

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

MINUTES

WHEN: October 9, 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), and Peter Sprouse (Zara Environmental)
- Smith/Robertson: Melinda Taylor and Rebecca Hays

1. Call to order: The BAT chairman Craig Farquhar called the meeting to order at 9:03.
2. Introductions and Opening Remarks: Clifton Ladd of Loomis Austin, Inc. ("LAI") introduced the LAI team members and Melinda Taylor introduced herself and Rebecca Hays of Smith|Robertson. BAT members introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their qualifications and background.
3. Citizen's Comments: No citizen comments were made.
4. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on BAT: Clifton Ladd of LAI then presented the BAT their "charge." Melinda Taylor of Smith|Robertson gave a brief presentation on the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Open Records Act and addressed quorum issues. Procedures of operation for the meetings were discussed. The BAT agreed on following Robert's Rules of Order. The BAT agreed that citizen comments would be taken at the beginning of each meeting and that citizen comments would be limited to five minutes per speaker.
5. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action regarding BAT Interaction with the CAC: Melinda Taylor of Smith|Robertson discussed the possibility of having a joint meeting with the CAC in the future and suggested that the BAT chair attend CAC meetings when possible.
6. Receive Presentation on the Hays County RHCP Work Plan: Clifton Ladd of LAI gave a brief presentation on the Hays County HCP Work Plan and discussed current project status and the BAT's role in the current and upcoming project phases.
7. Receive Presentation on Endangered Species Act Requirements, Texas Law requirements, and the Primary Provisions of Other RHCP's: Melinda Taylor of Smith|Robertson gave a

presentation summarizing pertinent provisions of the Endangered Species Act and Texas Law, including the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act.

8. Receive Presentation on Baseline Study of Sensitive Natural Resources and Species in Hays County: Amanda Aurora of LAI gave a presentation summarizing the sensitive natural resources in Hays County, expected population growth and land development trends, and potential impacts on sensitive resources.
9. Assessment of Options for Species Covered by the Hays County RHCP: Clifton Ladd of LAI presented a summary table of options for addressing various species groups in the HCP. BAT members began discussion on what species should be included in the HCP. BAT members requested more information on a complete list of species of concern in Hays County (including state-listed and rare non-listed species). BAT members were asked to review the complete species list and the summary table of options for addressing species in the HCP and to prepare written comments and recommendations. The BAT chair agreed to compile individual comments for discussion at the next BAT meeting.
10. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Clifton Ladd of LAI suggested that the next BAT meeting should occur before the next CAC meeting. BAT members agreed on a meeting time of 9:00am and a tentative date of November 1, 2007 at the A. E. Wood Fish Hatchery in San Marcos.
11. Adjourn: Craig Farquhar adjourned the meeting at 12:33.