

## MINUTES

### **For the Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee and Stakeholders Regarding the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program YO Ranch Resort and Conference Center, Kerrville, Texas December 2, 2009, 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.**

#### 1. Administrative Matters

The Chair, Con Mims, called the meeting to order. Secretary Steve Raabe called roll of the Steering Committee. A quorum was present for all purposes.

Roger Biggers made a motion to approve the Agenda. Kirk Patterson seconded the motion. There were no changes to the Agenda; thus, the Agenda was approved by consensus.

Myron Hess made a motion to approve the minutes set out as Attachment 1 to the Agenda. Jim Bower seconded the motion. Jerry James requested that the language under Item 3 read as: "After a roll-call vote, the motion did not receive an affirmative vote of 75% of the Members of the Steering Committee; thus, the motion did not pass." There were no objections to the Minutes as amended; thus, the motion passed.

#### 2. Discussion and possible decision regarding amendment to the grant seeking funds for the optimization study (Attachment 2).

Robert Gulley stated that he had submitted an amendment to the TWDB grant to include the optimization study and peer review but that TWDB could not consider the amendment until it was formally approved by the Steering Committee. Jerry James made a motion to approve the amended grant application as set out in Attachment 2. Kirk Patterson seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

#### 3. Discussion and possible decision regarding the draft NOI regarding scoping meetings for the NEPA Environmental Impact Statement.

Weir Labatt made a motion to authorize Robert Gulley to submit the NOI attached to the Agenda as Attachment 3 to USFWS. Bruce Alexander seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

#### 4. Discussion and possible decision on the contract for the optimization study subject to approval of the grant amendment by the TWDB (Tier 1) (Gulley) (Attachment 4).

Robert Gulley reported that the contract needed to be amended to make clear that section 2.2 of the Request for Proposal was not included in the contract. Kirk Patterson made a motion to approve the contract with HDR for the optimization study as set out in Attachment 4 with the

change suggested by Gulley and subject to approval of the grant amendment by the TWDB. Weir Labatt seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

Robert Gulley announced that the next meeting of the EARIP would be held at San Antonio Water System, San Antonio, Texas, on January 14, 2010. There being no further business, Tom Taggart made a motion to adjourn, Calvin Finch seconded the motion, there being no objections, Chair Con Mims, adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.