



**IMPLEMENTING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2015**

1. **Call to order--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented- 9:00 am.**
Members of this committee include: Tom Taggart (City of San Marcos), Roland Ruiz (Edwards Aquifer Authority, (EAA)), Steve Ramsey (City of New Braunfels), Chuck Ahrens (SAWS), Andrew Sansom (Texas State University), and Todd Votteler (Guadalupe Blanco River Authority, (GBRA)).

Juan Guerra was present for Andy Sansom.
2. **Public Comment.**
No comment.
3. **Approval of minutes from the May 21, 2015 Implementing Committee meeting.**
Roland Ruiz moved to approve the minutes. Chuck Ahrens seconded. There was no objection.
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.**
 - **Springflows and Index Well Levels**
Shaun Payne, EAHCP Coordinator, presented the recent springflow and index well levels. Nathan Pence, EAHCP Program Manager, presented J-27 aquifer levels as well as J-17 forecasts. Presentation can be found at eahcp.org.
 - **Impacts of Recent Rainfall**
Melani Howard, City of San Marcos and Texas State University, presented the status of the San Marcos springs system. Mr. Pence mentioned the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) has authorized the Biological Monitoring Program to conduct Critical Period Sampling in the San Marcos system.
 - **Water Quality Monitoring Update**
Mr. Pence explained the status of the stormwater sampling effort.
 - **March 2015 Budget Update – There was no comment.**
 - **EAA Table 7.1 Budget Memo**
Roland Ruiz, EAA, explained the rationale of his memo (Attachment 3) regarding the EAHCP budget and planning within the EAHCP Table 7.1. The purpose of the memo was to state the importance of maintaining trust with the public while budgets are prepared.

- **Permittee Update**
Zac Martin, City of New Braunfels, provided the Implementing Committee with an update on the projects underway in the Comal Springs system. Mrs. Howard, City of San Marcos/TXSTATE, provided the Implementing Committee with an update on the efforts underway in the San Marcos Springs system. Additionally, she presented the award they received from **Keep Texas Beautiful**.
 - **Comal Springs Conservation Center** – There was no comment on the Committee’s letter of support.
 - **ASR Operations by SAWS**
Chuck Ahrens, SAWS, presented an update on their ASR operations. They currently have 71,000 acre-feet stored in ASR. SAWS is currently not recovering or storing.
 - **ASR Leasing Update**
Rick Illgner, EAA, presented an update on the EAHCP ASR Leasing effort. Presentation can be found at eahcp.org. There were comments and questions about ASR leasing terms and the current conditions of the Edwards Aquifer.
 - **Refugia Update**
Mr. Pence presented an update on the status of the Salvage Refugia contract recently approved by the EAA Board of Directors. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.
5. **Presentation of the Scope of Work in the EAA Salvage Refugia Contract with SWCA.**
Mr. Pence presented some background information about Salvage Refugia. He introduced Phil Pearce, SWCA, and Dante Fenolio, San Antonio Zoo, to present the details about their contract with the EAA. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.
6. **Presentation of the Refugia Technical Report, “Refugia Review.”**
Mr. Pence summarized the Technical Report by HDR, Inc. and introduced Ken Ferjancic, HDR, who presented the details of the report. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org. Discussion regarding the details of the Refugia Technical report followed.
7. **Presentation of the Technical Memorandum regarding ASR/VISPO Modeling efforts by HDR Inc.**
Mr. Pence introduced Sam Vaughn from HDR, Inc. Mr. Vaughn presented the results of an ASR/VISPO modeling exercise to determine the tradeoff between the two enrollment opportunities. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org. Discussion followed regarding tradeoff in terms of financial impacts compared to increased VISPO enrollment.
- Tom Taggart, City of San Marcos, requested further research to understand the financial implications as well as the administrative burden for amending the EAHCP.
8. **Program Manager Report: Report on EAHCP Staffing.**
Mr. Pence presented the summary of EAHCP staff and program responsibilities. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.

9. Staff Report: Presentation of the EAHCP Budget Forecast.

Mr. Pence presented the budget forecast developed by EAHCP staff. There was discussion about the proper interpretation of the 2% escalator included in the budget forecast (Table 7.2).

10. Possible approval of the City of New Braunfels Work Plan.

Alicia Reinmund-Martinez introduced the 2016 City of New Braunfels Work Plan and the comments matrix provided to the committee as an attachment.

Chuck Ahrens moved to approve the Work Plan as presented. Roland Ruiz seconded. There were no objections.

11. Possible approval of the 2016 EAA Work Plan.

Mrs. Reinmund-Martinez introduced the 2016 EAA Work Plan and the comments matrix attached.

Steve Ramsey moved to approve the Work Plan as presented. Tom Taggart seconded. There were no objections.

12. Possible approval of the City of San Marcos/Texas State University Work Plan.

Mrs. Reinmund-Martinez introduced the 2016 City of San Marcos/Texas State University Work Plan and the comments matrix. Additionally, Mrs. Reinmund-Martinez communicated the offline conversation EAHCP Staff, and City of San Marcos/Texas State University had with SAWS concerning their submitted comments. The comments matrix was provided to the committee as an attachment.

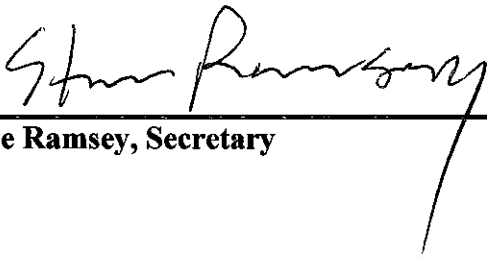
Chuck Ahrens moved to approve the Work Plan as presented. Tom Taggart seconded. There were no objections.

13. Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas. – July 16, 2015, Location to be announced.

14. Questions from the public.

No comments.

15. Adjourn. – 12:11 pm



Steve Ramsey, Secretary