



Record of Decisions

Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
Scientific Advisory Committee

August 3, 2016, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

One Texas Center
The Big 12 Conference Room, 12th Floor
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas 78704

Present

Jean Krejca, Chair
Craig Farquhar, Vice Chair
Kimberlee Harvey, BCCP
Secretary
John Cornelius
David Steed
Sam Whitehead
Amie Treuer-Kuehn

Absent

Nico Hauwert

1. New Business

- a. **Introduction of new BCCP Coordinating Committee Secretary:** Sherri Kuhl introduced Kimberlee Harvey as the new BCCP Coordinating Committee Secretary.
- b. **Members' issues and concerns:** none raised.
- c. **Upcoming Land Management Plan Revisions for Public Access, Infrastructure Management, and Fire Management Chapters (Secretary):** Harvey reported that staff is starting to work on Land Management Plan Revisions. The Public Access chapter was scheduled to be revised after the Trail Master Plan was completed so staff are getting back to that now that most County and City positions are filled. The Infrastructure Management chapter has minor revisions needed to illustrate that the infrastructure corridors data is moving to a digital environment. She also explained that there would be a revival of a Fire Management Committee composed of City of Austin staff, Travis County staff, and USFWS staff. Their first objective will be to clarify the composition, function, and necessity of a fire management committee and then a draft revision of the Fire Management Chapter would be created by the group and made available for review and comment by BCP partners. The final composition of the committee would be defined in the draft and then established when the updated

plan is approved. Luke Ball, Fire Manager for the City of Austin's Wildland Conservation Division, will be leading the efforts to create the Fire Management Committee.

2. Old Business

- a. Approve Record of Decisions from 4/14/2016:** Motion from Cornelius to approve, second by Steed, carried 6/0
- b. Update on the BCCP Anniversary Celebration (Secretary):** Harvey reported the event was well attended and was a successful, inspiring, and well thought out event.
- c. Update on the State of the BCCP Report (Secretary):** Harvey reported that staff was discussing the need, direction, goal, and audience for a State of the BCCP report. She discussed the many new products created for the 20th anniversary such as timeline and map posters, animated maps illustrating the growth of the BCP as well as the development projects that have participated in the BCCP over time, and BCP videos produced by Travis County. She explained that these new pieces of media could be more successful outreach material than creating another report.
- d. Subcommittee Reports:**
 - i. BCP Strategic Research Plan:** Whitehead explained he was putting together some of the missing pieces and would have a draft ready by the end of the month, to be distributed by email before the next meeting.

3. BCP Partner Reports

- a. City of Austin BCP** – Lisa O'Donnell and Sherri Kuhl reviewed the written reports for the City and the BCP Partners Education and Outreach
- b. Travis County BCP** - Melinda Mallia reviewed the written report for Travis County
- c. LCRA BCP** – Erik Huebner reviewed LCRA's written report
- d. Sunset Valley BCP** - none
- e. Other BCP Partners** - none

4. Meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm