



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: September 27, 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 Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project by The Nature Conservancy

SUMMARY:

The Nature Conservancy will present an update on the Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as a candidate for a conservation easement through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Nature Conservancy will present an update on the Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as a candidate for a conservation easement through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP).

Middle Verde Ranch Phase III is a 2,538.10-acre property located in Bandera County over the

Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone and is located adjacent to the prior two phases of the ranch which have been protected by conservation easements through the EAPP under the 2010 and 2015 Proposition 1 programs. This property ranks in the 30th percentile of the SET model. Edwards Aquifer Authority's geological assessment report ranked the property high-to-very-high for water quantity benefits and high water quality benefits for the City of San Antonio if protected. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting final approval for acquisition of a conservation easement on this property as a survey and environmental reports have been completed.

ISSUE:

This is an update to the Conservation Advisory Board on the Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to recommend that City Council consider acquisition of a conservation easement on this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends final approval for the Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project.