



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: August 23, 2023

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 Moos Phase 2 and Stoner Ranch projects by The Nature Conservancy.

SUMMARY:

The Nature Conservancy will present an update on the Moos Ranch Phase II and Stoner Ranch projects which may be considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Nature Conservancy will present updates on the Moos Ranch Phase II and Stoner Ranch projects for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as candidates for conservation easements through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP).

Moos Ranch Phase II is an approximately 626.56-acre property located in Uvalde County over the

Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and is located adjacent to the 2,268-acre Moos Ranch Phase I conservation easement which was acquired by the EAPP earlier this year. This property ranks in the 50th percentile of the SET model. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration of final approval and recommendation of City Council consideration for acquisition of a conservation easement as the environmental reporting and survey (Stage 2 due diligence) are completed.

Stoner Ranch consists of four parcels totaling approximately 2,043.75-acres in Uvalde County over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. This project ranks in the 40th percentile of the SET model. There are four separate ownership interests in the Stoner Ranch which will result in four contiguous conservation easements for the 2,043.75-acre project. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration of final approval and recommendation of City Council consideration for acquisition of four conservation easements as the environmental reporting and survey (Stage 2 due diligence) are completed.

ISSUE:

This is an update to the Conservation Advisory Board on the Moos Ranch Phase II and Stoner Ranch projects. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to recommend City Council consideration for acquisition of conservation easements on the Moos Ranch Phase II and Stoner Ranch properties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends final approval and City Council consideration for acquisition of conservation easements on the Moos Ranch Phase II and Stoner Ranch projects.