

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

January 22, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Member Name	Agency Represented
Dr. Francine Romero	<i>San Antonio Parks & Recreation Board</i>
Mr. Joseph Plappert for Ms. Jessica Alderson	<i>Texas Parks & Wildlife Department</i>
Mr. Homer Garcia	<i>COSA Parks & Recreation Dept.</i>
Mr. Brian Mast	<i>San Antonio River Authority</i>
Mr. Thomas Marsalia	<i>Edwards Aquifer Authority</i>
Mr. Scott Halty	<i>San Antonio Water System</i>
Mr. Temple (Scooter) Mangold	<i>Medina County</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Grant Ellis, Natural Resources Manager, Parks and Recreation
Phillip Covington, Special Projects Manager, Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP)
Susan Courage, Senior Management Analyst, EAPP
David Bernal, Management Analyst, EAPP
Victoria Shum, City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Jennifer Guerrero, City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

GUESTS PRESENT

Name	Organization
David Bezanson via WebEx	The Nature Conservancy
Clay Thompson	Green Spaces Alliance
Mikel Wilkins	San Antonio River Authority
Patricia Seidenberger	San Antonio Conservation Society

REGULAR BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Chairwoman Francine Romero. Roll call was taken by Dr. Romero.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Romero asked for approval of the minutes for the December 4, 2024 meeting. Mr. Phillip Covington noted that Mr. Joseph Plappert's name was incorrectly written as Jason and he stated the correction would be made in the final version of the meeting minutes. Mr. Joseph Plappert motioned for approval with correction. Mr. Scooter Mangold seconded. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that there was a total of 187,288 acres protected by the EAPP and he presented an updated map of the protected properties under the program. He also stated that the San Antonio Municipal Utility District (SA MUD) No. 1 Phase II conservation easement would close in February which would bring the total to 187,343 acres protected under the program.
- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that all other Council-approved projects including the Stoner Ranch project, the Gilleland Ranch project and other projects that were pending had officially closed since the last CAB meeting.
- Mr. Homer Garcia provided a summary of the City Council B Session which provided a status update on the EAPP. Mr. Garcia stated that Mr. Grant Ellis presented the framework of the EAPP to the current City Council members during the meeting. Mr. Garcia also stated that there were follow up questions that were needed to be answered from the City Council members. Dr. Francine Romero requested a presentation to explain the water quality ordinance and the development and regulation aspects of the Edwards Aquifer. Mr. Grant Ellis stated that the EAPP would research and compile an overview of pertinent topics to answer the questions raised by the City Council.
- Dr. Francine Romero stated an article that she wrote about the EAPP would be highlighted in Planning Magazine and available on January 30, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

1. Discussion and update regarding the Trevino Property: The Nature Conservancy
 - a. Mr. Phillip Covington presented an update for the Trevino property for stage 2 approval. Item was tabled for further discussion at a later date.
2. Discussion and update regarding the Schuminsky Property: Green Spaces Alliance
 - a. Mr. Clay Thompson presented the Schuminsky Property for stage 1 approval.
3. Discussion and update regarding the Tabbakh and Maverick Ranch properties: Edwards Aquifer Protection Program
 - a. Mr. Phillip Covington presented the Tabbakh Property for stage 1 approval.

- b. Mr. Phillip Covington presented the Maverick Ranch for stage 1 approval. Item was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session started at 1:50 pm.

Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 552.071 (consultation with an attorney).

Closed Executive Session & Opened Regular Session ended at 1:58 pm.

4. Action on proposed items and acquisitions from Agenda items 1, 2 and 3.
 - Chairwoman Romero opened the floor for motions:
 - Mr. Scott Halty motioned for stage 1 approval of the Schuminsky property. Mr. Thomas Marsalia seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brian Mast motioned for stage 1 approval of the Tabbakh property. Mr. Scooter Mangold seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
5. Program fiscal report: Mr. Phillip Covington presented an updated copy of the program expenditure report for the San Antonio Municipal Facilities Corporation (SAMFC) funding which reflected the Stoner Ranch Divisions 1 and 3, which are also known as Stormy Night Ranch East and the TOS Ranch, the SA MUD No. 1 Phase II which is pending closing and the Bryant Ranch and Roland Smith Ranch conservation easements which brings the current program acreage total to 187,288 acres. Mr. Covington also presented an updated copy of the expense tracker report which reflected the recent conservation easement closings, the acquisitions that are pending closing, projects currently in various stages of evaluation and expenses for updated appraisals.
6. Report, Discussion and Action regarding Agenda and Date for upcoming CAB meeting:
February 26, 2025, at 1:00 pm, at the Guenther office of the San Antonio River Authority.

Adjournment at 2:03 pm.