

**MEETING MINUTES****October 15, 2015**

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1. Call to order--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented.
9:22 a.m.

Members of this committee include: Tom Taggart (San Marcos), Roland Ruiz (EAA), Steve Ramsey (New Braunfels), Darren Thompson (SAWS), Andrew Sansom (Texas State University), and Todd Votteler (GBRA).

Melani Howard was to represent Texas State as an alternate for Andrew Sansom; however, Melani called in sick the morning of the meeting. To establish quorum, Dianne Wassenich participated in Melani's place, with the prior approval of Melani and Andrew.

2. Public Comment.
None.
3. Approval of minutes from the August 20, 2015 Implementing Committee meeting.
Approved.
4. Received report from the Program Manager on general topics related to the implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and operation of the Implementing Committee.
 - Springflows and Index Well Levels
Nathan Pence presented springflows and index well levels.
 - Budget Update
Nathan Pence provided the EAHCP budget update.
 - ASR Operations by SAWS
Darren Thompson presented the latest information on ASR operations. There is 11,750 AF of water stored for the HCP.
 - ASR Leasing Update
Rick Illgner provided an update on ASR leasing.
 - Refugia Update
Nathan Pence provided an update on EAHCP Refugia activities.
 - NAS Update
Nathan Pence updated the Committee concerning the upcoming NAS meetings, October 28-30, 2015.
 - City of New Braunfels Permittee Update
Mark Enders presented the Permittee Update for the City of New Braunfels. Mr. Enders mentioned that the City has removed substantially all of Hygrophila that was in the Comal system.
 - City of San Marcos and Texas State University Permittee Showcase
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Alicia Reinmund-Martinez updated the Implementing Committee concerning the latest progress of the Applied Research Work Group, which finished its last meeting on October 16, 2015.
5. Staff Report: Presentation of the EAA's Hydrologic Modeling.
Jim Winterle presented on the EAA's hydrologic modeling program. Discussion followed.
 6. Discussion and possible action to adopt a proposed succession plan for the Implementing Committee Officers.
Steve Ramsey suggested adopting the proposed succession plan however renaming it to "succession agenda" and requiring an annual ratification process for renaming officers to provide flexibility in instances when the next office appointment falls on someone who may not have sufficient experience to chair the committee. Tom Taggart made the motion and seconded by Steve Ramsey. Motion was approved.
 7. Presentation and discussion of 2016 Meeting Schedule.
Nathan Pence presented the 2016 Meeting Schedule. Darren Thompson asked whether SAWS would host future meetings, and Texas State was mentioned as well. Nathan agreed that staff would be reaching out to Permittees to schedule additional meeting locations as indicated.
 8. Presentation and possible action to approve the amended 2016 EAA Work Plan.
Darren Thompson motioned to accept the table with three changes renaming "PCS – Miscellaneous" as "Unallocated contingency," subsuming "PCS – NAS Implementation" within the aforementioned category, and labeling the fact the Refugia Director would be paid through EAA on the HCP organization plan chart. The motion was seconded by Tom Taggart and approved.
 9. Presentation and possible action to approve the amended 2016 City of New Braunfels Work Plan.
Mark Enders presented the changes to the City of New Braunfels work plan and budget. Those changes included the need to use current and future funding for the bank stabilization project. Roland Ruiz requested that the Implementing Committee receive a mid-year work plan and budget update to learn of delayed projects.

Chairman Taggart moved to adopt the amended Work Plan as presented, on the condition that upon receipt of bids, that the City of New Braunfels would report back to the Implementing Committee the received cost amounts for the Project. In the event that this cost deviates from that presented in the amended Work Plan, the City of New Braunfels would be required to resubmit a revised Work Plan and Funding Application to reflect the new amounts. The motion was seconded Roland Ruiz and approved.
 10. Presentation and possible action to approve the amended 2016 City of San Marcos/Texas State University Work Plan.
Steve Ramsey moved to approve the amended City of San Marcos/Texas State University Work Plan and was seconded by Roland Ruiz and approved by the Committee.
 11. Presentation and possible action to approve the 2016 Funding Applications to be submitted to the EAA Board.
The 2016 Funding Applications were approved as presented by the Committee.

Tom Arsuffi discussed his concern over the possibility that San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center would not be involved with the long-term refugia project given that their scientific expertise with working with the Covered Species would be lost. Copies of a resolution to this effect were distributed to the Implementing Committee.

14. Adjourn.
11:42 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Ramsey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Steve Ramsey, Secretary