

ATTACHMENT 1: DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program

March 13, 2008

GBRA River Annex

Seguin, TX

Notetaker: Anna Maria Muñoz

Reviewed and Edited by Dr. Robert Gulley

Administrative Matters

Robert Gulley reported that the new signatories to the MOA are the Nueces River Authority, City of New Braunfels, and City of Garden Ridge.

Draft meeting minutes for the February 14, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved by the Steering Committee

Robert Gulley reported on the candidates for independent peer review of the work by the Expert Science Subcommittee.

Report from Expert Science Subcommittee

Susan Aragon-Long provided a summary of the February 21, 2008 Science Subcommittee meeting. She also said that starting in April, the Subcommittee will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 am. Most of the meetings will be at the Texas River Systems Institute.

Susan Aragon-Long reported that Robert Edwards resigned from the Science Subcommittee. She distributed a copy of his resignation letter at the meeting. She also reported that Science Subcommittee has recommended Gary Garrett as a replacement.

Gary Middleton made a motion that the Science Subcommittee be asked to formally make its recommendation for the vacant position so that it can be placed on the agenda for a decision at the next meeting. Roger Biggers seconded the motion. The Steering Committee unanimously agreed to the Middleton Motion.

Report on the Development of Bylaws

Robert Gulley reported on the status of the preparation of a draft set of bylaws. He requested that he receive all comments on the draft by laws attached to the agenda by close of business on March 21, 2008. He plans to have a recommended draft for discussion and possible action by the Steering Committee at the April 10 meeting.

Report on Work Plan

Robert Gulley provided a report on the work that will be needed to submit a Habitat Conservation Plan by September 1, 2012. He said that he has invited a panel of scientists to discuss in stream flows during the April 10th meeting. In addition, Adam Zerrenner has asked Jean Cochrane a consultant working with USGS to come to the April 10th meetings and give a presentation on other approaches that have been used to analyze extinction risk for listed species.

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Nominees for the Steering Committee

Robert Gulley reported that nominations had been received for four of the five categories recommended in the MOA to serve as new Steering Committee members:

Representative of a conservation organization

- San Marcos River Foundation (Diane Wassenich)

Representative of Edwards Aquifer region municipal ratepayers/general public

- Regional Clean Air and Water (Kirk Patterson)
- San Antonio League of Women Voters (Elena Guajardo)

Representative of a holder of an Edwards Aquifer Authority initial regular permit issued to a small municipality (population under 50,000) located east of San Antonio

- City of Garden Ridge (Jim Bower)

Nueces River Water Authority (Con Mims); and

Representative of Guadalupe River Basin municipal ratepayers/general public

- No nominations

After extended discussion, Roger Biggers made a motion to have the Steering Committee include all five categories as new members of the Steering Committee and to vote now on the appointment of members for the four categories which we have nominees. The motion further provided that, if there has not been a nomination for the 5th category by the next meeting, the elected members for the 4 categories will be seated at that meeting. If there is a nominee for the 5th category, then the four elected members will be seated after a representative of Guadalupe River Basin municipal ratepayers/general public has been elected. Nominations will be accepted for the 5th category and a decision will be made at the April 10 meeting on the nominations for the 5th category. The motion was seconded by Bruce Alexander. After further discussion, the Steering Committee unanimously agreed to Biggers Motion.

Con Mims was automatically seated as the representative of the Nueces River Authority as he is the agency's selected representative.

Bruce Alexander made a motion to accept the San Marcos River Foundation as the entity representing a conservation organization. The motion was seconded by Cindy Loeffler. The Steering Committee unanimously agreed to the Alexander Motion.

Buck Benson made a motion to accept the City of Garden Ridge as the holder of an initial permit holder of an Edwards Aquifer Authority initial regular permit issued to a small municipality (population under 50,000), located east of San Antonio. The motion was

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seconded by Humberto Ramos. The Steering Committee unanimously agreed to the Benson Motion.

There were two nominees for the representative of Edwards Aquifer region municipal ratepayers/general public: Regional Clean Air and Water Association (RCAWA) and the San Antonio League of Women Voters (SALWV). Weir Labatt moved that the Steering Committee accept RCAWA as the representative of the Edwards Aquifer rate payers. The motion was seconded by Calvin Finch. By a vote of 14 of the 21 Steering Committee members, the motion to seat RCAWA was adopted.

Robert Gulley stated that he will accept nominations for the 5th category until close of business on March 31st. Robert Gulley asked that the minutes reflect the consensus of the group that all members of the Steering Committee should be reaching out to keep the interest category apprised of the RIP and that the Steering Committee appreciated SALWV's offer to be part of the RIP process.

Other Business

Robert Gulley asked for volunteers to meet with him to discuss the budget he intends to submit at the next meeting. Calvin Finch, Mary Kelly, Julie Norton, and Tom Taggart volunteered to serve in that capacity.

Bruce Alexander is leaving the City of Castroville and will be moving to East Medina Special Utility District but will still be on the SC. The EAA Board made a special decision to change the representative of a retail public utility located west of Bexar County to the East Medina Special Utility District. Bruce Alexander will be the representative of the East Medina Special Utility District.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm