

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: January 26, 2022

In Control: Conservation Advisory Board Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Homer Garcia III

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Edwards Aquifer Protection Program conservation easement projects

SUMMARY:

A briefing and update by City staff on the status of the SH 211/Hampton property, Maverick Springs/Schneider Ranch, and the Stoner Ranch, which are being considered for conservation easement acquisiton for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City staff will provide a briefing on 1) the status of the SH 211/Hampton property, an approximately 126-acre property located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone in western Bexar County; 2) the status of the Maverick Springs/Schneider Ranch, an approximately 15-acre property located over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone in northern Bexar County and is currently in Stage 1A due diligence process; and 3) the status of the Stoner Ranch, and

approximately 2,088-acre property located over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone in Uvalde County and is currently in Stage 1 due due diligence process.

ISSUE:

This is a briefing to the Conservation Advisory Board on the status of the SH 211/Hampton property, Maverick Springs/Schneider Ranch, and Stoner Ranch projects. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to recommend approval of Stage 1 due diligence for the SH 211/Hampton property and Stage 1B due diligence for the Maverick Springs/Schneider Ranch. No action is necessary on the Stoner Ranch project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Conservation Advisory Board could elect not to approve proceeding with further due diligence on the SH 211/Hampton property and/or the Maverick Springs/Schneider Ranch projects and direct staff to focus on other project opportunities within the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program target area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Stage 1 due diligence on the SH 211/Hampton property and approval of Stage 1B due diligence on the Maverick Springs/Schneider Ranch project.