perhaps as early as the week of April 22, 2013.
 - Julia Velez reported on ASR programs; to-date we have received over 3,000 acre-feet of commitments for the program and expressions of strong interest with respect to an additional 1200 acre-feet. San Antonio River Authority (SARA) is working on a marketing campaign to aid future contacts in the region.
 - Robert Gulley updated the Implementing Committee on the VISPO program; currently we have 9,800 acre-ft under contract.
 - Nathan Pence reported that Refugia negotiations are proceeding and the terms of the draft contract is being discussed with USFWS.
 - Robert Gulley discussed the RFP distribution list and said that will be used by EAA for all RFPs. He requested the Implementing Committee members to provide additional names for inclusion on the list.

5. Receive report on ASR Advisory Group meeting

Chuck Ahrens reported that SAWS ASR held their first Advisory Group meeting on April 12, 2013. A tour will be scheduled for the Group in the near future. He reported SAWS and the EAA are negotiating a contract and look to have it finalized in June.

6. Receive report on the EAHCP 2013 Budget to-date

Robert Gulley and Chris Abernathy discussed the status of the EAHCP 2013 budget through March 31, 2013.

7. Receive report on progress of the implementation of the 2013 Work Plans

Zac Martin reported on current implementation activities by the City of New Braunfels; Melani Howard reported on current implementation activities by the City of San Marcos; and Nathan Pence reported on the current implementation activities by the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP).

8. Receive report and take possible action to ask the Program Manager to review and prepare a briefing regarding the development of the Stage V EAHCP Critical Period Management (CPM) Conservation Measure as it applies to the Uvalde Pool

Roland Ruiz reported on Representative King's inquiry regarding the criteria for Stage V for Uvalde Pool. The Implementing Committee asked Robert Gulley to report the findings to the Committee in May regarding the potential impact of any changes to the Stage V with respect to the Uvalde pool.

9. Discuss and take possible action on the limited issue of amending § 5.6.5 of the EAHCP Funding Management Agreement as proposed

Robert Gulley discussed a revised draft of the proposed amendment to § 5.6.5 of the EAHCP Funding Management Agreement. SAWS said that it was in agreement with a limited amendment to § 5.6.5 along the lines of the proposal, but that counsel had to review the proposal. After discussion the item was tabled until the May 16th meeting to allow for his review. All agreed that any amendments would have to be approved by their respective boards and councils.

10. Discuss and take possible action on proposal from Texas State University for use of the Freeman Aquatic Building for the EAHCP Applied Research activities

Robert Gulley discussed the Freeman Aquatic Building (FAB) draft proposal by Texas State, to be used for Applied Research projects. The cost of repairs and upgrades to the FAB would be approximately \$327,000.

11. Receive report on Ecological Modeling proposals for 2014 and take possible action to amend the corresponding budget as may be necessary

Robert Gulley presented on the status of the Ecological Modeling proposals. Chuck Ahrens made a motion to approve a budget proposal of \$11,758.00 for the Ecological Modeling and to allow acceptance of a merged proposal from BIO-WEST and Thom Hardy. Tom Taggart seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

12. Discussion and take possible action regarding the schedule for reviewing 2014 EAHCP Work Plans

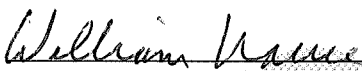
The following schedule for Work Plan presentations was discussed and will be as follows:

- **May 1, 2013 Implementing Committee review of EAA Work Plans**
- **May 9, 2013 Science Committee review of New Braunfels and San Marcos Work Plans**
- **May 16, 2013 Implementing Committee review of New Braunfels or San Marcos Work Plans**
- **May 30, 2013 Implementing Committee review of New Braunfels or San Marcos Work Plans**

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

- Next scheduled Implementing Committee meeting is on May 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Edwards Aquifer Authority in San Antonio, TX.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.



William Nance

Secretary of Implementing Committee