

**April 9, 2008**

**To:** Dr. Robert Gulley (EARIP Program Manager)

**From:** Susan C. Aragon-Long (Chair, EARIP Science Subcommittee)

**Subject:** Science Subcommittee Recommendation to Add Michael Gonzales to Replace Bryan Brooks on the Subcommittee

The Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program Science Subcommittee has reached consensus on Michael Gonzales to replace Bryan Brooks on the subcommittee. Michael Gonzales, aquatic biologist with the San Antonio River Authority, currently manages SARA's Environmental Services Department. Michael's areas of expertise include fish community evaluations, biological monitoring systems, Index of Biotic Integrity Protocols, Rapid Bio-assessment Protocols, and water quality monitoring. Michael has a strong background in freshwater benthic macroinvertebrates, and he's directed and managed several studies and assessments in the San Antonio River Basin that used benthic macroinvertebrates as indicators of aquatic health. In addition, Michael has been involved in National Historic Park Fish Surveys, Salado Creek Total Maximum Daily Load studies, and High Strength Waste Water studies.

In particular, Michael's knowledge of stream ecosystems and his ability to develop indices to measure aquatic ecosystem health will be an asset to the EARIP Expert Science Subcommittee. Michael has been an active participant in the EARIP since its inception, and he's attended EARIP Science Subcommittee meetings.