

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 83, TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE CODE

In accordance with Texas Parks & Wildlife Code 83.019, Hays County (County) will conduct a public hearing to discuss the County's application for a federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit (ITP) and possible adoption by the Hays County Commissioners Court of a regional habitat conservation plan (RHCP) and related items. The public hearing will be held from 5:00-8:00pm on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in Meeting Room 1 of the San Marcos Activity Center located at 501 E. Hopkins Road, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

The County's requested ITP would be in effect for 30 years and, if granted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service), would authorize incidental take of two federally listed endangered species: the golden-cheeked warbler and the black-capped vireo. The proposed take would occur in Hays County, Texas, as a result of activities including, but not limited to, public or private land development, transportation projects, or utility projects. Such actions may cause effects to upland habitats for these birds. Hays County has prepared a draft RHCP as part of the application package for an ITP. The RHCP describes the conservation measures the County has agreed to undertake to minimize and mitigate for the incidental take to be authorized by the requested ITP, to the maximum extent practicable. The Service has prepared a draft environmental impact statement that evaluates the impacts of, and alternatives to, the possible issuance of an ITP.

You may obtain copies of the draft documents by going to the Hays County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan website at <http://hayscountyhcp.com/documents>. A limited number of printed copies of the draft documents are also available for public inspection and review at the following locations (by appointment only at government offices):

- San Marcos Public Library (625 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas)
- Hays County Precinct 3 Office (14306 Ranch Rd 12 , Wimberley, Texas)
- Hays County Precinct 4 Office (195 Roger Hanks Parkway, Dripping Springs, Texas).