



Record of Decisions

**Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
Scientific Advisory Committee
May 15, 2012, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Reicher Ranch Cana House
3621 South Ranch Road 620
Austin, Texas 78738**

Attending:

David Steed
Craig Farquhar
Jean Krejka

Excused:

John Cornelius
John Herron
Monica Swartz
Nico Hauwert

Due to a lack of a quorum Chair Steed convened as a Committee of the Whole. Actions taken will require ratification from the entire committee when a quorum reconvenes.

1. **Review and approve minutes from 10/11//2011** Motion to approve Farquhar, Second Krejka Carried 3/0
2. **Follow up on request from Coordinating Committee for data from Morrison et al GCWA Abundance study** – Willy Conrad gave a verbal report on the Coordinating Committee's request. He also reported that Morrison's study had been published in the Journal of Wildlife Management. Chair Steed requested a copy Kevin Connolly offered to forward a copy to members through the secretary. Following discussion members agreed that the SAC should review the publication, the submitted report and data, and offer a recommendation to the Coordinating committee about the study's applicability to BCP. No action was taken.
3. **Subcommittee reports**
 - a. **Mountain Bike Experimental Design** – Steed reported that the subcommittee had a very productive field trip on May 12, 2012. They will also reconvene soon to continue with their efforts
 - b. **Karst** – no report
 - c. **BCP Research Strategic Plan** – No report
4. **Staff Updates** – Willy Conrad gave an update on the karst study associated with Davis Lane/Deer Lane Realignment project. Shelley Miller and Linda Laack presented and discussed a written report from the County. Jarrod Depew gave a verbal report for LCRA. Lisa O'Donnell presented and discussed a written report from the City.
5. **BCP research Updates** – Member Swartz suggested through staff that recent juniper mortality potentially associated with drought would be an appropriate topic for BCP research.

6. Members Issues and Concerns

- Member Farquhar asked that the abundance and density information from the Morrison Study be released for the committee to review
- Steed noted recent difficulties in convening a quorum of the SAC. He asked for feedback about how to improve these efforts. Members discussed the remoteness of the Reicher Ranch location and suggested that a more central location might encourage better attendance. Willy Conrad said he will identify and suggest other locations for future meetings.

a. Private Spring Protection – no action