

HABITAT CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

for the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

A **special** meeting of the Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee (HCAC) was held on Zoom on **June 12, 2026.**

Committee members present were:

Chris Blake, Chairman	Environmental Organization
Kevin Bunnell, Vice Chair	Utah Dept. of Natural Resources (UDNR)
Jason West	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
George Weekley	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Jarett Waite	Mayors Association
Austin Anderson	Citizen-at-Large
Carmen Clark	Citizen-at-Large

Absent and Excused:

Gregg McArthur	Local Development
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Also present were:

Cameron Rognan	HCP Administrator
Randee Sanders	HCP Executive Assistant
Mike Schijf	HCP Biologist
Gary Webster	Senator Lee's Office
Aaron Langston	TLA
Brendan Botosan	CSU

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Kevin Bunnell called the meeting to order at approximately 2:08 p.m. noting that a quorum was present.

2. PRESENTATIONS & GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action on reconsideration of the Zone 6 boundary amendment

Cameron Rognan requested this special meeting to reconsider the boundary change in Zone 6 that was voted on by this committee during their May meeting. It was later realized that the 3.5 mitigation area was going to be partially affected by a detention basin that the developers were asked to put in. It is less than an acre, but the County asked them to reconfigure the mitigation area to entirely avoid the detention basin. An updated map was shared to show the proposed change (see exhibit 2a). What is now proposed is to shift approximately an acre of the mitigation parcel from the east to the north. HCP staff went on site and evaluated the habitat, and the habitat coming in was actually even better than what they had previously agreed to.

Mike Schijf informed the committee that the TC did vote unanimously to accept this amended proposal during their last meeting. The evaluation form was slightly adjusted to reflect the changes, but nothing really changed from the 2024 version in terms of the habitat quality grade. The TC thought that the habitat is at least as good, if not better, than the original proposal for the mitigation area.

Kevin summarized: There is a need to adjust the boundary of the mitigation area. It's net neutral in terms of acreage and size. The TC has evaluated it and forwarded it up to the HCAC with a recommendation for approval after an assessment of the habitat.

George Weekley said that he was glad to see this shift. When Danielle Costantini brought it to his attention, he was concerned about having a detention basin in a mitigation area. Especially because when detention basins flood, they could kill tortoises. He was happy to hear that the developers were willing to shift the mitigation area and to have habitat that is as good, if not better, quality than what was initially proposed.

Kevin asked if the property would be deeded over to the county. Cameron responded that he didn't think it would change hands. It just gets fenced in as a part of the Reserve with an agreement that that land is in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. Kevin asked if that agreement is in place? To which Cameron replied that it will be if it is approved here and receives approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

MOTION by: Chris Blake

Seconded by: Jason West

Discussion: To accept the recommended amendment to the mitigation that was proposed by the TC.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned without a motion at approximately 2:16 p.m.
Minutes prepared by Randee Sanders.