

City of San Antonio



MINUTES

Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee

Development and Business Services Center
1901 South Alamo

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

2:00 PM

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COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A majority of members shall constitute a quorum

Melissa Ramirez, Chair |
Andy Winters, Vice Chair | Xavier Urrutia | Rudy Nino | Robert Brach | Ken McGlamery |

2:00 P.M. – Call to Order, Board Room

Roll Call – Present: Ramirez, Nino, Urrutia, Winters, Brach, McGlamery

Absent: None

Citizens to be Heard – No citizens to be heard.

New Business

1. Discussion and possible action on the donation of the proposed 66.3-acre Northern Preserve Karst Fauna Area (KFA) to the SEP-HCP Karst Preserve System.

Jennifer Blair, Bowman Consulting, stated the establishment of this preserve would allow enrollment to begin over Karsons one and two, up to approximately 600 acres of future project applicant's impacts. Additionally, the Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the preserve document and management plan. The preserve is to be donated by the land owner and the land owner has agreed to cover expenses associated with future fencing of the preserve and cave gating. Upon which time, there would be a need to place additional security surrounding the preserve. It is the intent that the preserve would be held by Bexar County based upon its location within the plan area. The preserve would be covered and would be the first preserve within the HCP (Habitat Conservation Plan). She stated the land owner would cover the expense of the establishment the perimeter fencing if high security fencing is needed as well as the cave gating. The management maintenance that would be required annually would be something that would be covered by HCP. She further stated the maintenance is not anticipated based on budget estimates that have been prepared thus far to be over \$25,000 a year which would include monitoring surveys, preserve management, fire ant treatments also inspection and routine maintenance.

Committee Member Urrutia arrived at 2:04 pm.

She stated the fire ant treatment would not have to be performed by a qualified licensed biologist however any in cave work would require it be performed by a federally licensed biologist. She stated part of preserve establishment requires an endowment be set up at the time that the preserve is enrolled into the plan. The endowment is put in place as the funding mechanisms for taking care of the management and monitoring the obligations in perpetuity upon the completion of the HCP. She also stated the \$25,000 there were estimated annually would come from the HCP fund or the total duration of the plan in which the HCP is active. She stated once the Coordinating Committee takes action, that recommendation moves forward to the preserve donation. That recommendation would be forwarded to Commissioners Court and ultimately it would be the Commissioner Court determination, being that they are the recipient of this land being donated, whether or not to accept the preserve.

A motion was made by Committee Member Winters and was seconded by Committee Member McGlamery to approve.

AYES: Ramirez, Nino, Urrutia, Winters, Brach, McGlamery
NAY: None

THE MOTION CARRIED

2. Secretary's Report – no report at this time.
3. Approval of minutes from April 25, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Committee Member Brach and was seconded by Committee Member Winters to approve as presented.

AYES: Ramirez, Nino, Urrutia, Winters, Brach, McGlamery
NAY: None

THE MOTION CARRIED

4. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

APPROVED



Melissa Ramirez, Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Dice, Executive Secretary