

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

April 23, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Member Name	Agency Represented
Mr. Scott Halty	<i>San Antonio Water System</i>
Ms. Jessica Alderson via WebEx	<i>Texas Parks & Wildlife Department</i>
Mr. Homer Garcia via WebEx	<i>COSA Parks & Recreation Dept.</i>
Mr. Brian Mast	<i>San Antonio River Authority</i>
Mr. Thomas Marsalia	<i>Edwards Aquifer Authority</i>
Mr. Temple "Scooter" Mangold	<i>Medina County</i>
Mr. Rader Gilleland	<i>Uvalde County</i>

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Name	Organization
Rebecca Neill	The Nature Conservancy
Kaitlin O'Brien-Friesenhahn	The Nature Conservancy via WebEx
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 1:00 pm by Vice Chairman Scott Halty, who presided as Acting Chair in the absence of Chairwoman Francine Romero. Roll call was taken by Vice Chairman Halty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Halty asked for approval of the minutes for the March 26, 2025 meeting. Mr. Thomas Marsalia motioned for approval of the minutes as amended. Mr. Rader Gilleland seconded. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that there was a total of 187,349 acres protected under the EAPP and he presented an updated map of the protected properties under the program.

- Mr. Covington stated that the Edwards Aquifer Authority closed on the Maverick Ranch property. The City of San Antonio signed the deed as the Trustee and enforcer of the restrictive covenants within the deed.
- Mr. Covington stated that the EAPP met with representatives of the local Homeland Security Department. Mr. Covington stated they are conducting an aquifer vulnerability study for the Edwards Aquifer in coordination with San Antonio Water System and gathered information on the EAPP initiative and accomplishments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

1. Discussion and update regarding the Casa Laguna Ranch, Ferguson Ranch, Trevino Property and Fush Creek Ranch projects: The Nature Conservancy

- a. Ms. Rebecca Neill presented the Casa Laguna Ranch for stage 1 approval.
- b. Ms. Rebecca Neill presented the Ferguson Ranch for stage 1 approval.
- c. Mr. Phillip Covington presented the Trevino Property for final approval.
- d. Mr. Phillip Covington present the Fush Creek Ranch for stage 1A approval.

Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session started at 1:15 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 1:25 pm.

2. Action on proposed items and acquisitions from Agenda item 1.

- Vice Chairman Halty opened the floor for motions:
 - Mr. Thomas Marsalia motioned for stage 1 approval of the Casa Laguna Ranch. Mr. Rader Gilleland seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 1 approval of the Ferguson Ranch. Mr. Thomas Marsalia seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Thomas Marsalia motioned for stage 1A approval of the Fush Creek Ranch. Mr. Brian Mast seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 1 approval of the Ferguson Ranch. Mr. Scooter Mangold seconded. Mr. Thomas Marsalia voted no on the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

3. Program Fiscal Report: Mr. Phillip Covington presented an updated copy of the program expenditure and expense tracker reports to reflect all the current acquisitions and due diligence. Mr. Covington stated that all water quality projects had begun to conclude and were fully expended or were in the process of submitting final invoices for review and approval.

4. Report, Discussion and Action regarding Agenda and Date for upcoming CAB meeting:
May 28, 2025, at 1:00 pm, at the Guenther office of the San Antonio River Authority.

Adjournment at 1:30 pm.