



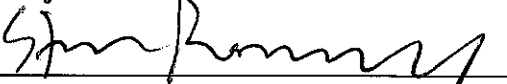
## MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 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)).  
  
Mr. Juan Guerra was present for Andy Sansom and Mr. Brock Curry was present for Roland Ruiz.
2. **Public Comment.**  
No Comment.
3. **Approval of minutes from the June 18, 2015 Implementing Committee meeting.**  
Chuck Ahrens moved for approval. Juan Guerra 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, HCP Coordinator, provided the committee an update on the springflows and index well levels.
  - **Budget Update.** The Committee had no questions or comments.
  - **ASR Operations by SAWS**  
Chuck Ahrens updated the Committee on the SAWS ASR operations. There is currently 75,000 acre-feet in storage which is being stored at a rate of 31 million gallons a day. SAWS is expecting to store all HCP water made available for this year.
  - **ASR Leasing Update**  
Rick Illgner, EAA, presented the ASR Leasing numbers. EAA expects to end the year with 14,650 acre-feet of leases enrolled.
  - **Refugia Update**  
Nathan Pence, EAHCP Program Manager, explained the details of the Refugia Program. Facilities for Salvage Refugia are in the process of being put together and research will start soon. The Long-term Refugia contract is on schedule to have an executed contract by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Coordination with USFWS has been very productive and the HDR Inc. report was sent for peer review to the editorial board of the American Fisheries Society Aquaculture Journal. They offered helpful comments for moving forward and an overall positive response. Brock Curry, EAA, mentioned the EAA Board of Directors has approved the creation of a new position within the HCP team for Refugia and Covered Species programs. This position will be funded fully by EAA.
  - **Permittee Update**

- Melani Howard, City of San Marcos/Texas State University, presented information regarding the Riparian and Littoral Restoration activities. Presentation is available on eahcp.org.
- Conservation Measure Showcase - City of New Braunfels: Non-native species removal. Chris Abernathy, HCP Senior Coordinator, introduced Mark Enders, City of New Braunfels, who presented information regarding their Non-native Animal Species Removal activities by SWCA. The City indicated that due to the size and numbers of species removed, significant benefit to the Comal system should be realized. Presentation can be found on eahcp.org.
  - 2016 Work Plans. Nathan Pence updated the Committee on the submission of the 2016 Work Plans to the EAA General Manager.
  - EAA Groundwater Model Uncertainty Analysis. Mark Hamilton, EAA, provided the Committee an update on the development of the Hydrologic Modeling Uncertainty Analysis
  - Letter and Errata Sheet for 2014 Annual Report. Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, HCP Director, updated the Committee on the submission of the 2014 Annual Report Errata Sheet to USFWS.
5. **Presentation and discussion pertaining to Phase II Strategic Adaptive Management Decision Making.**  
Mr. Pence presented the information regarding details for the Phase II Adaptive Management process. Presentation can be found on eahcp.org.
6. **Presentation and possible action to adopt for implementation the *National Academy of Sciences - Review of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan: Report 1 Implementation Plan recommended by the NAS Recommendations Review Work Group (RRWG)*.**  
Mr. Pence presented the details of the NAS RRWG Implementation Plan in order to provide a better understanding of the work performed by the Work Group. Chuck Ahrens moved to adopt the plan as presented. Brock Curry seconded. There was no objection.
7. **Discussion and possible action to create an Applied Research Work Group, possible appointment of members, and approval of a Work Group charge.**  
Mrs. Reinmund-Martinez presented the Applied Research Work Group charge and selected slate of members for the Implementing Committee's review. Tom Taggart moved to accept the Work Group charge and membership as presented. Brock Curry seconded. There was no objection.
8. **Presentation and possible action to consider amending the 2015 City of San Marcos/Texas State University (COSM/TXSTATE) Permanent Access Points/Bank Stabilization Work Plan.**  
Mrs. Reinmund-Martinez presented the amendment to the 2015 COSM/TXSTATE Work Plan to include development of engineering plans for the Permanent Access Points. Steve Ramsey moved to approve the amended Work Plan. Tom Taggart seconded. There was no objection.
9. **Presentation and discussion of the San Marcos Watershed Initiative (SMWI).**  
Tom Taggart introduced Dianne Wassenich from the San Marcos River Foundation for a brief presentation on the SMWI.
10. **Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas.** – September 17, 2015 at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Annex.
11. **Questions from the public.**  
No questions were asked.

12. **Adjourn-** 11:47 am

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Ramsey", written over a horizontal line.

Steve Ramsey, Secretary