



**Item From Council
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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Posting Language: Appoint Ms. Julie Jenkins as the Environmental Board Representative to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee.

Proposed meeting date: THU 11/17/2005

Sponsor: Mayor Will Wynn

Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Lee Leffingwell **Co-sponsor 2:**

Date by which the City Manager is requested to report back to Council:

Draft Resolution/Ordinance attached:

On August 3, 2005, the Environmental Board recommended unanimously that the City Council appoint Julie Jenkins to serve as the Environmental Board representative to the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Program (BCCP) Citizens Advisory Committee. The Environmental Board understands you will be taking this up at the next City Council meeting, and we'd like to urge you to consider Ms. Jenkins for this role.

The Board feels strongly that a Board member be appointed who has a thorough understanding of the myriad issues involved with the BCCP, including threatened or endangered species, karst geologic environments, etc. In addition, with important decisions being made related to the proposed Water Treatment Plant #4, re-establishing the link between the Environmental Board and the BCCP is a must, as timely and effective communication between all of the parties involved with oversight of this project cannot be understated.

The Board feels strongly that Ms. Jenkins is the right individual to serve in this role. As the Vice President of the Texas Cave Management Association, she has an outstanding understanding of the subsurface characteristics of the BCP and will be focused on the conservation, scientific, and educational aspects of the BCP. She also has existing relationships with BCCP staff that will allow her to work closely and effectively with the board and staff of the BCCP.