

Section 6 (Texas Non-traditional) Report Review

Attachment to letter dated APR 09 2009

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Project Title: Petersen Ranch Black-capped Vireo
Conservation Easement, Kendall County, TX

Final or Interim Report? Final

Grant #: E-50-RL

Reviewer Station: Austin ESFO

Lead station was contacted and concurs with the following comments:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable (reviewer is from lead station)

Nontraditional Program (check one):

- ☒ Recovery Land Acquisition
- ☐ HCP Land Acquisition
- ☐ HCP Planning Assistance
- ☐ Safe Harbors / CCAAs

Interim Report (check one):

- ☐ is acceptable as is
- ☐ is acceptable as is, but comments below
need to be addressed in the next report
- ☐ needs revision (see comments below)

Final Report (check one):

- ☒ is acceptable as is
- ☐ is acceptable, but needs minor revision
(see comments below)
- ☐ needs major revision (see comments below)

Comments:

FINAL REPORT

As Required by

THE ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM

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Grant No. TX E – 50 - RL

Endangered and Threatened Species Conservation

**Petersen Ranch Black-capped Vireo Conservation Easement,
Kendall County, TX**

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6 March 2009

FINAL REPORT

STATE: Texas **GRANT NUMBER:** TX E – 50 - RL

Grant Title: Petersen Ranch Black-capped Vireo Conservation Easement, Kendall County, TX.

Grant Program: Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation (15.615)

Contract Period: December 1, 2003 **through** November 30, 2008

Reporting Period: December 1, 2003 **through** November 30, 2008

Objective: To acquire Black-capped vireo conservation easement including a management plan
on 147.5 acres in the northeast portion of Kendall County.

Accomplishments:

None.

Summary of Progress:


As stated in the 2008 Interim Report for this grant the initial subgrantee, Bexar Land Trust, decided to withdraw their interest in the project (see). The Nature Conservancy (TNC Texas) attempted to step in to this role by working with the landowner, Mr. Bob Petersen, to develop a new, revised project statement to submit for approval to TPWD and USFWS. However, the revised project statement included development of a commercial venture within the boundaries of the proposed conservation easement that would have significantly decreased the net conservation value of the property compared to that prior to the acquisition. Therefore, because 1) there would have been a net decrease in conservation value for the property, 2) this change would have been contrary to the original project statement upon which the award was based which stipulated that TPWD and USFWS were to retain 100% of the development rights, and 3) further negotiations did not resolve the dispute, TPWD decided that this project would not be in the best interest of the agency's mission and allowed the grant to close.

Costs:

No cost reimbursements have been requested.

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