

Implementing Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan

Minutes of the June 21, 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 12:53 pm. A quorum was present for all purposes; Weir Labatt was participating as an alternate for Texas State University. *Attached to these minutes is an attendance list that was created at the meeting.*

**2. Public Comment.**

Jose Hidalgo requested that the issued on conflict of interest for Science Committee members discussed by the Stakeholder Committee be formalized.

Roland Ruiz introduced himself as the Interim General Manager of the EAA, and confirmed the EAA's commitment to the HCP.

Calvin Finch announced that he has accepted the position of Director for the Water Conservation and Technology Center at the Texas A&M campus and will be leaving SAWS on July 23, 2012.

**8. Consider and take possible action on recommendations for members of the Science Committee identified in Section 7.9 of the Funding and Management Agreement.**

Nathan Pence moved and Weir Labatt seconded that, pending confirmation of the proposed Stakeholder Committee Science Committee appointments, the following appointments to the Science Committee:

- Tom Arsuffi;
- Doyle Mosier;
- Charlie Kreidler;
- A slot for a riparian biologist to be named later; and
- Robert Mace as the ninth and joint appointment

There were no objections; therefore, motion passed.

Motion was made by Mike Morrison and seconded by Rick Illgner to recess the meeting at 1:00 pm. There were no objections; therefore, motion passed.

The meeting was re-convened at 1:05 pm.

**3. Approval of minutes from the Implementing Committee meeting of June 5, 2012.**

Mike Morrison moved and Weir Labatt seconded to approve the June 5, 2012, Implementing Committee minutes as presented. 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.**

Robert Gulley stated he visited with Kevin Connally regarding setting up a meeting in Albuquerque with the Service soon to discuss the new EAA leadership and commitment to the HCP and possible funding by the Department of Defense. Robert also mentioned that the EAA is developing a new HCP web site.

**5. Receive report and take necessary action on the Annual Party Work Plans and Cost Estimates for 2013.**

Calvin Finch moved and Tom Taggart seconded to approve the amended 2013 New Braunfels work plan with the insertion of the following language at the conclusion of the Litter Control Section of the Work Plan: "Funds from the New Braunfels budget used for this activity in 2012 will be used to as part of the increased funding for the HCP-related work on the flow-management culverts in 2013." There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

Calvin Finch moved and Mike Morrison seconded to approve the amended 2013 EAA Ecological modeling work plan. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

Mike Morrison moved and Calvin Finch seconded to approve the amended 2013 EAA Bio-monitoring work plan with the insertion of the following language at the conclusion of the budget section on page 5 of the Work Plan: "The bio-monitoring funds replaced in the regular EAA budget by moving the activities to the HCP budget will be utilized for increased HCP-related activities funded by the regular EAA budget." There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

It was confirmed that all work plans and budgets have been approved by the Implementing Committee.

**6. Consider and take possible action regarding Corps of Engineers permitting requirements.**

Robert Gulley reported on efforts to obtain permits from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (COE). Authorization for the work in both spring systems is being sought under Nationwide General Permit 27. The application for that permit will require a "net benefit" analysis using a new model (TXRAM). HDR Engineering, Inc. developed the model for the COE. A motion was made by Tom Taggart and seconded by Weir Labatt to allow the Program Manager to contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for assistance with the modeling. The funds for this activity will come out of Project Management Funds for 2012. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

**7. Discussion and take possible action on Implementing Agreement.**

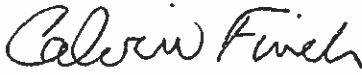
The Implementing Committee continued the discussion regarding the Implementing Committee from the Stakeholder Committee meeting. Appears that, at least two of the elements of the IA would be lost if no Implementing Agreement were executed with USFWS:

- A process for issuing Certificates of Inclusion; and
- A commitment by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to develop the State Scientific Areas (a rule creating the San Marcos State Scientific Area has already been promulgated).

Collette Barron offered to ask Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to draft a letter to the Implementing Committee stating they will carry out its obligations in Chapter 5 of the HCP. Robert Gulley was directed to developing a work around on the Certificate of Inclusion to present to the Committee

**9. Consider Future meeting dates, locations and agendas.**

The next meeting will be in San Marcos, the location to be determined later. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.



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