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Texas is at the cutting edge of innovations under the Endangered Species Act and the intersection of the Act with issues such as water resources and renewable energy. The Conference, therefore, focuses on the critical efforts and developing issues in Texas, including the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program, the Public Utility Commission's Competitive Renewable Energy Zone Program, and the Multi-County Southern Edwards Plateau Conservation Plan.

We look forward to seeing you in June.

Sincerely,



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

8:15	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30	<p>Welcome and Introduction Overview of Day One</p> <p>Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair Smith Robertson, Austin</p>
9:00	<p>Tripping the Light Fantastic An Overview of the Endangered Species Act</p> <p>Steven P. Quarles, Esq. Crowell & Moring, Washington, DC</p>
9:45	Morning Break
10:00	<p>Keynote Presentation Conserving Endangered Species on a Landscape Level</p> <p>Nancy Gloman, Assistant Regional Director Southwest Regional Ecological Services Office U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Albuquerque</p>
10:45	<p>Species of the Southwest Ecology and Conservation Status of Endangered Species</p> <p>David Wolfe, Director of Conservation Science Environmental Defense Fund, Austin</p>
11:30	Lunch Break
12:45	<p>Case Law Update New Developments; Pending Issues</p> <p>Sean C. Skaggs, Esq. Ebbin Moser + Skaggs, San Diego</p>
1:45	<p>Climate Change The Role of the ESA</p> <p>Elaine B. Darby, PE, Managing Engineer Anchor QEA, Austin</p>
2:30	Afternoon Break
2:45	<p>Competitive Renewable Energy Zones A Panel Presentation</p> <p>Brian Almon, PE, Director of Electric Transmission Analysis Infrastructure & Reliability Division Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin</p> <p>Kathy Boydston, Program Leader Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Austin</p> <p>Lynn Sherman, Esq. h2otx.net, Austin</p> <p><i>Moderator: Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i></p>
4:00	<p>Species Conservation Banking Evolving Issues and Challenges</p> <p>Don Bosse, President Bosse & Pharis Associates, Austin</p> <p>Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair</p>
5:00	Adjourn to Private Reception Sponsored by Smith Robertson and SWCA Environmental Consultants

8:15	Continental Breakfast
8:30	<p>Welcome Back Overview of Day Two</p> <p>Steven W. Carothers, PhD, Program Co-Chair SWCA Environmental Consultants, Austin</p>
9:00	<p>The ESA and the Clean Water Act A Potent Combination</p> <p>C. Lee Sherrod, Vice President Horizon Environmental Services, Austin</p>
9:45	Morning Break
10:00	<p>Candidate Conservation Agreements Wading Through Purgatory with Sensitive Species</p> <p>Brooke Marcus, Esq. Smith Robertson, Austin</p> <p>Steven W. Carothers, PhD, Program Co-Chair</p>
10:45	<p>Renewable Energy and the ESA A Panel Presentation</p> <p>Rene Braud, Esq., Director Permitting and Environmental Affairs Horizon Wind Energy, Houston</p> <p>Rebecca Hays, Esq. Smith Robertson, Austin</p> <p>Laurie Jodziewicz, Manager of Siting Policy American Wind Energy Association, Washington, DC</p> <p>Laila Lienesch, Renewable Energy Coordinator Threatened and Endangered Species Program Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque</p> <p>Steven P. Quarles, Esq.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Steven W. Carothers, PhD, Program Co-Chair</i></p>
12:15	Lunch Break
1:30	<p>Ethics Considerations for the Environmental Practitioner</p> <p>J. Kent Newsome, Esq. Greenberg Traurig, Houston</p>
2:30	<p>Southern Edwards Plateau A Panel Presentation</p> <p>James V. Cannizzo, Esq., Environmental Attorney Advisor U.S. Department of the Army, Fort Sam Houston</p> <p>Jean Krejca, PhD, President Zara Environmental, Manchaca</p> <p>Clifton Ladd, CWB, Vice President Loomis Partners, Austin</p> <p><i>Moderator: Steven W. Carothers, PhD, Program Co-Chair</i></p>
3:45	Afternoon Break
4:00	<p>The Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program A Panel Presentation</p> <p>Kirby Brown, Vice President of Public Policy Texas Wildlife Association, San Antonio</p> <p>Robert L. Gulley, PhD, Program Manager Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program Institute of Renewable Natural Resources Texas A&M University, San Antonio</p> <p>Steve Kosub, Esq., Corporate Counsel for Water Resources San Antonio Water System</p> <p><i>Moderator: Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i></p>
5:30	Evaluations and Adjourn

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PROGRAM CHAIR

Steven W. Carothers is the founder of SWCA, one of the largest environmental consulting groups in the nation. He is an aquatic and terrestrial ecologist with over 30 years of experience in biological research, environmental planning, ESA and National Environmental Policy Act compliance and resource management. He is currently working on several projects involving renewable energy development and listed species compliance, including habitat conservation plans, candidate conservation agreements, and avian risk assessments.

Alan M. Glen practices environmental law, with an emphasis on endangered species and natural resources. He handles permitting, compliance, and litigation matters under the ESA and has assisted in the development and implementation of numerous habitat conservation plans and consultations. He has been named one of the top environmental lawyers in Texas, one of the *Best Lawyers in America*. He served as Vice Chair of the Steering Committee for the creation of the Balcones Canyonlands Regional HCP in Austin.

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Nancy Gloman is responsible for the Southwest Region, which includes the states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. She was formerly the Assistant Regional Director for Migratory Birds and State Programs in the region. Her responsibilities include the management of the Endangered Species, Environmental Contaminants, Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Texas

Coastal and other habitat conservation programs in the Region. Over her 31-year career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, she has held several positions in a variety of programs, including National Wildlife Refuges, Migratory Birds, Federal Assistance, and Endangered Species.

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