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## PUBLIC AGENDA

### **Committee to Review the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Program**

#### **First Meeting February 13–15, 2014**

Edwards Aquifer Authority Headquarters  
900 E. Quincy, San Antonio, TX 78215

#### **Thursday, February 13**

8:30–10:15      ***Closed Session***

#### ***Open Session***

10:15–10:30      **Introductions, Review of Meeting Agenda, Ground Rules for Session**  
*Danny Reible, Committee Chair, NAE, Texas Tech*

10:30–10:45      **Introduction to the NRC and the Committee Process**  
*Laura Ehlers, Study Director, Water Science and Technology Board*

10:45–12:00      **Introduction to the Edwards Aquifer and the EAA**  
*Nathan Pence, Executive Director Habitat Conservation Programs, EAA*

- Introduction to the Edwards Aquifer and Habitat Conservation Plan
- Request for the NRC study
- Goals/desires for the NRC study: deliverables and specific advice

12:00–1:00      **Lunch**

1:00–1:30      **Hydrologic modeling efforts: Update on MODFLOW and Finite Element Model**  
*Nathan Pence and Jim Winterle, EAA*

1:30–2:00      **Water Quality Monitoring: Program Overview**  
*Mark Hamilton, EAA*

2:00–2:30      **Biological Monitoring: Program Overview**  
*Nathan Pence, EAA, and Edmund Oborny, BLOWEST Consulting*

- 2:30–3:00            **Ecological Modeling: Program Overview**  
*Nathan Pence, EAA, and Edmund Oborny, BIOWEST Consulting*
- 3:00–3:15            **Break**
- 3:15–4:00            **Applied Research in Support of the HCP: Program Overview**  
*Nathan Pence and Bob Hall, EAA*
- 4:00–5:30            **Stakeholder Open Mike Session**

**Friday, February 14**

8:15–10:15            ***Closed Session***

***Open Session (if needed)***

- 10:15–12:00            **Discussion with Sponsor**
- Give thoughts on science to date
  - Ask additional questions/get clarification
  - Request materials/information
  - Discuss agenda of 2nd meeting, including field trip

12:00–4:00            ***Closed Session***

**Saturday, February 15**

***Tour of the Comal and San Marcos Springs***

- 8:00                    Depart Indigo Hotel lobby for Comal Springs
- 9:00–10:30            Tour the Comal Springs: Start @ Parks and Recreation Office, 110 Golf Course Rd, New Braunfels, TX, 78132.
- 10:30–11:00            Travel to San Marcos Springs
- 11:30–1:00            Tour the San Marcos Springs: Start @ Meadows Center for Water, 951 Aquarena Springs Dr., San Marcos, TX, 78666.