

**Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP)
Updates for McGregor and Westcave Preserves**

**Q1 Report
October – December 2017**

Westcave Preserve Land Management Activities

Staff completed fall programs including bird hikes, native grass hike and a night hike serving 44 visitors. On October 18, 2017, the Hill Country Alliance presented a successful roundtable social on conservation easements.

Water quality testing was conducted in the grotto and Pedernales River. The test results were sent to the Colorado River Watch Network (CRWN) and can be found online at <http://crwn.lcra.org/>.

Trail maintenance, repairs and inspections were completed on both canyon and Upland trail systems.

The hog trapping program is back in operation after hogs were seen on multiple occasions.

Management, research and volunteer activities included the following: FeederWatch (citizen science through Cornell Lab), weeding of gardens by Hays Master Gardeners, prairie management, fire line maintenance, pond upkeep, Ahrns Grove garden expansion and barberry surveys.