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Mr. Gary Boyd
Williamson County Conservation Foundation
350 Discovery Boulevard, Cedar Park, TX 78613

Re: RHCP Implementation Services Deliverables and Request for 2010 Work Authorization

Dear Gary,

SWCA recently submitted to you draft reports for submittal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service documenting the eligibility of the Twin Springs and Wilco preserves as Karst Fauna Areas contributing to the recovery of endangered karst invertebrates in Williamson County. We look forward to continuing to work with you and the County during the review and approval process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As these are the last deliverables due to you in accordance with our 2009 RHCP Implementation Services work authorization we are now requesting a renewal of that work authorization for services as needed in 2010. The following tasks have been completed under the 2009 work authorization:

- Research and meetings regarding potential KFAs on the Robinson Ranch
- Research and field investigation of potential Shadow Canyon preserve lands
- Preserve monitoring and management surveys on the Twin Springs, Beck, Cobbs, SW Regional Park, Chaos, and Big Oak Preserves
- Response to various data requests from WCCF regarding cave locations, endangered species status, etc.
- Completion and submittal of the Draft Preserve Maintenance and Monitoring Plan and Annual Report of Maintenance and Monitoring Activities for the Lands Managed by the Williamson County Conservation Foundation Under the Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan
- Research and field investigation of additional acreage on the Lyda tract adjacent to the existing Cobbs Conservation easement
- Completion of the Draft Twin Springs and Wilco Preserve Karst Fauna Area reports

While we are continuing with RHCP implementation services for 2010, our existing budget is depleted. We propose renewing our on-call work authorization for the same amount as last year (\$125,000) with the funds to be allocated as needed to keep up with RHCP implementation priorities. The following are tasks and that we anticipate would be required for the WCCF to stay current with its management, monitoring and research responsibilities as described in the RHCP.

- Respond to comments and revise as necessary the Draft Preserve Maintenance and Monitoring Plan and KFA reports
- Attend board meetings and assist in development of the Adaptive Management Work Group
- Conduct preserve maintenance and biological monitoring tasks as needed for the 2010 annual report, compile annual report. Service would include those that are USFWS permit dependant and would exclude those assigned to additional contractor for monthly preserve maintenance
- Conduct baseline preserve vegetation surveys as called for in Monitoring Plan Section 2.2
- Continue to assist the WCCF with data needs as necessary
- Assist WCCF as needed with development of public awareness program. Section 9.3.6 of the RHCP calls for \$5,000/yr starting in year 2
- Provide RCHP application review services as needed and provide separate accounting and billing information should those costs be passed back to applicants by the WCCF

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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