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In Control: Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Amin Tohmaz, Interim Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: ETJ

SUBJECT:

SEP-HCP Application LAND-SEP-APP24-46900010-CPS ENERGY SCENIC LOOP TRANSMISSION LINE

SUMMARY:

Discussion and possible action on SEP-HCP application for CPS ENERGY SCENIC LOOP TRANSMISSION LINE (LAND-SEP-APP24-46900010).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

LOCATION:

This project is located along Scenic Loop Road and the surrounding vicinity, in northwestern Bexar County, TX. The project consists of approximately 54.6 acres and is not within the city limits or ETJ of the City of San Antonio.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Council District: ETJ

Owner: CPS ENERGY

Consultant: Zara Environmental

Acreage: 54.6 acres

CPS ENERGY is considering the future development of the Project Area. As such, the Applicant wishes to enroll in the SEP-HCP to mitigate impacts to the SEP-HCP Covered Species from the development activities. The draft mitigation determination detailing the project is attached and a summary of the mitigation needs is included below.

The CPS ENERGY Project Area includes 28.8 acres of golden-cheeked warbler (GCW) habitat with the Project Area and 170.7 acres of GCW habitat within 300 feet of the Project Area. The CPS ENERGY Project Area will require a total of 143.0 GCW conservation credits (direct impacts at 2 credits:1 acre mitigation ratio = 57.6 conservation credits and indirect impacts at 0.5 credits:1 acre mitigation ratio = 85.4 conservation credits).

The CPS ENERGY Project Area does not have any black-capped vireo (BCV) habitat and will not require any BCV conservation credits.

The CPS ENERGY Project Area is located over Karst Zone 3 and Karst Zone 4. A total of 8.46 acres occurs within Karst Zone 3 and a total of 46.14 acres occurs within Karst Zone 4. The Project Area is not located within any Critical Habitat Units, nor it is within 750-ft of an occupied feature.

Participation in the SEP-HCP for this application will require the following:

- GCW Conservation Credits Fee of \$572,000.00
- Karst Zone 1 & 2 participation fee of \$0.00
- Karst Zone 3 & 4 participation fee of \$54,600.00
- Plan Administration Fee of \$62,660.00
- Total Karst Zone 1 & 2 Enrollment Acres needed for this project : 0.0 acres
- 0.2 Karst Zone 1 and 2 enrollment acres are currently left in the Panther Springs Preserve
- 0.0 Karst Zone 1 and 2 enrollment acres are currently left in the Northern Preserve
- 295.64 Karst Zone 1 and 2 enrollment acres are currently left in the Crane Bat Cave Preserve

ISSUE:

The property subject to this application is located within golden-cheek warbler (GCW) and is entirely in Karst Zone 3 and Karst Zone 4 . Therefore, the property is eligible for enrollment in the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The applicant has paid the \$2,500 application fee. The applicant will be required to pay the full mitigation fee of \$689,260.00 prior to completing enrollment in the plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan is voluntary. Should the applicant not enroll, the property owner could consult directly with the United States Fish and Wildlife Department (USFW) for Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Approval of application SEP-LAND-SEP-APP24-46900010 CPS ENERGY and issuance of the mitigation determination to the Applicant.