



MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2015

1. **Call to order**--Establish that all Committee members are present or represented.
Tom Taggart, Chair of the Implementing Committee, called roll to ensure all partners are represented. All committee members were present and accounted for.
2. **Public Comment.**
No comment
3. **Receive report from the Program Manager on general topics related to the Habitat Conservation Plan.**
 - J-17 Forecast
Nathan Pence, EAHCP Program Manager, presented the springflow and index well levels and J-17 forecasts.
 - Covered Species Photographs
Mr. Pence presented the photos received of the EAHCP Covered Species.
 - Refugia Update
Mr. Pence provided an update on the status of the Salvage Refugia Program.
 - Regional Water Conservation Program Update
Mr. Pence provided an update on the RWCP. Roland Ruiz, EAA, and Darren Thompson, SAWS, provided details about the leak repair program projected to conserve approximately 20,000 acre-feet over the next 5-years. This agreement will provide the remaining commitments necessary to satisfy the obligations required in the EAHCP.
 - 2016 EAHCP Committee Dates. Mr. Pence told committee members that the 2016 meeting schedules have been posted online as attachments to this meeting.
 - Data Management Program for EAHCP
Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, EAHCP Director, presented the details of the future Data Management Program. The program is projected to be completed in 2016.
 - National Academy of Sciences Report 1 and 2 update
Mr. Pence presented a summary of the EAHCP's response to the NAS Report 1 and the beginning stages of developing Report 2.
 - 2015 Success
Mr. Pence presented a list of accomplishments for the HCP for 2015.
4. **Staff Report: Presentation on the Hydrologic Model.**
Jim Winterle, EAA, presented an update on the Hydrologic Modeling effort. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.

There were questions and discussion on how to manage uncertainty in the hydrologic modeling results to make policy decisions in the future.
5. **Staff Report: Presentation on the Ecological Model.**

Ed Oborny, Bio-West Inc., presented an update on the development of the Ecological Model. Full presentation can be found at eahcp.org.

There were questions and discussion on how year-to-year changes in the systems could possibly effect the data used in the model and ultimately compromise the results.

6. Presentation of the first potential Nonroutine Adaptive Management action: Evaluation of Native Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration.

Steve Raabe, Stakeholder Committee Chair, described the format of the presentations, panel discussions, and question and answer.

Mr. Pence presented the details of the process required in making Nonroutine Adaptive Management decisions. Full presentation is available at eahcp.org.

7. Panel Discussion: Discussion regarding the first potential Nonroutine Adaptive Management action: Evaluation of Native Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration.

Mr. Raabe introduced Mr. Pence and Myron Hess, Vice-chair of the Stakeholder Committee. The Panel received questions from the audience regarding various topics.

8. Presentation of EAHCP Strategic Adaptive Management (Phase II) decision making process.

Mr. Pence presented the details of the process required in making Strategic Adaptive Management decisions in Phase II of the HCP. Full presentation is available at eahcp.org.

9. Panel Discussion: Discussion regarding EAHCP Strategic Adaptive Management (Phase II) decision making process.

Mr. Raabe introduced the panel of Mr. Pence, Mark Hamilton, EAA, and Tom Taggart, City of San Marcos.

Question regarding the Hydrologic Model and next steps were discussed. Additionally, Mr. Raabe asked questions regarding critical information needed to start planning for Phase II.

10. Future agenda items and topics of discussion.

11. Questions from the public.

- Gary Middleton, Stakeholder Committee meeting mentioned the need for a succession plan for the members of the various HCP committees.
- Dianne Wassenich expressed concern about the changes in the Refugia program.

12. Adjourn- 12:41 pm.



Steve Ramsey, Secretary