



MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2015

1. **Call to order--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented- 9:07 am.**
Members present included: Tom Taggart (San Marcos), Roland Ruiz (Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA)), Steve Ramsey (New Braunfels), Darren Thompson for Chuck Ahrens (San Antonio Water System (SAWS)), Andrew Sansom (Texas State University), and Todd Votteler (Guadalupe Blanco River Authority).
2. **Public Comment.**
No comment
3. **Approval of minutes from the April 16, 2015 Implementing Committee meeting.**
Andy Sansom moved for approval. Roland Ruiz seconded. There was no objection.
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.**
 - **Springflows and Index Well Levels**
Shaun Payne, EAHCP Coordinator, gave an update of the recent springflow and index well levels.
 - **J-17 Forecast Update**
Nathan Pence, EAHCP Program Manager, provided an updated forecast for J-17. There were comments about the effect of low aquifer levels in the Uvalde Pool (J-27).
 - **March 2015 Budget Update.** No comment.
 - **Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) Operations by SAWS**
Darren Thompson, SAWS, reported approximately 20 million gallons per day of storage into their ASR facility.
 - **ASR Leasing Update**
Rick Illgner, EAA, presented total ASR enrollment since the increase in the rate structure. The full presentation is available at eahcp.org.
 - **ASR/Voluntary Irrigation Suspension Program Option (VISPO) Modeling**
Mr. Pence presented a summary of the recent modeling exercise conducted by HDR about ASR and VISPO. HDR Inc. will be presenting a full presentation in the June Implementing Committee meeting.
 - **Refugia Update**
Roland Ruiz, EAA, updated the committee on Refugia contracting status. Long-term Refugia should be under contract by the end of 2015. Salvage Refugia contract will be presented to the EAA board in June for final approval.
 - **Official 2014 Pumping Numbers**
Earl Parker, EAA, presented the official 2014 Edwards pumping numbers.
 - **National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Statement of Task for Report 2**

Mr. Pence mentioned staff has begun planning for the NAS Report 2 which will focus on the EAHCP Conservation Measures and whether they meet the Biological Goals.

- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Mr. Pence summarized the presentations on the EAHCP given at a recent ASCE conference in Austin.

5. Presentation of the Report on the Stakeholders and Science Committee Workshop on the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Report 1.

Suzanne Schwartz, University of Texas Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution, presented a summary of the NAS Workshop Report. The full presentation is available at eahcp.org.

Carol Patterson, EAA Board Member, briefly commented on the workshop.

6. Presentation and discussion of the draft Implementation Plan for the NAS Report 1.

Mr. Pence presented the draft Implementation Plan for the first NAS Report. Hard copy of the draft matrix was provided to the committee and is available at eahcp.org.

There was discussion about cost-benefit of certain recommendations found in the NAS Report.

7. Staff Report: 2016 Work Plan approval process.

Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, EAHCP Director, presented the 2016 Work Plan Approval Timeline as well as the budget table provided. Timeline and budget can be found at eahcp.org.

8. Presentation of the Edwards Aquifer Authority 2016 Work Plans.

Rick Illgner, EAA, presented the 2016 Work Plan to the committee. The full presentation is available at eahcp.org.

9. Presentation of the Texas State University and City of San Marcos' 2016 Work Plans.

Melani Howard, City of San Marcos and Texas State University, presented the 2016 Work Plan to the committee. The full presentation is available at eahcp.org.

There was a discussion pertaining to the multi-year budget and how each conservation measure compares to Table 7.1 in the long-term. The Committee requested a presentation of a summary of the yearly budget in comparison to Table 7.1.

10. Presentation of the design plans for the Comal Springs Conservation Center by New Braunfels Utilities.

Rodger Biggers, New Braunfels Utilities, presented the plans for the Comal Springs Conservation Center to the committee. The full presentation is available at eahcp.org.

11. Presentation of the City of New Braunfels' 2016 Work Plans.

Zac Martin, City of New Braunfels, presented the 2016 Work Plan to the committee. The full presentation is available at eahcp.org.

12. Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas. – June 18, 2015, New Braunfels Civic Center.

13. Questions from the public.

Dr. Thom Hardy mentioned his appreciation of the Implementing Committee's consideration of Table 7.1 and the need to reach the HCP's biological goals.

14. Adjourn.- 12:57 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Ramsey", written over a horizontal line.

Steve Ramsey, Secretary