

Stakeholder Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan

Minutes of the November 15, 2012 Meeting at the San Marcos Recreation Center in San Marcos, Texas

1. Call to Order –establish that a quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. A quorum was present for all purposes. Attached to these minutes is an attendance list that was created at the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Cheryl Gilpin encouraged the Stakeholder Committee to use science throughout their decision making process and to consult with the Science Committee prior to decision making.

3. Approval of Minutes from the Stakeholder Committee meeting on October 18, 2012.

Gary Spence moved to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2012 meeting of the Stakeholder Committee. Carol Patterson seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus the minutes were approved.

4. Receive the Report of the Program Manager related to the Implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan.

Robert Gulley reported that the Record of Decision (ROD) has not yet been issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service for the Incidental Take Permit (ITP). Once the ROD has been published in the Federal Register, the ITP is self-executing on the thirtieth day following. At this time, it is expected that the notice will be published between December 1 and December 15, but that is not firm. Steps are being taken to organize an official signing ceremony that may be attended by the Secretary of the Interior and other VIPs.

Robert Gulley discussed the SAWS ASR Regional Advisory Group and encouraged individuals interested in sitting on that group to discuss among other qualified persons who should be the representative and tell the HCP staff who the representative will be. A complete list of available representation for this group can be found on in Section 5.5.1 of the HCP. This group will begin meeting in January of 2013 and individuals interested in participating should be prepared to commit time over the long-term to understanding the program.

5. Discussion and Possible Decisions on the recommendations of the Science Committee Work Group.

Colette Barron-Bradsby reported on the recommendation of the Science Committee Vacancy Work Group. Jerry James moved to approve the entire Science Committee Work Group Recommendation. Bruce Alexander seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus the motion passed.

The Stakeholder Committee meeting was recessed at 9:56 to allow the Implementing Committee to deliberate. At 9:58 the Stakeholder Committee reconvened, and formally acknowledged the

appointment of Janis Bush and Floyd Weckerly to the Science Committee consistent with the Work Group recommendation.

6. Consider Future meeting dates, locations and agendas.

2013 Meetings are scheduled for: March 21, June 20, Sept 19, and Dec 19. Locations to be determined.

7. Public Comment

Cheryl Gilpin expressed the importance of the Science Committees involvement in monitoring to minimize risk and cost with all HCP projects.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Raabe", is written over a horizontal line.

Approved by Steve Raabe, Secretary

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