

Charge of the *Report 2* National Academy of Sciences Work Group

Overview

Pursuant to the Funding and Management Agreement (§7.10), in 2013, the Edwards Aquifer Authority contracted the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to serve as the independent Science Review Panel (SRP) evaluating select components of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP). In its role as the SRP, NAS is tasked with producing three reports. The second report—*Review of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan: Report 2 (Report 2)*—was released in December of 2016.

As done for the review of *Report 1* in 2015, a process for administering EAHCP's review of *Report 2* was approved at the January 19, 2017 meeting of the Implementing Committee. This included the creation of a *Report 2* NAS Work Group (NASWG2). The NASWG2 will provide the Program Manager with advice concerning the development of an implementation plan for *Report 2 (Report 2 Implementation Plan)*. It will also provide representation for the Stakeholder and Implementing committees over the course of the implementation planning process.

This document lays out the charge and administration of the NASWG2 as approved by the Implementing Committee.

Work Group Charge

The NASWG2's charge consists of the following tasks:

- Attend the February 16, 2017 Implementing Committee meeting (at which a summary of Report 2 and its review process will be presented) to become familiarized with the report and the review process
- Attend the public workshop for the Stakeholder and Science committees to become aware of stakeholders' issues related to *Report 2*
- Review the EAHCP Program Manager's evaluation of *Report 2* recommendations
- Recommend a *Report 2 Implementation Plan* for adoption by the Implementing Committee

Work Group Administration

The NASWG2 will be constituted of the following individuals: *Cindy Loeffler* (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department), *Melani Howard* (City of San Marcos/Texas State University), *Kerim Jacaman* (Bexar County), *Patrick Shriver* (San Antonio Water System), and *Julia Carrillo* (Edwards Aquifer Authority).

At its first meeting, the NASWG2 will determine if a Chair is desired. If so desired, the NASWG2 will nominate a Chair selected from its membership.

The NASWG2 will operate by consensus. In the event that consensus is not reached on the implementation of a specific recommendation, that recommendation and opposing rationales will be identified in a separate section of the *Report 2 Implementation Plan*.

The NASWG2 shall hold its first meeting in late February 2017 and will meet a minimum of three times. At their last meeting, the NASWG2 will consider recommending to the Implementing Committee the adoption of the final *Report 2 Implementation Plan*. The plan will be presented for consideration for possible adoption by the Implementing Committee at their May 18, 2017 meeting.