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## 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 – San Marcos (TSU), and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), a meeting of the **Implementing Committee** for the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Program is scheduled for **Thursday, August 15, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 S. Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX.** Lunch will not be provided.

Members of this committee include: Roland Ruiz (EAA), Steve Ramsey (New Braunfels), Tom Taggart (San Marcos), Chuck Ahrens (SAWS), William Nance (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.
- 2. Public Comment.
- 3. Approval of minutes from July 18, 2013 (Attachment 1).
- 4. Receive report from the General Manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority regarding EAHCP Program Management staffing and Acting Program Manager appointment pursuant to §2.3.3 of the Funding and Management Agreement.
- 5. Receive report from EAHCP Staff on general topics related to the implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and operation of the Implementing Committee.
  - National Academy of Science contract update
  - Report on EAHCP educational initiatives (Attachment 2)
  - Update on Amendment 5.6.5 to the Funding and Management Agreement
  - Update on the status of the Freeman Aquatic Building contract
  - Report on activities of the Science Committee
  - Update on the status of the ASR and VISPO programs (Attachments 3 & 4)
  - 2013 Budget Report through July 31, 2013 (Attachment 5)
  - Update on the status of EAA RFPs and contracts
  - Update on the 2014 Funding Application process
  - Update on the Edwards Aquifer Authority and SAWS ASR contract.
  - Update on Award Nominations related to the EAHCP
    - o Secretary Partnership in Conservation Award
  - Update on Department of Defense participation in the Regional Water Conservation Program
- 6. Discussion of Low-Flow triggers in the Incidental Take Permit and associated current spring flows (Attachment 6).

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7. Discuss and take possible action on the inclusion of permitted municipal and industrial water in the VISPO program.

- 8. Present and discuss procedures for communicating changes to the EAHCP with USFWS (Attachment 7).
- 9. Discuss and take possible action authorizing the Program Manager to draft an "Informational Memo" to USFWS related to the following changes in the EAHCP (Attachment 8):
  - Refugia Program: § 5.1.1
  - Stage V Emergency Water Supply: §5.1.4.1
  - Applied Research Facility Experimental Channel at the USFWS National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center: § 6.3.4
  - High-Efficiency Plumbing Fixtures & Toilet Distribution Program: § 5.1.3.2.2
  - Commercial/Industrial Retrofit Rebate: § 5.1.3.2.3
  - Water Reclamation for Efficient Water Use: § 5.1.3.2.4
  - Management of Recreation in Key Areas: Section 5.4.2
  - Section 5.6.5 of the Funding and Management Agreement
- 10. Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas.
  - Next Implementing Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the Edwards Aquifer Authority in San Antonio, Texas.
  - Next Stakeholder Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2013, at 9:00 at the Edwards Aquifer Authority in San Antonio, Texas.

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