



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: March 27, 2024

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 Seco Valley Ranch and Cherry Springs Ranch projects by Green Spaces Alliance.

SUMMARY:

Green Spaces Alliance will provide an update on the Seco Valley Ranch and Cherry Springs Ranch projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Green Spaces Alliance will provide project updates on the Seco Valley Ranch andn Cherry Springs Ranch projects for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as candidates for conservation easements through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

Seco Valley Ranch is approximately 1,870 acres located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones in Medina County. The property ranks in the 20th percentile of the Scientific

Evaluation Team model and contains numerous karst features. Edwards Aquifer Authority's geological assessment report confirmed very high water quality and water quantity benefits if this property is protected. Stage 2 due diligence has been completed but an updated appraisal is needed as the last appraisal was conducted in September 2022 and the project was placed on hold at the landowner's request. This is a briefing item only.

Cherry Springs Ranch is approximately 2,024 acres located over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone in Medina and Bandera Counties. The property ranks in the 20th percentile of the Scientific Evaluation Team model. The landowner is very interested in placing a conservation easement on this property. Green Spaces Alliance will be requesting approval of Stage 1 due diligence to conduct a geological assessment and appraisal on this property.

ISSUE:

Green Spaces Alliance will present an update on due diligence completed on the Seco Valley Ranch and will be requesting approval of Stage 1 due diligence for the Cherry Springs Ranch which the Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approve.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Stage 1 due diligence on the Cherry Springs Ranch and recommends proceeding with a revised appraisal on the Seco Valley Ranch.