



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SEP-HCP Coordinating Committee
FROM: Development Services Department
SUBJECT: Summary on the Coordinating Committee
DATE: April 6, 2017

Background

In 2009, the City of San Antonio (COSA) and Bexar County entered into an Interlocal Agreement for the development of the Southern Edwards Plateau-Habitat Conservation Plan (SEP-HCP).

In 2015, the SEP-HCP was approved by USFWS, to maximize the opportunity to protect nine (9) federally listed endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
In February 2016, a 30 year joint incidental take permit was issued by US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to COSA and Bexar County.

The Plan and Permit provide a mechanism for projects within the region to comply with the ESA and reduces project delays from 2 years to 2 weeks.

Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

The ILA is between Bexar County and COSA, the co-permittees and allows for the implementation of the Plan. The specific roles and responsibilities of each co-permittee are detailed in the approved ILA. The Plan requires a number of reporting and coordination tasks to demonstrate that the SEP-HCP is being properly implemented. Annual reports on SEP-HCP enrollment, the preserve system, implementation of other conservation measures, financial status, and compliance issues are required to be submitted to the USFWS. Regular coordination with the USFWS regarding the enrollment of new participants, new preserve acquisitions, adaptive preserve management, and secondary uses of preserve lands is also expected.

Coordinating Committee

The Committee will operate and assist in implementing the purposes and goals of the SEP-HCP. This includes the review and approval of an Implementation Plan, review and recommendations

on annual budget, funding opportunities, recommend action to implement/change the plan, and create a technical advisory committee.

Committee Member Terms

Coordinating Committee members will serve two (2) year terms. Initial terms shall be staggered such that no more than three (3) members' terms end in the same year between both Parties' members. Three of the members will have an initial term of one year and three of the members will have an initial term of two year terms. The designation of terms for the specific members will be determined by the Coordinating Committee.

A member whose term expires continues to serve until a successor is appointed. Coordinating Committee members may be re-appointed for successive terms by the Party appointing such member.

Duties of the Committee

- Make recommendations to the Parties regarding annual budgets, alternative funding sources, and other actions necessary to implement the SEP-HCP;
- Provide policy oversight and coordination for implementing the SEP-HCP, including coordination with USFWS;
- Develop and administer guidelines for the management of all the lands in the SEP-HCP preserve system to ensure protection of the Covered Species and reasonable other uses such as recreation;
- Review and evaluate on an ongoing basis the effectiveness of the implementation of the SEP-HCP to assure that the terms and conditions of the Permit are being met;
- Create technical advisory committees to assist and advise the Coordinating Committee in carrying out its duties by:
 - Assisting the Parties in assessing biological quality and preserve value of lands for acquisition of property rights;
 - Educating the public about the Covered Species, their habitat and the importance of carrying out the SEP-HCP
 - Identify and evaluate potential preserve lands and preservation credits