

EAHCP Staff

March 21, 2013



Stakeholder Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan

Minutes of the March 21, 2013 Meeting

Located at the Edwards Aquifer Authority, San Antonio, Texas

- 1. Receive report from Jim Winterle of EAA on the "Evaluation of Potential Water Storage in the San Antonio Pool of the Edwards Aquifer during 2013" and discussion of any drought contingency issues.**

Jim Winterle gave a report entitled Evaluation of Potential Water Storage in the San Antonio Pool of the Edwards Aquifer during 2013.

- 2. Call to Order –establish that all Stakeholder committee members are present or represented.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. A quorum was present for all purposes. Attached to these minutes is an attendance list that was created at the meeting. Bill Nance represented Texas State University for Mike Abbott.

- 3. Public Comment.**

No Public Comment.

- 4. Approval of Minutes from the Stakeholder Committee meeting of November 15, 2012.**

Jerry James made a motion to approve the Stakeholder Committee Minutes of November 15, 2012. Doris Cooksey seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

- 5. Presentation of the Incidental Take Permit by Adam Zerrenner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.**

The Incidental take Permit was presented by Adam Zerrenner, USFWS. He expressed his sincere appreciation to everyone for all their hard work and dedication on the HCP over the past several years. Kevin Connally will continue to work with the EAHCP going forward.

- 6. Receive Report from the Program Manager related to the implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan.**

- Robert Gulley reported the Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and supporting documents will be available on the EAHCP web-site. On March 18, 2013 the Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide 27 Permit was also received for City of New Braunfels and San Marcos.

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- Robert Gulley reported the SAWS ASR contract is under negotiation and there may be a draft completed in April or May.
 - EAA has received proposals in response to the RFP regarding Ecological Modeling that will be reviewed and a final decision made within the next week or so.
 - Work plans are due April 15, 2013. At the next Science Committee meeting on April 3, 2013 the following work plans will be reviewed: Refugia, Applied Research and Water Quality. At the May 9th Science Committee meeting the Work Plan for the City of New Braunfels and San Marcos will be reviewed.
 - Rick Ilgner gave an update on the status of the VISPO.
 - A meeting of the SAWS ASR Advisory group will be held at the SAWS Customer Service Annex at 2:00 on Friday, April 12, 2013. This meeting will be a basic ASR 101 educational session.
- 7. Receive report from the Public Outreach Subcommittee on the plans for the "Roll Out" Ceremony on April 3, 2013 at 1 p.m. at the Meadows Center at Texas State University in San Marcos.**

The Roll-Out Ceremony has been cancelled. We will look into a possible press release to educate the public about the EAHCP.

- 8. Discuss and take possible action on developing recommendations to the Implementing Committee regarding potential conflicts of interest in the EAHCP process.**

Colette Barron Bradsby requested Implementing Committee consider two areas of conflict: 1) Science Committee independence and 2) FMA Issue – use of staff on projects. Recommended staff prepare guidance regarding potential conflicts for consideration by the Implementing Committee.

- 9. Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas.**

The next meeting of the Stakeholder Committee is scheduled for June 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the New Braunfels Civic Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.



Steve Raabe

Secretary of Stakeholder Committee