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x	8	SAWS	"and Universal City, have (has?)..."	Y	Replace "have", with "has"	3	Blanton	Change made.
xi	39-42	SAWS	were any species actually kept in the zoo facility during the contractor period? Elaborate...	Y	Insert at the end of line 42: "The Covered Species were collected and held at the Zoo where the contractor conducted studies to inform proper husbandry techniques (see Salvage Refugia Report Appendix K4)."	2	EAHCP/Blanton	Change made.
xii	25-29	SAWS	it may be worth listing out or mentioning a few examples of the meetings/types facilitated during a typical year so readers get a sense of the administrative side of the Plan.	Y	Rewrite line 25-26: "The EAHCP completed another active year, with the program staff facilitating more than 20 public meetings. This included regular meetings of the IC, SC and SH, as well as topical based Work Groups to inform program decisions."	2	EAHCP/Blanton	Change made.
2	Fig. 1.0-1	SAWS	Example inset maps such as in Figure ES-1 page V present some challenges. Throughout the document they don't always match the area of focus and the redline box indicating the focus area is also in in the legend generally the EAA boundaries on the more detailed map – this can lead to confusion consider color not in legend.	N	Duly noted.	N/A	EAHCP/Blanton	No changes required.
11	5	SAWS	Either "Eighty-nine years" should be written as "89 years", or else "60 years" should be written as "sixty years". Suggest "89 years".	N	Duly noted.	N/A	EAHCP/Blanton	No change required. Both the Chicago Manual of Style and the AP Stylebook indicate that numbers at the beginning of a sentence should be spelled out.
17		SAWS	reviewer had some challenge finding I3, which is part of appendix I. May consider bringing big picture of the new sampling plan to the text of the annual report since it was a monumental undertaking and did bring in some new significant approaches. For example sampling protocol moved more from drinking water standards to biological approach.	Y	Insert this new figure.	2	EAHCP/Blanton	Change made.
22	17	SAWS	"In December 2015, BIO-WEST, Inc., (BIO-WEST) submitted an 575 page-interim..."	Y	Remove "575 page" in text.	3	Blanton	Change made.
23	14	SAWS	"a small water purveyor using water from the Edwards Aquifer." Name or list who is the current designated.	Y	Insert "the City of Uvalde" in text. I think we made this change elsewhere (please reflect).	2	EAHCP/Blanton	Change made.
32		SAWS	General comment. A most significant event in the theft of blind salamanders occurred in the fall of 2016. Is it appropriate to document this and describe impact, if any considering Long-Term Refugia Operations? The EAA under its contracting on behalf of the program entered into this contract with IC concurrence, but the absence of any address to this significant short-coming or at minimum some discussion seems curious to be absent anywhere in the reporting. It might be worth documenting the event and that under the new contract USFWS has agreed to put into place addition security / practices at their cost.	Y	Insert at the end of line 24: "Due to the theft of the Texas blind salamanders prior to the execution of the EAHCP contract, the USFWS SMARC facility will include additional security measures in 2017."	2	EAHCP/Blanton	Change made.
50	8	SAWS	should read "...several permit holders participating in the ASR program, as well as..."	Y	Insert this change.	3	Blanton	Change made.
53	13	Ron Ellis	Second sentence, starting on line 13, is a runon and needs review.	Y	Rewrite: " The learned lessons through this successful experience have given the EAA ccause to consider that fulfilling the obligations of the ASR leasing program, as envisioned in the EAHCP, could potentially be achieved in a more cost-effective manner. This could be done by considering the realities of the groundwater market and related considerations, such as improved weather conditions."	2	EAHCP/Blanton	Change made.

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56	14	SAWS	should read "...of not to exceed.."	Y	Insert this change.	3	Blanton	Change made.
68		SAWS	Doesn't the NAS disagree with the strategy to use aeration system? Also, appears that monitoring system was down for most of the summer of 2016, when data was most needed (Pg 70, Lines 1 through3). Reliability of this equipment?	N	There has been discussion to make changes. This is mentioned in the Proposed Activities section.	N/A	EAHCP/Blanton	No changes required.
71		SAWS	No mention of any research on whether problem is increasing in Fountain Darters, or getting less.	N	No conclusive data has determined if the gill parasite has increased or decreased. Discussion has begun whether the gill parasite is as detrimental to FDs as previously thought.	N/A	EAHCP/Blanton	No changes required.
73		SAWS	Are NBPD and CCSD enforcing these prohibitions?	N	City enforcement applies (line 13).	N/A	EAHCP/Blanton	No changes required.
79		SAWS	Recommend review 2016 Landa Lake Golf Course Integrated Pest management Plan (IPMP) and provide comments. Is overland flow from golf course routed such that it does not impact habitat areas? Is storm flow coming off of golf course and entering Landa Lake and Old Channel being sampled where it enters? Example -grouted rock swale in Figure 3.2-12 (Pg 81)?	N	EAA's water quality monitoring program covers this sampling area. In the odd years, an EAA Contractor samples for golf course parameters at specific locations.	N/A	EAHCP/Blanton	No changes required.
173		SAWS	routine decisions This comment is related to stormwater permit requirements and AMP; SAWS wants to ensure that any AMP process related to this is within the guidelines of the FMA. This means that the projects can't be part of an existing MS4 plan/permit.	Y	Insert at the end of line 27 on page 184: "Any changes to the EAHCP regarding stormwater protection will be compared to COSM and Texas State MS4 permit requirement to ensure no EAHCP funds will be spent to complete required work."	2	EAHCP/Blanton	Change made.