



## Record of Decisions

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

June 14, 2019, 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** - Two citizens with the Underground Texas Grotto spoke about their support of the recent Austin City Council Resolution regarding cave restoration and for cave public access and education.
2. **Approve Record of Decisions for April 3, 2019 Regular Meeting** - Motion from Shea to approve, second by Pool, Carried 2/0
3. **Update on End-of-Permit Options Report** – Melinda Mallia, Travis County Natural Resources Program Manager announced that the final report was posted and available to the public. She also said BCP staff would present a staff recommendation for the preferred end-of-permit option to the Coordinating Committee for approval at the next BCCP Coordinating Committee meeting.
4. **Update on Cave Restoration** – Sherri Kuhl, City of Austin Wildland Conservation Division Manager, gave an update on the William H. Russell Karst Preserve City of Austin resolution, and current City collaborations and processes for cave restoration.
5. **Historical Ecology of the Texas Hill Country** – Lisa O'Donnell, City of Austin Senior Biologist, gave a presentation about her paper on historical ecology of the Texas Hill Country.
6. **CAC Member Update** – The Secretary gave an update on the replacement process for the CAC vacant Consensus Development Interests seat, stating that the member nomination period had closed, and she received 10 nominations. Interested nominee information will be compiled and distributed to the Advisory Committee Task Group for review who will meet to discuss the candidates and then have a blind vote to determine who will be recommended to the BCCP Coordinating Committee for approval in September.

7. **Report from Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** - The Secretary reported that the CAC met on May 21. Elections were held and Peter Torgrimson was elected as Chair and David Whatley was elected as Vice Chair. Committee members spoke about concerns regarding unauthorized clearing and encroachment, perceived wildfire risks of BCP neighbors and outreach to local Firewise groups, and a proposed RV park near the Hamilton Park entrance. The CAC will meet again on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
8. **Receive BCP Partner Reports** – BCP Partner Reports for January through March 2019 were reported. Nico Hauwert, City of Austin BCP Program manager, discussed current cave land manage agreement talks with the Texas Cave Management Association, and ongoing cave studies and land restoration efforts. Kuhl, spoke about BCP and Firewise education and outreach efforts. Kelsey Meisenhelder, Travis County BCP Coordinator, reported on BCCP mitigation participation and recent BCP conservation easements by Travis County. Linda Laack, Travis County Natural Resources Field Supervisor, reported that the County added new staff positions. She also reported on facility improvements on preserve properties, and a JPS occupancy survey in Canyon Creek. Malia also talked about species take coverage under Habitat Conservation Plans. Johanna Arendt, Travis County Community Liaison, and Cait McCann, City of Austin Education and Outreach Coordinator, gave a report on recent BCP education and outreach events.
9. **Identify Future Agenda Items** - Shea requested an update on the CAMPO regional arterial study and the BCP.

*Video of this meeting can be found on the following City of Austin website:*  
<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/06192019-1775>