



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Conservation Advisory Board Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Homer Garcia III

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Scenic Canyon Natural Area Fencing Project

SUMMARY:

A briefing by City staff on a proposal to replace 7,900 linear feet of fencing at Scenic Canyon Natural Area, a property which was purchased by the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City staff will provide a briefing and request Conservation Advisory Board consideration for approval to assist the Parks and Recreation Department's Natural Areas division in sharing in the expense of replacement of approximately 7,900 linear feet of perimeter fencing at Scenic Canyon Natural Area. The 453-acre property was acquired by the City of San Antonio in 2007 under the 2005 Proposition 1 program and The Nature Conservancy holds a conservation easement on the property.

NMB Development Inc, the City of San Antonio's current annual contractor for fencing installation services, has provided a quote of \$144,000.00 to replace the existing perimeter fence, most of which is in poor condition or missing in some locations. The Natural Areas division of the Parks and Recreation Department, which manages the property as a natural area preserve, is able to contribute \$25,000.00 toward the proposed fencing replacement project from the Fiscal Year 2023 budget; the remaining \$119,000 balance is being requested from the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program's 2015 Proposition 1 program funds. Replacement of this fencing will assist in securing the Scenic Canyon Natural Area and its sensitive karst features from trespassing activity.

ISSUE:

This is a briefing to the Conservation Advisory Board on the need for replacement of perimeter fencing at Scenic Canyon Natural Area. The Conservation Advisory Board may vote to approve sharing the cost of the proposed fencing replacement with the Parks and Recreation Department's Natural Areas division.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is a one-time expensiture in the amount of \$119,000.000 for replacement of 7,900 linear feet of fencing at Scenic Canyon Natural Area funded through the voter approved 2015 Sales Tax Proposition 1 Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. Funds for this project have been appropriated through Proposition 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Sales Tax fund included in the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Conservation Advisory Board may elect not to approve sharing in the cost of the proposed fencing replacement requiring the Natural Areas division to identify an alternative funding source to complete the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed fencing replacement project at Scenic Canyon Natural Area by contributing \$119,000.00 under the Proposition 1 Edwards Aquifer Protection Venue Program.