



IMPLEMENTING COMMITTEE MEETING

Of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan

Minutes of the February 20, 2014 Meeting

Located at the Edwards Aquifer Authority, San Antonio, Texas

1. **Call to order**--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented- 9:06 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** --None
3. **Approval of minutes from the February 20, 2014 Implementing Committee meeting** (Attachment 1). Chuck Ahrens moved and Roland Ruiz seconded the motion.
4. **Receive report from the Program Manager Nathan Pence on general topics related to the implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and operation of the Implementing Committee.**
 - Nathan Pence, HCP Executive Director presented the up-to-date Staff Organizational Chart (Attachment 2) and introduced Alicia Reinmund - Martinez as new EAHCP Director.
 - Mr. Pence updated the Committee on the Partners in Conservation Award Summary. He stated it was good public relations for the HCP. A representative from the Sierra Club gave a synopsis on the award ceremony in Washington D.C.
 - Mr. Pence reviewed and updated the committee on the National Academy of Science meetings held on February 13th and 14th.
 - Mr. Pence updated the committee on the 2013 EAHCP Expense Report- Unaudited (Attachment 3) and presented the budget for 2013. He discussed San Marcos and New Braunfels expenditures and the reserve balance.
 - Mr. Pence discussed the timeline for 2015 Annual Work Plan Development. Specifically the draft work plans are due on April 15; the Science Committee will review workplans related to science projects on May 8th. The Implementing Committee will review workplans in May and approve them in June.
 - River Flows and Water Levels - Mr. Pence stated that both river flows and water levels are down recently. Meters were calibrated on January 25th-Tom Taggart voiced concerns with accuracy of gauges. Discussion followed.

The following were the spring flows and water levels on 2/20/2014:

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| Comal | 169 CFS | J-17 | 642 feet |
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San Marcos 150 CFS J-27 835 feet

- ASR and VISPO Update (Attachment 4 and 5).

There are 24,355 acre-feet in VISPO to date and 4,800 acre-feet in ASR. There is potentially more in works; Roland Ruiz discussed some of the issues surrounding ASR and he provided an update on the program. Chuck Ahrens with SAWS stated that they are bringing 30 million gallons a day out of ASR which is an amount dependent on customer demand.

5. J17 Outlook/Forecast presentation- Jim Winterle (Attachment 6)

Purpose was to inform the Implementing Committee of work done to project future conditions of J17. Jim Winterle presented aquifer forecasts. J-17 provides a good estimate. The levels are currently 27ft. below average. There is a 25% probability Comal Springs will drop to 30cfs. No action required.

6. Presentation of progress on drafting the EAHCP Annual Report- SWCA (Attachment 7 and 8)

Christine Westerman and Jenna Cantwell with SWCA presented status of the development of the annual report. No action required.

7. Presentation and possible action related to the proposed design plans for New Braunfels Bank Stabilization Project- City of New Braunfels and Freese and Nichols.

This item was tabled until after Science Committee Review.

8. Ecological Model update - BIO-WEST

Purpose was to update the Implementing Committee on development progress of the Ecological Model. George Ward (UT) presented ECO Model overview. No action required.

9. Staff report of proposed approach for prioritizing 2015 Applied Research projects – EAHCP Program Manager

Mr. Pence gave an overview of applied research projects discussion followed. The purpose was to present timeline and approach for the Science Committee to prioritize 2015 Applied Research projects. No action was required.

10. Discussion of terms included in the Refugia Contract-

EAA General Manager Roland Ruiz talked about status of Refugia contract, its budget and timeframe for execution. No action was required.

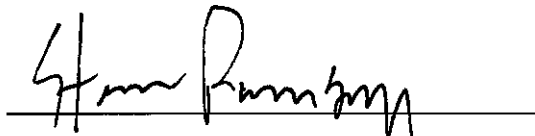
11. Presentation on the Draft Take Estimate and Draft Habitat Disturbance reports and timeline for adoption into the Annual Report- EAHCP Program Manager (Attachment 10 and 11).

Purpose was to present the Implementing Committee with the draft reports and timeline for adoption of our Take Estimate and Habitat Disturbance reports. Ed Oborny with BIO-WEST presented the distribution and take assessment. This item was moved up in Agenda to item #5. No action was required.

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

Next Implementing Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014 at the New Braunfels Civic Center.

13. Adjourn-at 11:52 am



Steve Ramsey
Implementing Committee Secretary