



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: January 24, 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 Hoover Property and Gilleland Ranch Phase II by The Nature Conservancy.

SUMMARY:

The Nature Conservancy will provide an update on the Hoover Property and Gilleland Ranch Phase II projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Nature Conservancy will provide project updates on the Hoover Property and Gilleland Ranch Phase II properties for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as candidates for conservation through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

The Hoover Property is approximately 20 acres located adjacent to Scenic Canyon Natural Area in Bexar County over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. The property is currently for sale

and is being offered as an opportunity for fee simple acquisition. This property ranks in the Top 10 percent of the SET model. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration of Stage 1 due diligence from the Conservation Advisory Board in order to request a geological assessment report and appraisal.

Gilleland Ranch Phase II is approximately 560 acres located in Uvalde County over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. This property is located adjacent to the Gilleland Ranch conservation easement and ranks in the Top 10 percent of the SET model. Edwards Aquifer Authority conducted a geological assessment on this property which confirmed moderate water quality and moderate water quantity benefits if this property is protected. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting Stage 2 approval from the Conservation Advisory Board in order to proceed with requesting a survey and environmental reports for this property.

ISSUE:

The Nature Conservancy will present an update on due diligence completed on the Gilleland Ranch Phase II project and will be requested Stage 1 due diligence for the Hoover Property. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approve these requests.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Stage 1 due diligence on the Hoover Property and recommends approval of Stage 2 due diligence for the Gilleland Ranch Phase II project.