



NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING
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As required by Section 7.7.4 of the Funding and Management Agreement (FMA), an interlocal agreement made pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 791 by and among the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA), the City of New Braunfels (New Braunfels), the City of San Marcos (San Marcos), the City of San Antonio acting by and through its San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Texas State University, and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), a meeting of the **Implementing Committee** of the **Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Program** is scheduled for **9 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the Edwards Aquifer Authority (Recharge Room), 900 E. Quincy, San Antonio, Texas, 78215**. Lunch will not be provided.

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).

At this meeting, the following business may be considered and recommended for committee action:

1. Call to order: Establish that all Committee members are present or represented.
2. Public comment.
3. Approval of October 15, 2015 Implementing Committee meeting minutes (Attachment 1).
4. Receive report from the Program Manager on general topics related to the implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and operation of the Implementing Committee.
 - Summary of Flood Impacts to EAHCP Restoration in the Comal and San Marcos springs systems.
 - ASR Operations by SAWS
 - Budget Update (Attachment 2)
 - National Academy of Sciences October 2015 Meeting Summary
 - 2015 EAHCP Annual Report Timeline (Attachment 3)
5. Presentation and discussion on an EAA summary of well permitting and pumping history from 2008 to 2014.

Purpose: To inform the Implementing Committee about compliance in well permitting from 2008 to 2014.

Action: No action required.

6. Presentation and possible approval of a proposed Scope of Work (SOW) to evaluate methodologies and develop timelines for the EAHCP restoration of native vegetation in the San Marcos and Comal ecosystems as it pertains to achieving the Biological Goals (Attachment 4).
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the Implementing Committee to approve a proposed SOW.
Action: To possibly approve the proposed SOW.
7. Presentation of and possible approval authorizing the EAHCP Program Manager to submit a letter to USFWS informing them about operational issues and future plans related to: 1) the evaluation of native aquatic vegetation restoration, 2) the source of data for calculating the compliance of Texas Wild-rice coverage, and 3) the delay in implementing the flow manipulation in the Old Channel of the Comal River. (Attachment 5).
Purpose: To provide the Implementing Committee with a draft letter to be considered for submission to the USFWS.
Action: To approve authorizing the EAHCP Program Manager to submit a letter to USFWS regarding 1) the evaluation of native aquatic vegetation restoration, 2) the source of data for calculating the compliance of Texas Wild-rice coverage, and 3) the delay in implementing the flow manipulation in the Old Channel of the Comal River.
8. Presentation and discussion about a strategic approach for optimizing EAHCP research programs.
Purpose: To inform the Implementing Committee about a strategic approach to all EAHCP research programs that maximizes resources in support of accomplishing the EAHCP Biological Goals and Objectives.
Action: No action required.
9. Presentation and possible adoption of the *Report of the 2015 Applied Research Work Group* for implementation.
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the Implementing Committee to approve and adopt the final deliverable of the Applied Research Work Group for implementation.
Action: To adopt the *Report of the 2015 Applied Research Work Group*.
10. Presentation and possible direction authorizing the EAHCP Program Manager to initiate a phased approach for procuring a database for EAHCP data and for conducting a statistical analysis of EAHCP data.
Purpose: To present the concept for a phased approach to a data management system and data analysis process that will assist in accomplishing the EAHCP Biological Goals and Objectives.
Action: To approve authorizing the EAHCP Program Manager to initiate a process to procure a database for EAHCP data and for conducting a statistical analysis of EAHCP data.
11. Presentation and possible action to approve the amended 2015 EAA Funding Application to be submitted to the EAA Board (Attachment 6).
Purpose: To provide the Implementing Committee the opportunity to review and discuss the amended 2015 EAHCP Funding Application reflecting an increase in the budget appropriated for the National Academy of Science Science Review Panel contract.

Action: To consider possible approval to submit the amended 2015 EAA Funding Application to the EAA Board.

12. Consider future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas. – Joint Meeting, December 17, 2015 at the Edwards Aquifer Authority.
13. Questions from the public.
14. Adjourn.