

Meeting Minutes

**Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program
May 8, 2008
SAWS Customer Service Building
San Antonio, TX**

Administrative Matters

The Meeting Minutes for the April 10, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

A roll call of the Steering Committee was taken and a quorum was present for discussion and voting on all matters.

Nomination of Officers for Steering Committee

The Nomination Workgroup recommended the following candidates for officers of the Steering Committee:

Chair - Robert Potts
Vice Chair - Cindy Loeffler
Secretary - Steve Raabe

Bruce Alexander moved that the Steering Committee accept the slate of nominated officers. Roger Biggers seconded the motion. Twenty-four members of the Steering Committee approved the motion; there were no objections to the motion. The motion passed.

Report from the Expert Science Subcommittee

Susan Aragon-Long provided a summary of the April 21, 2008 Science Subcommittee Meeting. She requested any interested party to submit a 1-page position paper on each item listed under section (k) by May 31, 2008.

The Science Subcommittee recommended that Mike Gonzales of SARA be selected to replace Bryan Brooks who has resigned. Humberto Ramos moved that the Steering Committee accept the nomination of Mr. Gonzales for appointment to the Science Subcommittee. Buck Benson seconded the motion. Twenty-four members of the Steering Committee approve the motion; there were no objections to the motion. The motion passed.

Report from the Finance Committee

Calvin Finch reported on the work of the Finance Workgroup. Annalisa Peace has developed a grant proposal in an effort to gain additional funding for the EARIP. In addition, Jerry James has been talking to Sen. Hegar regarding the sources of funding from the State Legislature. In addition, Mr. Finch said that, unless there were objections the letter attached to the agenda would be sent to the Steering Committee and MOA Participants requesting commitment of additional funds to support the activities of the EARIP through March 2009. There were no objections.

Annalisa Peace stated that individual Participants can make contributions to the EARIP via the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance. All checks would be made out to GEAA, but the donor would indicate that the funds are for the EARIP in the subject line.

Report on Biological Modeling

The Biological Monitoring Workgroup made the following recommendation to the Steering Committee:

1. That the EARIP, by action of the Steering Committee, authorize the development of the biological information for informing the “take” and “jeopardy” analysis in conjunction with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
2. That USGS should be requested to develop by May 23, 2008, a brief scope of work and cost estimate for review by the Biological Modeling Workgroup and EARIP.
3. That the process used to develop biological information for the “take” and “jeopardy” analysis must be open and transparent at all steps in the process consistent with a structured decision-making process

Calvin Finch moved that the Steering Committee accept the recommendation of the Biological Monitoring Workgroup. Roger Biggers seconded the motion. Twenty-five members of the Steering Committee approve the motion; there were no objections to the motion. The motion passed.

Recharge and Outreach Subcommittees

Recharge Subcommittee

Kirk Patterson moved that the Steering Committee accept nominations for the Recharge Facility Subcommittee until June 1, 2008 with nominations being sent to the Program Manager. Calvin Finch seconded the motion. After discussion, the original motion was amended as follows: Consideration of the establishment of the Recharge Facility Subcommittee will be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible decision at the July meeting. A Recharge Facility Subcommittee Workgroup will make a recommendation to the Steering Committee at the June 12, 2008 meeting regarding the general scope of the charge of this subcommittee and its possible composition. Nominations for membership on that Subcommittee will be submitted by June 30, 2008. Kirk Patterson accepted this amended motion. Calvin Finch seconded the amended

motion. Twenty-five Steering Committee members approve the amended motion; there were no objections to the motion. The motion was passed.

Myron Hess moved that the following persons be included as members of the Recharge Facility Subcommittee Workgroup to make the above-stated recommendation to the Steering Committee:

Kirk Patterson
Tyson Broad
Con Mims
Dan Laroe
Steve Raabe
Buck Benson
Patrick Shriver
David Langford
John Donahue
Jim Bower

Cindy Loeffler seconded the motion. Twenty-six members of the Steering Committee approved the motion; there were no objections. The motion passed.

Outreach Subcommittee

Dianne Wassenich moved that the Steering Committee establish a Public Outreach Subcommittee to develop a strategy for reaching out at a local, regional, and national level. Bill West seconded the motion.

Tom Taggart moved that the motion be amended to ask that nominations for membership be submitted by June 1, 2008. Cindy Loeffler seconded the amended motion. Twenty-six members of the Steering Committee approved the amended motion; there were no objections. The motion passed.

Presentation on Structured Decision-making by Lee Failing

Lee Failing of Compass Resource Management provided a presentation on the structured decision-making process and discussed various cases in which structured decision-making had been successfully used to address complex environmental issues related to water management.

Discussion of the Environmental Baseline

Robert Gulley and Adam Zerrenner provided a presentation on determination of the environmental baseline.

Discussion of the Agenda for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at SAWS on June 12, 2008 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Con Mims requested that the agenda for the next meeting include consideration of the use of the structured decision-making process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35.