



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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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 Trevino Property, Harrison Ranch, Smart Ranch Phase II, and Hoesen Ranch projects by The Nature Conservancy.

SUMMARY:

The Nature Conservancy will provide an update on the Trevino Property, Harrison Ranch, Smart Ranch Phase II, and Hoesen Ranch projects which are being considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Nature Conservancy will provide an update on the Trevino Property, Harrison Ranch, Smart Ranch Phase II, and Hoesen Ranch projects which are being considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

The Trevino Property is a 39-acre property located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone in

Bexar County and is being considered for fee simple acquisition. The property ranks in the Top 30% of the Scientific Evaluation Team GIS Spatial Model. Edwards Aquifer Authority conducted a geological assessment on the property confirming it would provide high water quality and moderation water quantity benefits if protected. An appraisal has also been completed. The Nature Conservancy will be requested approval of Stage 2 due diligence in order to proceed with ordering a survey and Phase I environmental site assessment.

The Harrison Ranch is an approximately 401-acre property located over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone in Medina County and is being considered for purchase of a conservation easement. The property ranks in the Top 20% of the Scientific Evaluation Team GIS Spatial Model. Edwards Aquifer Authority conducted a geological assessment of the property confirming it would provide high water quality and high water quantity benefits if protected. An appraisal has also been completed. The Nature Conservancy will be requested approval of Stage 2 due diligence in order to proceed with ordering a survey and Phase I environmental site assessment.

Smart Ranch Phase II is an approximately 97-acre property located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone in Medina County and is being considered for purchase of a conservation easement. The property ranks in the 50th percentile of the Scientific Evaluation Team GIS Spatial Model. Edwards Aquifer Authority conducted a geological assessment of the property confirming it would provide high water quality and high water quantity benefits if protected. An appraisal has also been completed. The Nature Conservancy will be requested approval of Stage 2 due diligence in order to proceed with ordering a survey and Phase I environmental site assessment.

The Hoesen Ranch is an approximately 394-acre property located over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone in Medina County and is being considered for purchase of a conservation easement. The property ranks in the Top 20% of the Scientific Evaluation Team GIS Spatial Model. Edwards Aquifer Authority conducted a geological assessment of the property confirming it would provide high water quality and high water quantity benefits if protected. An appraisal has also been completed. The Nature Conservancy will be requested approval of Stage 2 due diligence in order to proceed with ordering a survey and Phase I environmental site assessment.

ISSUE:

The Nature Conservancy will provide an update on the Trevino Property, Harrison Ranch, Smart Ranch Phase II, and Hoesen Ranch projects which are being considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approved Stage 2 due diligence for these four acquisition projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Stage 2 due diligence for the Trevino Property, Harrison Ranch, Smart Ranch Phase II, and Hoesen Ranch projects.