

MINUTES

For the Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee and Stakeholders Regarding the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program Schertz Civic Center, Schertz, Texas April 9, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 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.

There were no objections to the proposed agenda.

Calvin Finch made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11th meeting. Carl Adkins seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

Robert Gulley reported that the first NEPA scoping meeting was held April 1, 2010 in Victoria. Upcoming meetings are as follows:

Monday, April 12, 2010- New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 S. Casteel Avenue, New Braunfels, Texas, 78130, from 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 2010- AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1619 Garner Field Rd., Uvalde, Texas, 78801, from 6-8 p.m.

Monday, April 19, 2010- San Marcos Activity Center, 501 East Hopkins St., San Marcos, Texas, 78666, from 6-8 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 2010- San Antonio Water System, 2800 North US Highway 281, San Antonio, Texas 78212, from 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28, 2010- Harte Research Institute, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78412, from 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 29, 2010- Schreiner University, Cailloux Activity Center, 2100 Memorial Blvd., Kerrville, Texas, 78028, from 6-8 p.m.

All written public comments must be submitted by June 3, 2010.

Weir Labatt reported on the meetings he and Todd Votteler, Calvin Finch, and Jerry James had in Washington, D.C. regarding the EARIP. He reported that they met with Gloria Bell, Rick Sayers, Michael Bean from the Department of Interior to update them on the EARIP process. They also met Robin Lloyd from Representative Ciro Rodriguez' office to discuss the prospects for funding the implementation of the HCP.

1. Report and possible decision regarding the draft contract with Annear Associates Inc.

Robert Gulley reported that he has negotiated a contract with Annear and Associates Inc. (Attachment 2) for peer review of the Hardy Report and the Science Subcommittee's recommendations on the "j" charges. The contract is for \$46,600. Kirk Patterson made a motion to approve the contract. Cindy Loeffler seconded. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

Because the review team was largely comprised of State biologists and hydrologists, Robert Gulley will separately try to secure a written report from someone with an academic background. It was agreed that the Program Manager could spend up to \$7000 for the additional review.

2. Report and possible decision regarding Resolution Number 1 of the Facilitation Team regarding special procedures for facilitation (Attachment 3 to the Agenda).

After discussion, it was agreed that no changes would be made to the decision-making process for interim facilitation discussions.

3. Establishment of Work Groups to Assist in the Development of Options.

During the facilitated discussions on April 8, 2010, it became clear that HDR would not be able to evaluate by June 4 all of the options that the EARIP might wish to have HDR consider in the five "programs" the EARIP will develop on June 14-15. Accordingly, Robert Gulley suggested that we establish several work groups to at least bring together the information needed for the EARIP to better understand the options. Con Mims and Robert Gulley suggested the following work groups to evaluate options that will not be evaluated by HDR, Inc. by June 4.

Dry Year Option Work Group: Rick Illgner (Chair), Radar Gilleland, Adam Yablonski, Mary Kelly, Steve Bereyso, Mark Mosley, and Gene Richardson.

Project Work Group to evaluate topics/options such as brush management, low impact development, and Medina Lake water: Tom Taggart, Humberto Ramos, Weir Labatt, Steve Raabe, Myron Hess, Roger Biggers, Jim Bower, Kirby Brown, Kirk Patterson, Dan LaRoe, and Velma Danielson.

Dianne Wassenich made a motion to approve the suggested work groups. Jim Bower seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

There being no further business, Jim Bower made a motion to adjourn. Weir Labatt seconded the motion. There being no objections, Chair Con Mims, adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.