



## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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As required by Section 7.7.4 of the Funding and Management Agreement (FMA), an interlocal agreement made pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 791 by and among the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA), the City of New Braunfels (New Braunfels), the City of San Marcos (San Marcos), the City of San Antonio acting by and through its San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Texas State University, and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), a meeting of the **Implementing Committee** of the **Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Program** is scheduled for **9:00 am on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at the Edwards Aquifer Authority, 900 E. Quincy, San Antonio, TX.**

Members of this committee include: Tom Taggart (San Marcos), Roland Ruiz (EAA), Steve Ramsey (New Braunfels), Chuck Ahrens (SAWS), Andrew Sansom (Texas State University), and Todd Votteler (GBRA). At this meeting, the following business may be considered and recommended for committee action:

1. Call to order--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented- 9:00 am.
2. Public Comment.
3. Approval of minutes from the September 18, 2014 Implementing Committee meetings (Attachment 1).
4. Receive report from the Program Manager on general topics related to the implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and operation of the Implementing Committee.
  - 2015 Implementing Committee Meeting Dates (Attachment 2)
  - Update on meeting with USFWS on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - ASR Work Group Recommendations Update.
  - Budget Update (Attachment 3).
  - Springflows and Index Well Levels.
  - ASR Update (Attachment 4)
  - RWCP Work Group Update.
  - Implementation Permits Update.
  - Submittal of a letter to USFWS regarding the change in methodology in San Marcos/TXState Sediment Removal Project (Attachment 5).
  - Permittee material submittal dates for the 2014 Annual Report (Attachment 6).
5. Staff Report: VISPO implementation and status (Attachment 7 & 8).

Purpose: To inform the Implementing Committee members of the triggering and current enrollment of VISPO 2015 forbearance as well as the budget impacts.

Action: None required.

6. Staff Report: Presentation of the benefits Edwards Aquifer programs have had on the Aquifer levels and Springflows (Attachment 9).

Purpose: To provide the Implementing Committee with modeled results showing quantifiable benefits of Edwards Aquifer programs.

Action: None required.

7. Staff Report: Clarifications and Amendments acceptance/approval by USFWS.

i. Condition M Clarification Letter: September 23, 2014, Approval received on September 30, 2014 (Attachment 10).

ii. NAS Clarification Letter: October 18, 2013.

iii. FMA Amendment: November 22, 2013.

Purpose: To provide the Implementing Committee members an update on communications between EAHCP staff and USFWS on response for amendments and clarifications.

Action: None required.

8. Presentation and possible action to approve pursuing a contract with Boggess Communications to draft and distribute quarterly EAHCP newsletters (Attachment 11).

Purpose: To provide the Implementing Committee a chance to discuss and possibly approve the use of Boggess Communication in drafting and distributing quarterly newsletters for the EAHCP program.

Action: To consider possible approval for the Program Manager to enter into a contract with Boggess Communication to produce EAHCP newsletters.

9. Presentation and possible action to approve the City of New Braunfels amended 2015 Work Plan (Attachment 12).

Purpose: To provide the Implementing Committee the opportunity to review and discuss the City of New Braunfels amended 2015 Work Plan.

Action: To consider possible approval the City of New Braunfels amended 2015 Work Plan.

10. Presentation and possible action to approve the 2015 Funding Applications to be submitted to the EAA Board (Attachment 13-16).

Purpose: To provide the Implementing Committee to opportunity to review and discuss the 2015 EAHCP Funding Application.

Action: To consider possible approval to submit the 2015 Funding Applications to the EAA Board.

11. Staff report: Update and possible action on the current status of Refugia implementation.

Purpose: To inform the Implementing Committee members of the steps taken on implementing Refugia.

Action: None required.

12. Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas.
  - i. The next Implementing Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Edwards Aquifer Authority.
    - o 2015 Refugia Work Plan.
    - o Options from various NAS reports.
13. Questions from the public.
14. Adjourn.