



News from the Helotes Heritage Association

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The following announcement is from the Bexar Audubon Society.

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NEWS CONTENT:

Peter Bella, director of the Natural Resources Department of the Alamo Area Council of Governments, will address Bexar Audubon Society's next meeting, Thursday, Jan. 10, in Trinity University's Cowles Life Sciences Bldg., Rm. 149.

He will explain how the "Envision" process can be used to set a local course for conservation and environmental protection in San Antonio and Bexar County.

Assembly is at 6:30 p.m., announcements at 6:45 p.m., and program at 7 p.m.

The goal of "Envision" is to bring community stakeholders together in a wide-area visioning process that yields a clear, citizen-led focus on community needs and resources. It is a democratic, collaborative process that has been used by a number of counties and councils of government.

The process can embrace a wide array of quality-of-life indicators, e.g., the economy, employment, education, public safety and government, as well as culture, recreation, growth, health, social environment, natural resources, and environment.

Bella has spent nine years with AACOG. As director of the Natural Resources Department, he provides strategic planning for air-quality improvements. He also educates officials and the public on air-quality challenges. He holds a BS in physics and an MS in mathematics, both from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

The meeting is open to the public at no charge. Cowles Life Sciences Building is uphill from Laurie Auditorium near the library but may be hard to find for first-timers.

See <http://www.bexaraudubon.org/calendar.html> for a description and map, or call Patty at 824-1235 for directions. Parking is available at Laurie Auditorium and lots near Cowles.

For more on local conservation groups and events, visit <http://www.bexaraudubon.org> and <http://www.sa-naturecenter.org> .

Sincerely,
Ron Green, President
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