

## ATTACHMENT 1

### MINUTES

#### **For the Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee and Stakeholders Regarding the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program**

**Schertz Civic Center, Schertz, Texas**

**September 9, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**September 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

The Chair, Con Mims, called the meeting to order on September 9, 2010. Secretary Steve Raabe called the roll of the Steering Committee. A quorum was present for all purposes.

Robert Gulley announced the retirement of Velma Danielson from the EARIP Steering Committee. Karl Dreher, EAA General Manager, will be the new steering committee member, with Rick Illgner as the alternate. Adam Zerrenner introduced Gary Mowad, the new State Director for U.S. FWS.

Chuck Ahrens gave a presentation on SAWS Water Management Plan.

Thom Hardy gave a presentation regarding the flow levels that would be minimally protective of the listed species at Comal and San Marcos springs. Ed Oborny participated in the presentation. Thom Hardy and Ed Oborny agreed that flows of 30 cfs at Comal Springs and 45 cfs at San Marcos Springs were sufficient to ensure that the listed species could survive a repeat of the drought of record with the potential for recovery. This position was subject to two conditions: (1) that the key mitigation measures tentatively adopted by the EARIP, including the ERPA and recreation management, would be implemented; and (2) that pulses of 80 cfs for 2-to-3 months would be used to ensure that the minimum flows did not extend for longer than six months.

Calvin Finch made motion to use flow levels, 30 cfs at Comal Springs and 45 cfs at San Marcos Springs subject to the conditions described above. Humberto Ramos seconded the motion. After extensive discussion, it was agreed not to act on the motion. Instead, the Steering Committee was asked to express their support for the motion. Fifteen members indicated that they would support the motion. Seven would not support the motion. Four Steering Committee Members did not vote.

HDR, Inc. presented the results of its analyses of the five programs previously identified by the EARIP.

Con Mims recessed the meeting at 4:54 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 10, 2010.

The Chair, Con Mims, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. on September 10, 2010. Secretary Steve Raabe called roll of the Steering Committee. A quorum was present for all purposes.

Calvin Finch made motion to approve the July 27-28, 2010 minutes. Steve Raabe seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

Colette Barron gave a report on the Conservation Work Group as set out in Attachment 2.

Karl Dreher gave a presentation on conservatism of using the S.B. 3 baseline in the MOD-FLOW model.

Robert Gulley and Con Mims recommended the creation of a Rangeland Restoration Work Group to work with TCEQ to determine if obstacles to permitting the Brush management-Canyon reservoir could be addressed. Gulley and Mims recommended that the Work Group consist of: Calvin Finch, Kirby Brown, Steve Raabe, Todd Votteler, and Adam Yablonksi. Cary Betz, Kelley Faulk, and Cindy Loeffler will serve as non-voting members. Kirk Patterson made motion to accept the recommendations as proposed, Gary Middleton seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

Robert Gulley and Con Mims recommended the creation of a SAWS ASR Work Group to determine if SAWS' proposal for using its ASR could be optimized. They recommended that Calvin Finch, Roger Biggers, Karl Dreher, Con Mims, Tom Taggart, and Todd Votteler serve on the Work Group. Kirk Patterson made a motion to accept the Work Group as proposed, Myron Hess seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

The next EARIP meeting will be held at the San Marcos Activity Center, September 23-24, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. on both days.

There being no further business Con Mims adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.