



Record of Decisions

**Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
Citizens Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
October 22, 2014 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Room 104 Waller Creek Center
625 East 10th Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Attending: Peter Torgrimson
William Morarity
Ken Beck
John Gosdin
Mary Ann Neely

Excused: Tom Hegemeyer
David Whatley

Absent: Hill Abel
Forrest Arnold

1. **Citizens Communication** - None
2. **BCP Partner Reports**
 - a. **City of Austin BCP** - Lisa O'Donnell reviewed a written report
 - b. **Travis County BCP** – Mike Wallace reviewed a written report. During discussion John Gosdin asked if BCCP could give a presentation at the Grandview Hills HOA meeting. Mike Wallace will attend and give a presentation about BCP.
 - c. **LCRA BCP** – Jarrod Depew gave a verbal report.
 - d. **Other BCP Partners** - None
3. **New Business**
 - a. **Members' Issues and Concerns** – Members discussed a recent news story about Balcones National Wildlife Refuge and asked whether a similar article could be done for BCP. Following discussion Neely made a motion "Direct staff to contact Community Impact News and work with the reported to do a similar article about BCP. Second by Beck, Carried 5/0 with four members absent.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Approve the Record of Decision from 8/13/14** – Approved as presented 3/0 with two members abstaining and four absent.

- b. **Update on BCCP Karst Substitution Process planning and take action as appropriate** - Sherri Kuhl gave a brief presentation about a task group organized by the Coordinating Committee Secretary to develop a BCCP process to consider and take action to substitute other caves, as provided in the permit, when BCCP listed caves cannot be protected in a manner required by the federal permit. Following discussion Peter Torgrimson volunteered to represent the CAC on this task group.
- c. **CAC Annual Work Plan**
 - i. **Report from subcommittees**
 1. **Wildfire and fire support** – Beck reported that the Austin Travis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan is completed and will rolled out by the City and County in mid-November.
 2. **Invasive species in landscaping** – No action. Members discussed using bothe the news article in Four Points News and/or the State of BCP report to help address invasive species issues.
 3. **State of BCP report (joint with SAC)** – No action. Conrad will schedule a kick off meeting soon.