

BIOLOGICAL ADVISORY TEAM "BAT" MEETING
Hays County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan

MINUTES

WHEN: November 1, 2007

WHERE: A.E. Woods Fish Hatchery, 507 Staples Road, San Marcos TX 78666

Attendance:

BAT Members

- Craig Farquhar – Chair
- Terri Siegenthaler
- Garry Stephens
- Lee Elliott
- Linda Laack
- Randy Gibson
- Cal Newnam

HCP Consultant Team

- Loomis Austin, Inc.: Clifton Ladd, Amanda Aurora, Jennifer Williams, Emily Schieffer (Lopez-Garcia Group), Jean Krejca (Zara Environmental), and Peter Sprouse (Zara Environmental)
- Smith/Robertson: Melinda Taylor and Rebecca Hays

Others in Attendance

- Kevin Connally – Travis County BCCP
- Chris Ramser – Capital Area Council of Governments
- Rachael Ranft – The Nature Conservancy
- Christina Williams – U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

1. Call to order: The BAT chairman Craig Farquhar called the meeting to order at 9:09am. Each individual in attendance introduced themselves and their affiliation.
2. Approve minutes from October 9, 2007 BAT Meeting: BAT members reviewed the minutes from the October 9, 2007 meeting. The minutes were approved by consent.
3. Citizen's Comments: No citizen comments were made.
4. Receive Briefing on Species Covered by the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan: Kevin Connally (Travis County Environmental Specialist, Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan) gave a presentation on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan discussing the history, species covered, coverage options, what it includes, how the plan operates, and current progress of the BCCP.
5. Assessment and Consideration of Options for Species Coverage in the Hays County RHCP: BAT reviewed a complete list of species of concern in Hays County that was updated with comments from the BAT members. BAT members discussed and came to a consensus on a preliminary method of how to approach determining which species to address in the RHCP. The BAT requested that the consultant team review and update some of the species information and apply

the preliminary species filter. BAT also requested that the consultant team send out an updated species list for additional consideration at the next meeting.

6. Receive Briefing on Habitat Identification for the Golden-cheeked Warbler, Black-capped Vireo, and Karst Invertebrates: The consultant team briefly discussed methods for habitat identification for the golden-cheeked warbler and karst invertebrates in Hays County. Craig Farquhar requested that this issue be addressed in further detail at the next meeting.
7. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Agenda Items for Next Meeting: The BAT agreed that further discussion was needed on species to address in the RHCP and how to include them in the plan. The BAT also agreed to discuss habitat identification for the golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, and karst invertebrates in Hays County. BAT members agreed on a meeting time of 9:00am and a tentative date of December 6, 2007, with the location still to be determined.
8. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.