

Implementing Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan

Minutes of the June 5, 2012 Meeting at the Civic Center in New Braunfels, Texas

1. Call to Order –establish that all implementing committee members are present or represented.

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. All members of the Implementing Committee were represented. Rick Illgner served as the alternate for the Edwards Aquifer Authority. Mike Abbott served as the alternate for Texas State University. A quorum was present for all purposes. Attached to these minutes is an attendance list that was created at the meeting.

2. Public Comment.

None

3. Approval of minutes from the Implementing Committee of May 17, 2012

Mike Abbott made the motion to approve the minutes of the implementing Committee on May 17, 2012. Michael Morrison seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

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

Comments have been received from USFWS on the HCP and those changes have been addressed and those comments are available on the EARIP website. The EIS is also near completion and scheduled to be published in the Federal Register soon. Then the NEPA process will begin.

5. Consider and take possible action on the Annual Party Work Plans and Cost Estimates for 2013

The Implementing Committee discussed the Annual Party Work Plans and Cost Estimates for 2013 from a budget perspective. The budgets for 2013 were approved with the following exceptions and modifications:

- a. The \$4000 budgeted for Permitting in the Aquatic Vegetation and Restoration New Braunfels Work Plan has been removed.
- b. The \$2000 budgeted for Management of Public Recreation in New Braunfels has been changed to \$0 for 2013.
- c. Litter Control and Vegetation in New Braunfels approved pending the receipt of documentation of the reallocation of the money and HCP related activities previously allocated for this purpose in the New Braunfels city budget.
- d. The \$2000 budgeted for the Golf Course Management Plan in New Braunfels has been changed to \$0 for 2013.
- e. Only \$300,900 was approved for impervious cover and water quality protection in San Marcos. The \$5,000 that was removed from the 2013 work plan may be returned to the budget at a later date conditioned on the findings of the USACE feasibility study.

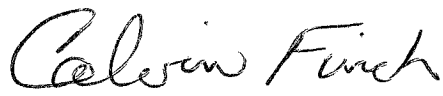
- f. Biological Monitoring (EAA) was not approved but will be reconsidered following the receipt of documentation of the reallocation of the money and HCP related activities previously allocated for this purpose in the EAA budget.
- g. Ecological Modeling (EAA) was not approved but will be reconsidered pending the addition of language explaining the process for coordination with the Science Committee to determine the best approach for 2013.

6. Discuss and take possible action regarding application for funding HCP implementation projects.

Robert Gulley explained to the Implementing Committee the importance of the application process for the EAA budget procedures. Darcy Frownfelter will distribute a copy of the application as soon as it is available. The Committee members expressed concern over their ability to achieve the October 1 deadline for submitting the application

7. Consider Future meeting dates, locations and agendas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2012 at the Civic Center in New Braunfels. The Stakeholder Committee will meet at 9:00 and the Implementing Committee meeting will follow.



Calvin Finch,

Secretary to the Implementing Committee