



Record of Decisions

Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) Coordinating Committee

October 9, 2019, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Travis County Multi-Function Room B
700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Attending:

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

- 1. Citizen Communications** Chris Fields spoke to thank BCP and PARD staff for their continued efforts to reach out to stakeholders for the updates to tier III land management plans for City park land located within the BCP.
- 2. Approve Record of Decisions for the June 14, 2019 Regular Meeting** Motion from Pool to approve, second by Shea, Carried 2/0
- 3. BCCP Advisory Committee Task Group Recommendation for CAC Consensus Development Interests Member**– The BCCP Advisory Committee Task Group recommended appointing David Anderson to the CAC Consensus Development Interests seat. Motion from Pool to approve the recommendation, second by Shea, Carried 2/0
- 4. CAMPO Regional Arterials Study and the BCP** David Gimnich, BCCP Infrastructure Coordinator, displayed a map of CAMPO projects in the BCCP Permit area.
- 5. Draft BCCP Coordinating Committee End-of-Year Letter** – Johanna Arendt, Travis County Community Liaison, provided a draft letter for review.
- 6. Receive BCCP Partner Reports; take action as appropriate** – BCP Partner Reports for July through September 2019 were presented. Linda Laack, Travis County Natural Resources Field Supervisor, reported on land management highlights including public participation, cave land acquisitions and Permit cave protection measures, work with TPWD for a PBS video about tawny crazy ants, data processing for the 2019 bird survey season, encroachment violations and settlements, and invasive plant and animal control. Nico Hauwert, City of Austin BCP Program Manager, highlighted current partner and management agreement efforts with Texas Cave Management Association, PARD, and the LBJ Wildflower

Center. He announced new outreach and ranger staff members. He also provided an update on the delisting petition for the Golden-cheeked warbler, stating that the Federal Court upheld the USFWS decision that it does not warrant delisting. He discussed invasive animal control, cave restoration, and soft tick studies with the CDC. Ardent gave highlights from the BCP Partner summary covering outreach and volunteer activities for all of the BCP Partners.

- 7. BCP Staff Recommendation for End-of-Permit Option**– The Secretary reported that BCP staff worked with consultants at ICF to identify BCCP end-of-permit options. The options identified through this work were 1. Let the permit expire. 2. Amend the permit to extend the duration. 3. Make Administrative Changes to the Habitat Conservation Plan. 4. A major permit amendment. And 5. Replace the BCCP with a completely new HCP. BCP staff reviewed the options and made a recommendation to move forward with a combination of option #2 (extending the permit expiration date) and option #3 (administrative changes to the HCP). Motion from Pool to approve the recommendation, second by Shea, Carried 2/0

- 8. Identify Future Agenda Items** Shea requested more information about the CAMPO Regional Arterial Study as it relates to the BCP. Pool requested a briefing about the upcoming National Habitat Conservation Plan Coalition (NHCPC) annual meeting. Mallia suggesting paring that item with the climate change study that would be discussed at the NHCPC meeting. Shea requested information about BCP outreach links and sources, and Arendt suggested combining that with the upcoming 2019 outreach highlights presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm

A video recording of this meeting can be found online at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtikDWvnxJ0&feature=youtu.be>

*Next BCCP Coordinating Committee meeting: November 22, 2019, 1:00pm-3:00pm,
City Hall Chambers, Room 1001, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701*