



NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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As required by Section 7.7.4 of the Funding and Management Agreement (FMA), an interlocal agreement made pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 791 by and among the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA), the City of New Braunfels (New Braunfels), the City of San Marcos (San Marcos), the City of San Antonio acting by and through its San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Texas State University (TSU), and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), a meeting of the **Implementing Committee** of the **Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Program** is scheduled for **Thursday, April 17, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at the Edwards Aquifer Authority, 900 E Quincy, San Antonio, TX.**

Members of this committee include: Roland Ruiz (EAA), Steve Ramsey (New Braunfels), Tom Taggart (San Marcos), Chuck Ahrens (SAWS), Andrew Sansom (TSU), and Todd Votteler (GBRA). At this meeting, the following business may be considered and recommended for committee action:

1. Call to order--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented- 9:00 a.m.
2. Public Comment.
3. Approval of minutes from the March 20, 2014 Implementing Committee meeting (Attachment 1).
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.
 - River Flows and Water Levels
 - VISPO and ASR Leases (Attachment 2 & 3)
 - March Budget
 - Science Committee Update
 - Drought Outreach Workgroup Update (Attachment 4)
 - EAHCP Gantt Chart and Flow Diagram (Attachment 5 & 6)
 - USGS Streamflow Gauges
 - Freeman Aquatic Building Renovation Completion
 - Biological Monitoring Update
 - USFWS Receipt Letter for the Annual Report (Attachment 7)
 - 2015 Workplans
 - Update on the Regional Water Conservation Program (Attachment 8)
5. Presentation of and possible action related to the proposed design plans for the New Braunfels Bank Stabilization Project.
 - Purpose: To present the proposed design of the Comal River Bank Stabilization and Riparian Zone Restoration project by the City of New Braunfels.

- Action: Consider approval for project implementation
 - Science Committee Recommendation: The Science Committee recommended implementation of the project as presented on the conditions that: 1) the project continue to utilize natural solutions rather than engineered infrastructure when feasible, 2) the methods determined for removal and re-vegetation of the riparian zone be presented to the Science Committee for input before construction begins, and 3) a comprehensive literature review for riparian restoration methods utilized and vegetation included be provided to the Science Committee when methods are presented.
6. Presentation and possible action for approval of the Predictive Ecological Model Scope of Work through 2016 (Attachment 9-11)
 - Purpose: To present the Scope of Work, Budget and Funding Application Amendment of the Ecological Model Scope of Work for approval.
 - Action: To approve the Ecological Model's Scope of Work through December 2016 and the Funding Application Amendment.
 - Science Committee Recommendation: The Ecological Model's Scope of Work was approved by the Science Committee with no objections.
 7. Presentation of VISPO overview and possible action for committee consideration in response to drought conditions.
 - Purpose: To provide the Implementing Committee with (1) appropriate VISPO information as requested, (2) a description of how Adaptive Management may be used to modify VISPO, and (3) the feasibility of making modifications.
 - Action: To provide HCP staff with direction on next steps for VISPO implementation.
 8. EAHCP Staff Report: Incidental Take Forecast
 - Purpose: To provide the Implementing Committee with requested information about future projected conditions in relation to Incidental Take scenarios.
 - Action: No action required
 9. EAHCP Staff Report: 2013 Audited Budget (Attachment 12)
 - Purpose: To present the Implementing committee with a budget overview of 2013
 - Action: No action required
 10. Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas.
 - Next Implementing Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15 at the New Braunfels Civic Center.
 11. Questions from the public.
 12. Adjourn