

RESOLUTION # _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO “COSA” AND BEXAR COUNTY “BEXAR” (THE SEP-HCP PERMITTEES) AND TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE “TPWD” TO COLLECTIVELY IMPLEMENT MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SIX (6) KARST FAUNA AREAS (KFA’S) WITHIN GOVERNMENT CANYON STATE NATURAL AREA (GCSNA).

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WHEREAS, the Parties (COSA, BEXAR, and TPWD) have worked cooperatively for several years to manage and conserve habitat in Central Texas for two (2) endangered songbirds and several endangered cave invertebrates, and TPWD’s Government Canyon State Natural Area (GCSNA) located in Bexar County, Texas is a critical component of those efforts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing resource-based outdoor recreation for the areas, TPWD manages GCSNA for both aquifer health and for endangered species habitat, including some single cave endemic species that are found only within GCSNA; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) approved the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan (SEP-HCP) brought forth by the SEP-HCP Permittees and on January 18, 2016 issued to the SEP-HCP Permittees the SEP-HCP Endangered Species Act Section 10(a) Incidental Take Permit TE-48571B (ITP); and

WHEREAS, the SEP-HCP facilitates the creation of a large preserve system that would provide permanent protection for endangered species in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, for the SEP-HCP efforts to proceed, the SEP-HCP Permittees must improve protection for seven (7) SEP-HCP Covered Karst Invertebrate species (Covered Karst Invertebrates) consisting of the: Government Canyon Bat Cave Spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*), Madla Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina madla*), Braken Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*), Government Canyon Bat Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina vespera*), *Rhadine exilis* (a beetle with no common name), *Rhadine infernalis* (a beetle with no common name), and Helotes Mold Beetle (*Batrisodes ventyivi*); and

WHEREAS, the SEP-HCP ITP requires Initial Conservation Actions for the SEP-HCP Covered Karst Invertebrates prior to allowing Participants whose projects are located over karst zones to enroll in the SEP-HCP. Per condition T of the ITP and Section 4.5.3 of the SEP-HCP, Karst Participation Certificates will not be offered until the Permittees have secured some level of up-front improved conservation for all of the Covered Karst Invertebrates; and

WHEREAS, because these Initial Conservation Actions must be performed on all Covered Karst Invertebrates, and because some of those species are found only within GCSNA, the inclusion of TPWD lands becomes a requisite and integral part of achieving these Initial Conservation Actions; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to work together in good faith to contribute to the recovery of the Covered Karst Invertebrates;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the City to approve the above referenced Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio “COSA”, Bexar County “BEXAR” and Texas Parks and Wildlife “TPWD”. A copy of the Interlocal Agreement in substantially final form is attached hereto.

SIGNED this 13th day of December, 2017

Executive Secretary
San Antonio Planning Commission

George Peck, Chair
San Antonio Planning Commission