

Biological Monitoring Recommendation:

The Science Committee recommends the following changes to the 2014 Biological Monitoring Work Plan as presented at the February 13, 2013 meeting:

1. The EAA should include an analysis of the Biological Monitoring/Variable Flow Study data from 2000 to the present as either a component of the 2014 Work Plan or as a separate action. This synthesis should be updated every 5 years after its initial completion to include new information gathered through the program.
2. The Biological Monitoring Work Plan should identify possible duplications specifically regarding, but not limited to, the flow partitioning components of the EAHCP and existing work by the EAA, and identify how these programs work together.
3. The Biological Monitoring Work Plan should include language to require coordination of biological monitoring and ongoing mitigation and restoration efforts. It should further require that the data analysis consider the effects of these and should coordinate with these efforts.
4. The Biological Monitoring Work Plan may need to be refined, in future years (2015 and beyond), to require specific methodologies for monitoring the Texas troglobitic water slater and Edwards Aquifer diving beetle to ensure the species is being appropriately monitored.

Doyle Mosier made the motion to accept this recommendation, Tom Arsuffi seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus the motion passed.