

## City of San Antonio



### MINUTES

## Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

**3:30 PM**

**Development and Business  
Services Center, 1901 S.  
Alamo**

At any time during the meeting, the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee may meet in executive session for consultation with the City Attorney's Office concerning attorney client matters under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

It is the intent of the City that the presiding officer will be in attendance at this location.

### **3:32 P.M. Call to Order**

**Roll Call – Present: Ramirez, Garcia, Jordan, McGlamery, Brach  
Absent: Nino**

**Public Comment** – No public comment

### **Briefing and Possible Action on the following items:**

#### **Item #1**

Discussion and possible action on the transfer of operations and management of Rancho Diana Huesta Cave Preserve from the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP) to the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan (SEP-HCP). [Monique Kormann, Policy Administrator, Development Services Department, (210) 207-5016. Monique.Kormann@sanantonio.gov].

#### **Committee Member Garcia arrived at 3:33 pm.**

Monique Kormann, Policy Administrator, stated this project is a transfer of operations and management of the Rancho Diana Huesta Cave preserve from the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP) to the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan (SEP HCP). The EAPP, which is administrated by the Parks and Recreation Department purchased the 639.87-acre Rancho Diana Huesta Cave preserve for protection of Edwards Aquifer recharge quality and quantity through the 2000 Proposition 3 (Prop 3) program for \$5,844,941.00 in 2001.

Approximately 163 acres of the 639-acre tract preserve are eligible for Karst Fauna Area (KFA) establishment, with a confirmed occupied feature present (High Quality KFA). If approved, 163 acres would be available for SEP-HCP and would generate approximately 1,670 karst enrollment acres for future projects. Development Services Department, who administer the SEP-HCP, are proposing to reimburse the EAPP the full investment of Prop 3 funding for the 163 acres (\$1,507,396.29) for the transfer of operations and management of the Rancho Diana Huesta Cave preserve. SEP-HCP accepts that the transfer will require a conservation easement placed on the property and held by the Edwards Aquifer Conservancy; an aquifer protection layer via the conservation easement will remain on the land even with the transfer of management. This property would benefit from two layers of protection; the EAPP conservation easement and SEP-HCP requirements and SEP-HCP would then be responsible for maintenance and management. The current ordinance requires the SEP-HCP to share 50 percent of its revenues generated from enrollments on EAPP-acquired properties with the EAPP. Reimbursing the EAPP the full initial investment results in substantially greater funding for EAPP. The next step is to present to Parks Board, and Conservation Advisory Board will consider this proposal on March 17th, and 26th, 2025. This item will require consideration by the Planning and Community Development Committee and City Council. Staff recommends approval.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Committee Member Brach and was seconded by Committee Member Jordan to approve as presented.

A verbal vote was taken, and all voted in affirmative.

**MOTION PASSES****Item #2**

Approval of the minutes from the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee meeting on February 11, 2025.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Committee Member McGlamery and was seconded by Committee Member Jordan to approve as presented.

A verbal vote was taken, and all voted in affirmative.

**MOTION PASSES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVED

Melissa Ramirez, Chair

ATTEST:

Monique Kormann, Executive Secretary