



RECORDS OF DECISIONS

Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) Coordinating Committee

November 13, 2020, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

This meeting was held via videoconference and a recording is available here:

<https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/111191>

Attending:

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

Citizen Communications - None

Items for discussion:

1. **Approve Record of Decisions for the September 25, 2020 Regular Meeting** - Motion from Shea to approve, second by Pool, Carried 2/0
2. **Update on End-of-Permit Options** – Melinda Mallia, Travis County Natural Resources Program Manager, reported staff progress made as they move towards BCCP Permit renewal, including working on an interlocal agreement between the City and the County that would allow cost sharing for BCP related projects.
3. **Wildfire Mitigation Outreach** – Johanna Arendt, Travis County Community Liaison, presented information
4. **BCCP Coordinating Committee End-of-Year Letter** –Arendt presented the end-of-year letter for Coordinating Committee signatures.
5. **Receive BCP Partner Reports** – Linda Laack, Travis County Natural Resources Field Supervisor, reported that focus was on land management projects that can only be done while the birds are not in their nesting grounds, including a restoration project, a brush management project, and a demolition of an old barn on the Nootsie tract that had become a hazard. She also reported that clearing encroachments into the preserve by BCP neighbors are continuing to be a problem. Nico Hauwert, City of Austin BCP Program Manager reported that the Carol Lee Preserve was acquired, and land management activities were continuing including restoration and hog control. He also explained that Covid-19 resulted in a shortened monitoring season for songbirds. Arendt reported on the education and outreach highlights including number of people reached through educational and volunteer activities, and some

new upcoming solo volunteer opportunities including fuel moisture monitoring and a camera trap study. She and Cait McCann, City of Austin Education and Outreach Coordinator, also highlighted new online educational resources available for the public to view.

6. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings** - Secretary announced upcoming deep dive series of presentations covering various aspects of the BCP and BCCP.