



NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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As requested by the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP) Program Manager, the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle Cotton Lure Standard Operating Procedure Work Group has been constructed of representatives from throughout the Edwards Aquifer Region. A meeting of this Work Group is scheduled for **Friday, March 25th, 2016 at 9 a.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins St., San Marcos, TX.** Please RSVP to spayne@edwardsaquifer.org.

Members of this Work Group include: Bob Hall (Edwards Aquifer Authority), Floyd Weckerly (EAHCP Science Committee/Texas State University), Chad Norris (EAHCP Science Committee/Texas Parks & Wildlife Department), Weston Nowlin (Texas State University), Randy Gibson (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service), Mark Enders (City of New Braunfels) and Ed Oborny (BIO-WEST).

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comment.
3. Presentation and discussion explaining the intended purpose of this Work Group:
 - a. The purpose of the Cotton Lure Work Group is for entities routinely working with the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle (CSRB) to discuss, develop and adopt a standardized operating procedure (SOP) for the CSRB cotton lure methodology.
4. Background of the EAHCP's CSRB monitoring requirement (Attachment 1).
5. Discussion of existing CSRB cotton lure SOP (Attachment 2).
6. Consideration for SOP to maximize data collected.
 - a. Develop a standard form to be used for CSRB cotton lure data collection?
 - b. What on-site data is practical and useful? Depth, substrate, etc.?
 - c. Lure exposure
 - i. Conditioning curve discussion
 - ii. Conditioning lure on-site or elsewhere
 - iii. Standardize time in the system?
 - d. Count all invertebrates? Adults and larvae?
 - e. Missing data concerns – how to handle missing lures, “bad” lures, zero CSRB counts
 - f. Base map of the system with known springs and known CSRB sites marked suggested.
 - i. Who would do it and keep the data?

7. Develop the proposed CSRB cotton lure SOP for the entities using this method.
8. Questions from the Public.
9. Adjourn.