



MEETING MINUTES

Stakeholder Committee

March 19, 2015

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1. **Call to order--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented- 1:00 p.m.**
Chairman Steve Raabe called roll and a quorum of the committee was present.
2. **Public Comment.**
No comment
3. **Approval of minutes from the August 21, 2014 Stakeholder Committee meeting.**
Dianne Wassenich moved to approve the minutes, Patrick Shriver seconded. There was no objection.
4. **Receive report from the Program Manager on general updates about the Habitat Conservation Plan.**
 - **Springflow and Index Well levels**
Nathan Pence, Program Manager, presented the current index well levels and springflows as well as the J-17 forecast. There were several questions pertaining to VISPO and expected benefit throughout the year. Discussion followed.
 - **Rainfall Deficit**
Mr. Pence presented the deficit map available at eahcp.org.
 - **Attorney General Opinion- Refugia contracting**
Roland Ruiz gave a brief summary and update on the opinion received from the Attorney General about pursuing a contract with USFWS.
One member mentioned that he is uncomfortable with the direction the Implementing Committee is going with the Refugia program. He stated that he specifically voted for the Refugia program during the EARIP because USFWS was going to be the responsible party, not a private entity.
Discussion followed.
 - **Newsletter Distribution**
Alicia Reinmund-Martinez solicited any emails that the committee may have for staff to add to the Steward Newsletter.
 - **2015 Stakeholder Meeting Schedule**
Mrs. Martinez gave a summary over the rest of the year's scheduled Stakeholder Committee meeting dates.
5. **Presentation of the 2014 Net Disturbance and Take Assessment Report.**
Ed Oborny, BIO-WEST Inc., presented the summary of the 2014 Net Disturbance and Take Assessment report. There were questions pertaining to the calculation of take and how calculations are done. Discussion followed.

Presentation can be found at eahcp.org.

6. Receive report on the adopted review process by the Implementing Committee, for implementation of "Review of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan, Report 1" by the National Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Pence presented the approved process developed to review the first report of the National Academy of Sciences. Presentation can be found at eahcp.org

7. Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas.

- The next meeting of the Stakeholder Committee will be a Joint meeting on July 16, 2015 at the San Antonio Water Systems Offices.

8. Questions from the public.

No comment.

9. Adjourn- 2:27 pm

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Dianne Wassenich
Secretary