ATTACHMENT 5

RFP Distribution

The three Comal Springs Riffle Beetle studies for the 2016 Applied Research Program were distributed to 231 recipient e-mail addresses representing environmental consulting firms, academic researchers, professional mailing lists, and other relevant network contacts. Organizations and individuals with backgrounds in aquatic ecology, aquatic entomology, and allied fields from through the United States were among the RFP distribution list recipients.

Mailing lists used included the Ecological Society of America ECOLOG-L list-serv (18,708 recipients); the Society for Freshwater Science BENTHOS-L list-serv; and a Texas Entomology mailing list, TX-ENTO. The RFPs were also posted on the Society for Freshwater Science Classifieds website.

Academic institutions were identified using the Entomological Society of America's listing of all graduate programs in Entomology in the U.S. They included Colorado State, Cornell, Iowa State, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Purdue, Rutgers, State U. of New York, Texas A&M, Texas State, Trinity U., U.C. Berkeley, U. of Alaska, U. of Delaware, U. of Florida, U. of Georgia, U. of Hawaii, U. of Illinois, U. of Kansas, U. of Maine, U. of Maryland, U. of Michigan, U. of Minnesota, U. of Nebraska, U. of South Alabama, U.T. Austin, U.T. San Antonio, U. of Wisconsin, Utah State, and Washington State.

Expanded efforts to increase the potential pool of applicants for EAHCP Applied Research opportunities resulted in over 230x increase in RFP distribution list coverage.

Applied Research Proposal Timeline

September 9 Science Committee receives Scope of Work review procedure.

September 16 Close date for RFP proposal submission.

September 17 Science Committee will receive Scopes of Work for review.

September 28 *Noon - Science Committee deadline for submitting review forms.

December 31 Final execution of contracts.