



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: August 28, 2024

In Control: Conservation Advisory Board Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Homer Garcia III

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

A discussion and update regarding the Bryant Ranch and Rocamontes Property by Green Spaces Alliance.

SUMMARY:

Green Spaces Alliance will provide an update on the Bryant Ranch and Rocamontes Property.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Green Spaces Alliance will provide a project update on the Bryant Ranch and Rocamontes Property for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as candidates for conservation easement acquisition through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

The Bryant Ranch is a 271-acre property located in Medina County over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. The property ranks in the 70th percentile of the SET GIS spatial model. Edwards Aquifer Authority's geological assessment report confirmed high water quality and high

water quantity benefits if this property is protected. Stage 2 due diligence has been completed. Green Spaces Alliance will be requesting final approval from the Conservation Advisory Board. If approved, the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program will request City Council authorization to proceed with acquiring a conservation easement on this property in Fiscal Year 2025.

The Rocamontes Property is approximately 50 acres located in Medina County over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The property ranks in the Top 10% of the SET GIS spatial model and is located directly adjacent to the Wolfe Ranch (currently under evaluation) as well as the Currier Ranch and Oefinger Ranch conservation easements. Green Spaces Alliance will be requesting approval of Stage 1 due diligence for this property in order to request an appraisal to determine the fair market value of a conservation easement and to request a geological assessment report to be conducted by Edwards Aquifer Authority.

ISSUE:

Green Spaces Alliance will request final approval from the Conservation Advisory Board for the Bryant Ranch project and will present the Rocamontes Property for approval of Stage 1 due diligence.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends final approval of the Bryant Ranch project and recommends approval of Stage 1 due diligence on the Rocamontes Property.