



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** July 17, 2012

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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Commissioner Karen Huber

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Commissioner Karen Huber

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:** Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of John Gosdin to the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (BCCP CAC) to serve immediately through June 30, 2014.

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:** N/A

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, [Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us) by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

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John M. Gosdin has over 30 years of successful senior leadership, planning/coordination, and management experience in state and regional government, as well as over 33 years of active and reserve experience in the US Army (Corps of Engineers). After his retirement in 2008, Dr. Gosdin has continued to provide service on boards of directors for military, natural resource, and other advisory organizations.

### **STATE GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE**

He served in variety of budget, planning, and program administration positions in the Office of the Governor of Texas, Budget and Planning Office, from 1973 to 1987.

- Responsible for monitoring/coordinating programs of over 30 state agencies, including development of biennial Executive Budget recommendations. Responsible for development of policy positions on broad array of natural resource issues, including water, oil and gas, agriculture, historical preservation, and parks/wildlife management.
- Responsible for improving efficiency and effectiveness of state government through a management systems improvement program: (a) board member orientation, (b) management by objectives (MBO), (c) state personnel management, (d) management training, and (e) operational audits.
- Developed application procedures and administered state and federal grant programs, specifically the Coastal Energy Impact Program (U.S. Dept. of Commerce), Economic Development Assistance Program (EDA), Energy Impacted Areas Assistance Program (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture).
- Provided staff support to Interagency Council on Natural Resources and the Environment; supervised contracts for research application of LANDSAT data in inventorying and monitoring resources of Texas Gulf Coast, and coordinated contracts for preparation of statewide land capability maps.

At the Lower Colorado River Authority, Dr. Gosdin managed LCRA's evolving system of parks and conservation lands and developed several award winning programs from 1989 to 2008.

- Supervised professional and field staff in the areas of watershed management, parks, lands and conservation management, and environmental education and outreach.
- Program manager for remediation and adaptive reuse of LCRA's historic

Comal Power Plant (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Award for Environmental Excellence)

- Supervised professional and field staff in the management of 15,000 acres of conservation and recreation lands.
- Designed and implemented new programs for structural and non-structural control of sedimentation caused by erosion.
- Initiated programs for cooperative private wild lands restoration (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Lone Star Land Steward Award)

### **MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

Commissioned in the Corps of Engineers through ROTC at Texas Tech University in 1964, Brigadier General Gosdin spent his entire military career with Army engineer units. After two years of active duty in Germany, he served with US Army Reserve units in Texas, culminating his career as Commanding General, 420th Engineer Brigade, headquartered in Bryan, Texas.

In an early assignment, his unit was activated to perform emergency assistance services after the 1970 Lubbock tornado. Later assignments included four years as Commander of the 871<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion in Austin, Texas, and three years as Assistant Corps Engineer for III US Corps at Fort Hood. During this time he had engineer planning and logistical coordination responsibilities for numerous US Southern Command exercises (deployments for training in Honduras and Belize) and NATO exercises (REFORGER and MAKEFAST). While he was Commander of the 420<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, four of his units participated with distinction in DESERT STORM during the Gulf War.

BG Gosdin' military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and others.

He retired from the US Army in 1997 with over 33 years of military service.

### **EDUCATION**

The University of Texas, Austin, Texas Ph.D. in Management, Graduate School of Business	1982
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas Master of Science, Agriculture, Landscape Agriculture	1969
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas Bachelor of Science, Agriculture, Park Administration	1964
Graduate, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Fort Leavenworth, Kansas	1976