



EAHCP 2014 Annual Report to the US Fish and Wildlife Service

**Status of Report Preparation
February 19, 2015
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Overview

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- Review and Comment

Schedule

October 14-24, 2014: EAHCP staff meetings with permittees to discuss required sections, format and USFWS comments on 2013 report.

November 21, 2014: First deadline for permittee subsections.

December 1, 2014: Final outline and literature review from Blanton & Associates.

December 18, 2014: Presentation to Implementing, Stakeholder and Science committees.

December 22, 2014: Final deadline for submittal of all annual report language.

January 13, 2015: First draft due from Blanton & Associates.

January 15, 2015: Distribute first draft to Implementing Committee, Stakeholder, and Science committees for review.

Schedule

January 30, 2015: Comments on first draft due from Implementing, Stakeholder, and Science committees.

February 19, 2015: **Presentation of revisions to the Implementing Committee.**

February 27, 2015: Comments on second draft due from Implementing, Stakeholder, and Science committees.

March 13, 2015: Distribute final annual report to the Implementing Committee.

March 19, 2015: Implementing Committee approval for Program Manager to submit report to USFWS.

March 31, 2015: Deadline for submission to USFWS.

Contents and Status

Summary of Comments Received on First Draft

- Edits to grammar, acronyms, and capitalization
- Revisions to report language to more closely match permit and regulatory statute
- New and additional wording provided for some previously pending report sections

NOTE: Some comments require further information and clarification- these are highlighted in the comment matrix submitted with the February 19 report draft.

Contents and Status

Executive Summary – *pending*

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Incidental Take Permit (ITP) Requirements – *minor edits*

1.2 Edwards Aquifer Conditions/Management – *included in draft (new)*

1.3 Financial Report - *pending*

1.4 EAHCP Committees

1.4.1 Activities of the Implementing Committee - *minor edits*

1.4.2 Activities of the Stakeholder Committee - *minor edits*

1.4.3 Activities of the Science Committee - *minor edits*

1.4.4 Activities of the Science Review Panel – *revised text*

2.0 BIOLOGICAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – *unchanged*

Contents and Status

- 3.0 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION IN 2014
 - 3.1 Edwards Aquifer Authority - *revised*
 - 3.2 City of New Braunfels - *revised*
 - 3.3 City of San Marcos - *revised*
 - 3.4 Texas State University – *minor edits*
 - 3.5 San Antonio Water System - *minor edits*
 - 3.6 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - *minor edits*

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- 4.0 ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT - *included in draft (new)*
- 5.0 2014 ANNUAL TAKE ESTIMATES - *pending*
- 6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS MOVING FORWARD - *included in draft (new)*
- 7.0 LITERATURE REVIEW – *minor edits*
- 8.0 REFERENCES CITED – *minor edits*

During the second review period, B&A will continue working through the document text and appendices. B&A will then finalize the Executive Summary to be included at the beginning of the report.

Review and Comment

Next steps

- Second draft and comment matrix distributed on February 19. Comments on the first draft by Implementing, Stakeholder, and Science committees were received and incorporated into the February 19 draft, with requests for clarification noted in the comment matrix.
- **Comments on second draft due Friday, February 27**
- Final report due March 13 for distribution to the Implementing Committee
- Report due to USFWS March 31

An underwater photograph showing a dense field of green seagrass or eelgrass in clear, shallow water. The plants are long and thin, with some brownish tips, and are illuminated by natural light from above, creating a vibrant green scene.

Thank you

Are there any questions?