

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“CAC”)  
to the  
Comal County  
Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (“RHCP”)**

**August Minutes**

**WHEN:** August 27, 2007  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Comal County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Board Room  
199 Main Plaza, New Braunfels, Texas 78130

**In Attendance:**

CAC Members:

- Ben Appleby
- Curtis Bremer
- Linda Laack
- Roy Linnartz
- Carroll Lindeman
- Jensie Madden
- Judy Myers
- Mike Norris
- Jack Ohlrich
- Cathy Talcott
- Terry Turney
- David Welsch
- Travis Wuest

Comal County Representatives:

- Judge Danny Scheel
- Commissioner Jan Kennady
- Commissioner Jay Millikin
- Tom Hornseth
- David Renken
- Jennifer Tharp

RHCP Consultant Team:

- Smith|Robertson: Alan Glen, David Hartman, Rebecca Hays
- SWCA Environmental Consultants: Dr. Steve Carothers, Gary Galbraith

Agency Representatives:

- Scott Rowin (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Terry Turney (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks, Including Welcome and Introductions: Judge Scheel called the meeting to order and gave introductory remarks. Alan Glen of Smith|Robertson introduced the RHCP consultant team.
2. Remarks by Agency Personnel: Scott Rowin of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Terry Turney of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department remarked on the RHCP.

3. Report on Comal County Natural Resources and Other Information: Steve Carothers of SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) made a brief presentation about natural resources in Comal County.
4. Report on the Endangered Species Act: Alan Glen gave a presentation summarizing pertinent provisions of the Endangered Species Act. A question was asked regarding where CAC members can direct media and other questions regarding the RHCP. Mr. Glen stated that the RHCP consultants, in conjunction with County officials, will develop a protocol for inquiries. Additionally, the consultant team will prepare a “Frequently Asked Questions” document pertaining to RHCPs.
5. Report on Comal County RHCP Work Plan: Gary Galbraith of SWCA gave a presentation on the RHCP Work Plan.
6. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on CAC: David Hartman of Smith|Robertson gave an overview of the CAC process, a brief presentation on the Texas Open Meetings Act, addressed quorum issues, and presented a charge to the CAC. Travis Wuest was selected as CAC chair, and Mike Norris was selected as CAC co-chair.
7. Discuss Biological Advisory Team (“BAT”), including Appointment to BAT by landowner-members of the CAC: Mr. Galbraith gave a presentation regarding the BAT. CAC landowner-members will discuss and take action on appointing a member to the BAT at a subsequent meeting.
8. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Protocol for Citizen’s Comments: The CAC determined that citizens would be provided up to three minutes each to offer their comments, consistent with the protocol established for the Comal County Commissioner’s Court.
9. Citizen’s Comments: A member of the media requested and was provided a copy of the materials given to CAC members.
10. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Mr. Hartman suggested the fourth Monday of every month as a possible standing date for CAC meetings. CAC members decided to hold their next meeting October 1, 2007. Possible items for next meeting include:
  - Presentation regarding HCPs under the Endangered Species Act.
  - Summary of other approved/in progress RHCPs.
  - Distribution of RHCP “Frequently Asked Questions” document.
11. Adjourn.