

# ***CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD***

## **MINUTES**

February 23, 2022

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Agency Represented</b>
Dr. Francine Romero	<i>San Antonio Parks &amp; Recreation Board</i>
Ms. Jessica Alderson (via WebEx)	<i>Texas Parks &amp; Wildlife Dept.</i>
Mr. Grant Ellis for Homer Garcia (via WebEx)	<i>COSA Parks &amp; Recreation Dept.</i>
Mr. Brock Curry	<i>Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA)</i>
Ms. Karen Bishop for Mr. Steve Graham	<i>San Antonio River Authority (SARA)</i>
Mr. Scott Halty for Robert Puente	<i>San Antonio Water System (SAWS)</i>
Dr. Russell Persyn	<i>Medina County</i>

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Phillip Covington, Special Projects Manager, Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP)

Susan Courage, Senior Management Analyst, EAPP

David Bernal, Management Analyst, EAPP

Stephen Whitworth, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office (via WebEx)

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Clay Thompson	Green Spaces Alliance
Patricia Seidenberger	San Antonio Conservation Society

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Chairwoman Francine Romero. Roll call was taken by Dr. Romero.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Romero asked for approval of the minutes from CAB members who attended the virtual January 26, 2022 meeting. Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for approval of the minutes. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. Minutes approved with vote by acclamation. Motion carried.

## **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated the Galewsky Ranch conservation easement was scheduled for City Council consideration on March 3, 2022. He also stated the Pearce conservation easement which had already been approved by CAB was on hold.
- Mr. Covington stated that he would be attending the Texas Land Conservation Conference in Austin from March 2 to March 4 and would participate as a panelist for one of the sessions with Mr. David Bezanson of The Nature Conservancy.
- Mr. Covington updated the CAB on the Guajolote Ranch. He stated that the SAWS Board approved the water service Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) with conditions that were previously outlined related to the package plant proposed by the developer. Mr. Covington also stated that the developer would submit the development plans to the City and to City Council for consideration of the CCN on-site package plant to be maintained by the developer or the Homeowner's Association.
- Mr. Covington reminded CAB members that Financial Disclosure Reports were due on March 31, 2022.
- Mr. Covington stated that the Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape Initiative was approved and will provide enhanced opportunity for protection of land around the military installation. He also stated that the EAPP may have the ability to participate in the initiative through conservation easement acquisitions over the recharge and contributing zones in partnership with the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program and LAT while protecting the Edwards Aquifer.

## **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

No citizens to be heard.

## **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

1. Discussion & update regarding the Mikeska Ranch: The Nature Conservancy
  - a. Mr. David Bezanson presented the Mikeska Ranch for stage 2 approval.
2. Briefing and update on Proposition I Funded Water Quality Demonstration Projects: San Antonio River Authority
  - a. Ms. Karen Bishop presented an update on the Proposition I Funded Water Quality Demonstration Projects. Ms. Bishop stated that there were Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee briefings on the projects and final reports. She also stated that a project requested a deadline extension and developed an expanded schedule that would carry through this

calendar year. Ms. Bishop stated that the Best Management Practices (BMP) Maintenance project was driving how many and how long extensions were being approved, in order to have a quality deliverable submitted to the City of San Antonio EAPP and which would conclude in September 2024. She also stated that the projects would conclude by working through the CAB, the two advisory committees and City Council, by February 2025.

**Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session at 1:17 pm.**

3. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 552.071 (consultation with an attorney).

**Closed Executive Session & Opened Regular Session at 1:25 pm.**

4. Action on proposed items and acquisitions from Agenda items 1, & 3.
  - Chairwoman Romero opened the floor for motions and a roll call was taken to ensure a quorum and a vote on the motion:
    - Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for stage 2 approval on the Mikeska Ranch. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
5. Program Fiscal Report: Mr. Phillip Covington presented an updated expense tracker report reflecting an updated Mikeska Ranch appraisal value and due diligence quotes on appraisals and surveys. He also stated that a revised budget report would be provided after City Council consideration of the Galewsky Ranch next month.
6. Monitoring Status Report: None presented.
7. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – March 23, 2021, at 1:00 pm, at the San Antonio River Authority. Ms. Karen Bishop inquired with the CAB and the City Attorney's Office if the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) could present preliminary modeling results that calculated the amount of BMPs required to meet State stream standards for recreation based on a load reduction tool and enhanced BMP tool. She stated that SARA would be available to present the findings to the CAB in an agenda item at a future meeting.
8. Adjournment at 1:33 pm.