

## Meeting Summary

### Edwards Aquifer RIP - Science Subcommittee Meeting February 21, 2008

#### GENERAL

- Anna Munoz asked permission to record science subcommittee meetings. Members did not voice any objections.
- Compile and distribute list of science subcommittee email/phone numbers to committee members (**Action Item – Susan**)
- Science subcommittee meeting summaries will be provided as soon as possible after science subcommittee meetings (**Action Item – Susan**)
- If a scientist wants to make a long presentation to science subcommittee, they should be put on the agenda
- If possible, no science subcommittee “breakout” meetings will be conducted without 72 hrs public notice (public notice = LISTSERV + EARIP website)
- If science subcommittee “breakout” meetings are conducted, group will need to provide verbal report to science subcommittee
- Someone from the science subcommittee should attend the bylaws meeting on February 27 (**Action Item – Susan will attend**)
- Future science subcommittee meetings will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, at 7:30a.m., at Texas River Systems Institute
- Texas River Institute is considering options to assist the EARIP science subcommittee. Possibilities include: (1) being the financial pass through for a grad student, (2) acting as peer review coordinator, (3) providing scientific work on springs (Ben Schwartz)
- USF&W is giving a workshop on structured decision making (**Feb 29, 9a.m.-1p.m. at GBRA River Annex in Seguin**)

#### SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGE k (1), (2), (3)

- Under EARIP science subcommittee website Anna is going to create, include area to put reports/papers/etc. of interest to science subcommittee (**Action Item - Anna & student**)
- Send basic USF&W “definitions” to Susan for distribution to science subcommittee (**Action Item – Will Amy**)
- EAA can present report results to science subcommittee after March 11 (**draft report available on EAA website by Feb 25**)
- Science subcommittee members will review charge and provide input on what areas of expertise the science subcommittee might need. Provide input to Susan by Feb 29 (**Action Item – Science Subcommittee Members**)
- At March 17, 2008 science subcommittee meeting Will Amy (section 10) and Robert Gulley (sections 7 & 9) will give Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) presentation (**Action Item – Will Amy, Robert Gulley**)

- Science subcommittee k (1), (2), (3) report is due to steering committee by 12/31 and will be peer reviewed after the report is provided to the steering committee.
- Reaching consensus will be the objective of science subcommittee, but where not reached, it will be noted in the final report (along with explanation of differing positions)
- A number of pertinent documents are available under “Guidance Documents” on EARIP website (<http://irnr.tamu.edu/earip/>)
- Anna Munoz will look at other RIP’s to see if there are any similar final reports for science subcommittee to take a look at (**Action Item – Anna Munoz**)
- USF&W is looking into revising the San Marcos Recovery Plan. This will be an agenda topic at the general EARIP meeting in April

### **SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE WEBSITE**

- Anna Munoz will work on creating a science subcommittee area under general EARIP website (**Action Item – Anna Munoz**)
- Science Subcommittee will use EARIP website for meeting notices (in addition to LISTSERV)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **Carol Patterson:**

\* Regarding the reason for the SB3 charge to the Science Subcommittee to evaluate the option of designating a separate San Marcos pool:  
 In the fall of 2006, the San Marcos springflow trigger kept the San Antonio pool (from Kyle to the Uvalde County line) in stage 2 critical period for a month and a half after the J-17 Bexar County indicator well and Comal Springs triggers rose to stage 2 and then above stage one. Her understanding of the purpose of the request for a recommendation would be to achieve fair critical period management for permit holders and effective protection of San Marcos Springflow.

\* Encouraged urgency in addressing the (K) (1) (2) (3) questions so that there would be time for full public comment on draft recommendations before the final recommendations are made to meet the Dec 31st deadline.

#### **Kirk Patterson:**

\*Please call on all scientific experts who have special expertise in the areas related to (k)(1), (2) & (3)

\*Please collect and review all reports relating to scientific questions implicit in (k) (1), (2) & (3)

\*Begin working with the EAA early in your process – its reports, experts and policy makers – so as to avoid misunderstandings and disconnects at the time your recommendations are made at the end of the year

\*To help evaluate and understand the separate “pool” question for San Marcos and the “trigger point” question related to San Marcos Springs, consider looking to the fact issues that were addressed and the policy standards applied in creating the existing “Uvalde” pool separately from the San Antonio pool.

**NEXT SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING:** March 17, 2008  
7:30a.m. – 3:00p.m.  
Texas River Systems Institute

**2008 SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES:** March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

**February 21, 2008 Meeting Attendance List:**

Mary Ambrose  
Susan Aragon-Long  
Rene Barker  
Norman Boyd  
Thomas Brandt  
Alan Dutton  
Robert Green  
Charles Kreitler  
Glenn Longley  
Robert Mace  
Edmund Oborny  
Jackie Poole  
Sam Vaugh  
John Waugh  
Bob Edwards (via teleconference)

Robert Gulley  
Andy Sansom  
Mike Abbott  
Anna Munoz  
Dan Laroe  
Steve Bereyso  
Kirk Patterson  
Carol Patterson  
Todd Votteler  
Will Amy  
Diane Wassenich  
Doyle Mosier  
Rick Illgner