

# ***CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD***

## **MINUTES**

May 28, 2025

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Agency Represented</b>
Dr. Francine Romero	<i>San Antonio Parks &amp; Recreation Board</i>
Mr. Scott Halty	<i>San Antonio Water System</i>
Ms. Jessica Alderson	<i>Texas Parks &amp; Wildlife Department</i>
Ms. Melinda Cerda for Mr. Homer Garcia	<i>COSA Parks &amp; Recreation Dept.</i>
Mr. Brian Mast	<i>San Antonio River Authority</i>
Mr. Temple “Scooter” Mangold	<i>Medina 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, Asst. City Attorney, City Attorney’s Office

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Annette Paulin	Green Spaces Alliance
Clay Thompson	Green Spaces Alliance
Savannah Fox	Green Spaces Alliance
Mikel Wilkins	San Antonio River Authority
Patricia Seidenberger	San Antonio Conservation Society
Kevin Clarkson	Bexar County Emergency Services District 7
Arthur Zuniga	Fasken, Ltd.
Taddy Bueke	Fasken, Ltd.
Zac Griffin	Dalkia Energy Solutions
Buck Benson	Barton Benson Jones PLLC

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairwoman Francine Romero. Roll call was taken by Chairwoman Romero.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairwoman Romero asked for approval of the minutes for the April 23, 2025, meeting. Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for approval of the minutes. Mr. Brian Mast seconded. Motion carried.

## **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated there was currently 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 the managing editor of the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Parks and Recreation magazine had requested that Mr. Covington submit an article about the EAPP. The article may be published in the September or October issue.
- Mr. Covington stated that an application and recommendation was received from greater:SA TX for the CAB's SAEDF vacancy and the nomination would be on the City Council agenda in June.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

1. Discussion and update regarding the Sneckner Ranch project: The Nature Conservancy
  - a. Mr. David Bezanson presented the Sneckner Ranch for stage 1 approval.
2. Discussion and update regarding the Westervelt Property: Green Spaces Alliance
  - a. Mr. Clay Thompson presented the Westervelt Property for stage 2 approval.
3. Discussion and update regarding the Emergency Services District (ESD) 7/Kallison Ranch Land Swap Proposal and Babcock Road 165 project: EAPP Staff
  - a. Mr. Phillip Covington presented the ESD 7/Kallison Ranch Land Swap Proposal for stage 1 approval.
  - b. Mr. Covington presented the Babcock Road 165 Property for stage 1 approval.

Chairwoman Romero excused herself and Vice Chairman Scott Halty presided as Acting Chair in the absence of Chairwoman Francine Romero for the remainder of the meeting.

## **Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session started at 1:18 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 1:27 pm.**

2. Action on proposed items and acquisitions from Agenda items 1, 2 & 3.

- Vice Chairman Halty opened the floor for motions:
  - Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 1 approval of the Sneckner Ranch. Mr. Scooter Mangold seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
  - Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 2 approval of the Westervelt property. Mr. Brian Mast seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
  - Mr. Brian Mast motioned for stage 1 approval of the ESD 7/Kallison Ranch Land Swap Proposal. Mr. Scooter Mangold seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
  - Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 1 approval of the Babcock Road 165 project. Mr. Brian Mast seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

3. Program Fiscal Report: Mr. Phillip Covington presented a copy of the program expenditure report and stated that there were no updates made since the last meeting in April. Mr. Covington also presented an updated expense tracker report to reflect the Trevino property fee simple acquisition pending City Council consideration on June 12, 2025 and a tentative closing in late June. Mr. Covington also stated that the updated expense report reflected due diligence on some individual projects and that the final CAB approval of Wolfe Ranch and Rocamontes property would occur next month with closing on those projects in August or September.

4. Report, Discussion and Action regarding Agenda and Date for upcoming CAB meeting:

June 25, 2025, at 1:00 pm, at the Guenther office of the San Antonio River Authority.

Adjournment at 1:34 pm.