



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: February 26, 2025

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 Hill Country Equestrian Ranch property by Edwards Aquifer Protection Program staff.

SUMMARY:

Edwards Aquifer Protection Program staff will present the Hill Country Equestrian Ranch property for consideration of Stage 1 due diligence to the Conservation Advisory Board. This property may be considered for acquisition of a conservation easement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Edwards Aquifer Protection Program staff will present the Hill Country Equestrian Ranch property for consideration of Stage 1 due diligence to the Conservation Advisory Board. This property may be considered for acquisition of a conservation easement.

The Hill Country Equestrian Ranch property is approximately 275 acres located over the Edwards

Aquifer Contributing Zone in Bandera County. The property ranks in the 60th percentile of the Scientific Evaluation Team's GIS Spatial Model. This property is located directly adjacent to Hill Country State Natural Area and contains karst features and a creek. Edwards Aquifer Protection Program staff will be requesting consideration of Stage 1 due diligence in order to request a geological assessment from Edwards Aquifer Authority to determine the water quality and quantity benefits, if protected, and to order an appraisal to determine the fair market value for purchase of a conservation easement on the property.

ISSUE:

Edwards Aquifer Protection Program staff will present the Hill Country Equestrian Ranch property for consideration of Stage 1 due diligence to the Conservation Advisory Board. This property may be considered for acquisition of a conservation easement. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approve Stage 1 due diligence for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Stage 1 due diligence for the Hill Country Equestrian Ranch property.