

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

June 28, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Member Name	Agency Represented
Dr. Francine Romero	<i>San Antonio Parks & Recreation Board</i>
Ms. Jessica Alderson	<i>Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.</i>
Ms. Melinda Cerda for Mr. Homer Garcia	<i>COSA Parks & Recreation Dept.</i>
Ms. Karen Bishop for Mr. Steve Graham	<i>San Antonio River Authority</i>
Mr. Thomas Marsalia	<i>Edwards Aquifer Authority</i>
Mr. Scott Halty for Mr. Robert Puente	<i>San Antonio Water System</i>
Mr. Rader Gilleland	<i>Uvalde County</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Phillip Covington, Special Projects Manager, Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP)

David Bernal, Senior Management Analyst, EAPP

Victoria Shum, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

GUESTS PRESENT

Name	Organization
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Doug Dillow	Green Spaces Alliance
Clay Thompson	Green Spaces Alliance

REGULAR BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:14 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 May 24, 2023 meeting. Mr. Thomas Marsalia motioned for approval of an amended version of the minutes. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. Minutes approved as amended. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the Littleton Ranch and Morrow Ranch Addition conservation easements closed in May 2023. He also stated those acquisitions brought the total land protected under the EAPP to 178,034 acres.

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that he would coordinate with CAB members to obtain nomination letters from their respective organizations for reappointment by City Council.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No citizens to be heard.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

1. Discussion and update regarding the Moos Ranch Phase II, Stoner Ranch and Gilleland Ranch Addition: The Nature Conservancy

- a. Mr. David Bezanson presented the Moos Ranch Phase II for final approval.
- b. Mr. David Bezanson presented the Stoner Ranch for final approval.
- c. Mr. David Bezanson presented an update on the Gilleland Ranch Addition. Mr. Rader Gilleland recused himself and returned after the briefing.

2. Discussion and Update regarding the Scenic Loop Property: EAPP Staff

- a. Mr. Phillip Covington presented the Scenic Loop Property for stage 2 approval.

Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session started at 1:34 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 2:07 pm.

3. Action on proposed acquisition from Agenda Items 1 and 2.

- Chairwoman Romero opened the floor for motions:
 - Ms. Karen Bishop motioned for final approval of Moos Ranch Phase II. Motion was not seconded.
 - Mr. Rader Gilleland motioned to collectively table the Moos Ranch Phase II, Stoner Ranch and Scenic Loop projects until after the prioritization of projects and budget discussion. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

4. Program fiscal report: Mr. Phillip Covington presented an updated copy of the expense tracker that included conservation easements included in the spending plan that may be considered for acquisition in FY 2024 and FY 2025. Mr. Covington stated that the updated expense report reflects an amount less than \$300,000 for the remainder of the 2015 Proposition 1 that included the Smart

Ranch conservation easement. Mr. Covington also stated that the Melissa Bendele Ranch would be acquired with a combination of the remaining balance of the 2015 Prop 1 program and from the alternative funding plan.

5. Monitoring status report: Mr. David Bernal stated that there were no updates to report.
6. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – August 23, 2023 at 1:00 pm, at the San Antonio River Authority.

Adjournment at 2:20 pm.