

MINUTES
For the Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee and Stakeholders Regarding
the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Seguin, Texas
August 13, 2009, 10 am to 4 pm

1. Remarks by Dr. Benjamin Tuggle, Regional Director, USFWS Region 2.

Dr. Tuggle gave some opening comments regarding FWS's involvement in the EARIP.

2. Administrative Matters.

Steve Raabe, EARIP Secretary, called the roll of Steering Committee. A quorum was present for all purposes. There were no objections to the proposed agenda; thus, the agenda for the meeting was approved. Dianne Wassenich made a motion to approve the minutes set out as Attachment 1 to the Agenda with an amendment to renumber the items to eliminate the duplication of item 3. Todd Taggart seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

3. Discussion of the Implementation Agreement recommended by the Implementation Agreement Work Group.

Darcy Frownfelter discussed the status of the Implementing Agreement. He said that the Work Group recommended approval of the draft attached as Attachment 6 to the Agenda. He asked that any comments on the draft be submitted to Robert Gulley no later than close of business on August 24, 2009. He said that a decision on the agreement would be scheduled for the September meeting. If the draft agreement were approved, an execution copy would be circulated at that meeting.

4. Presentations by the candidates for the facilitator position.

Velma Danielson recapped the process that the Facilitation Work Group used to select the candidates that would be presenting at the meeting. She then introduced the presentations by Kearns & West, Collaborative Processes LLC, Entrix, and the Rozelle Group. Afterwards, Velma Danielson said that the Facilitation Work Groups recommended that Collaborative Processes be retained to facilitate the EARIP decision-making process. Calvin Finch made a motion to approve the Work Group's recommendation. Kirk Patterson seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion is approved.

Diane Wassenich made a motion to give Robert Gulley authority to execute a contract with Collaborative Processes LLC not to exceed \$150,000. Tom Taggart seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

5. Discussion and possible decision on the recommendations of the RFQ Work Group for the HCP Contractor.

Mike Gonzales reported that the Work Group was not able to reach consensus regarding a recommendation on the HCP contractor, nor were they able to make a recommendation based on the voting requirements in the EARIP Program Operational Rules. Jim Bower made a motion to bring Smith/Robertson and RECON in for presentations. After discussion, Jim Bower amended his motion to bring in Smith/Robertson, RECON, and Loomis, to the September 10, 2009 EARIP meeting to give brief presentations and answer questions. Calvin Finch seconded the amended motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

It was agreed by consensus that the September 10, 2009 meeting would begin at 9:00 a.m. at San Antonio Water System in San Antonio, Texas to allow adequate time for the presentations and the remainder of the agenda.

Cindy Loeffler made a motion to adjourn. Jim Bower seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.