



## Record of Decision

### Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) Coordinating Committee

December 7, 2018, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

City Hall Chambers, Room 1001  
301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701

#### Attending:

Austin City Council Member District 7 – Leslie Pool, Chair  
Travis County Commissioner Precinct 2 – Brigid Shea, Co-Chair  
USFWS – Adam Zerrenner, Member (Ex Officio)  
BCCP Coordinating Committee Secretary – Kimberlee Harvey

1. **Citizen Communications** – Many BCP user group citizens, including several members serving in leadership positions within the mountain bike/motorcycle and climbing communities spoke about the importance of continued public access on the BCP and their general satisfaction with the public input process and meetings held between them and BCP staff from the County and City leading up to the final draft chapter of the Public Access Management Chapter of the BCCP Tier II Land Management Plan. They also voiced their support of the final draft chapter, with the inclusion of three staff-recommended edits presented in Item #3.
2. **Approve Record of Decisions for September 29, 2018 Regular Meeting** Motion from Shea to approve, second by Pool, Carried 2/0
3. **Final Draft of Updated Public Access Management Chapter of BCCP Tier II Land Management Plan; take action as appropriate** – Secretary asked for approval of the final draft of the updated Public Access Management Chapter of the BCCP Tier II Land Management Plan and explained that there were three additional staff-recommended edits to the that were a result of additional recent input by the user group leadership after the initial comment period had closed. Johanna Arendt, Travis County Community Liaison, and Cait McCann, Outreach Coordinator for City of Austin Wildland Conservation Division, spoke about the chapter update and public user group engagement process. Council Member Pool asked BCP staff to review the use of “should versus shall” throughout the document. Motion from Pool to approve, second by Shea, Carried 2/0
4. **Community Letters from Coordinating Committee** – Arendt presented community-wide outreach letters to be posted on social media to BCP neighbors and distributed to local outdoor youth groups to the Coordinating Committee for signature.
5. **End of Permit Options** – Dr. David Zippin, ICF, and Melinda Mallia, Travis County Natural Resources Program Manager presented a preview on work being done to identify end of permit options. Final report will be available in 2019.

6. **Report from Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** - Peter Torgrimson, Chair, reported the committee last met on October 30<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about new members that joined the committee in 2018 and the development of the CAC Member Packet which provides orientation information to new and existing members. He also reported that the CAC has an upcoming field trip to the BCP.
  
7. **Advisory Committee Member Attendance Report; take action as appropriate** – Secretary reported on advisory committee member attendance, calling attention to David Smith who is the development interests consensus member whose two-year term expired at the end of October. Per the CAC guidelines under the Recommendation for Member Dismissal and Replacement section, the Secretary provided notification to the Coordinating Committee that he participated in 50% or less of the committee tasks during his term, including meetings and action items. The Secretary asked the Coordinating Committee to take action to either replace him or excuse his lack of participation. Motion from Pool to dismiss and replace Smith, second by Shea, Carried 2/0
  
8. **Receive BCP Partner Reports; take action as appropriate** - BCP Partner Reports for July through September were reported. Sherri Kuhl, City of Austin Wildland Conservation Division Manager, reported on discussions about a potential conservation easement or taking in-fee a 30-acre portion of the Champions tract for inclusion in the BCP. Lisa O'Donnell, Senior BCP Biologist with the City, reported on the work they did with Birdlife International to keep the Golden-cheeked Warbler listed as endangered on the IUCN Red List. Kelsey Meisenhelder, Travis County BCP Coordinator, reported on BCCP mitigation participation and recent BCP acquisitions by Travis County. Linda Laack, Travis County Natural Resources Field Supervisor, reported on field land management activities and recent tree damage by contractors. She also reported that the County would be hiring new staff positions.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm**

*Video of this meeting can be found on the following City of Austin website:*  
<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12072018-735/>