



**Barton Springs
Edwards Aquifer**
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Aquifer District Issues Call for Members of Its Habitat Conservation Plan's Management Advisory Committee

The District Board of Directors met on November 15, 2012, and approved a range of interests to be represented on the Management Advisory Committee (MAC), and further tasked District staff with identifying potential candidates for MAC service, including members of the public.

Section 8 of the Review Draft of the District Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) details the roles of the plan participants, and includes, in Section 8.1.2, the development of a District HCP MAC to advise and assist in the coordination of conservation activities affecting Covered Species at Barton Springs, and to monitor the implementation of the District HCP, both for the District and for the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), as an additional measure of ensuring continued implementation of the HCP and compliance with the prospective Incidental Take Permit issued by the USFWS.

Per the draft of the District HCP, the MAC will provide a forum for exchange of information relative to covered species, provide advice on covered species management activities, advise the District on budgetary issues relating to the management of covered species, advise the District on priorities for conservation actions, review and comment on the District's HCP annual report, to both the District and the USFWS, and guide the development and implementation of the adaptive management program.

While specific MAC details have yet to be finalized, the general expectations would be that members are able to commit to supporting the goals of the MAC as a volunteer (as outlined above) and can be available for about three meetings in 2013 and annual meetings in the years following to accomplish the goals outlined above.

The District will accept Letters of Interest to be considered for the MAC through Monday, January 7, 2013. Letters of Interest should describe the skills and experience prospective members offer the MAC, and why service on the MAC is of personal interest.

For more information and instructions for submitting a Letter of Interest and resume or C.V. visit www.bseacd.org and click on the HCP Advisory Committee link.

BSEACD is a groundwater conservation district charged by the Texas Legislature to preserve, conserve, and protect the aquifers and groundwater resources within its jurisdiction, which includes parts of three Central Texas counties. It is governed by a Board of five elected directors and staffed with hydrogeologists, groundwater regulatory compliance specialists, environmental educators, geospatial systems specialists, and administrative support personnel.

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