



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: October 25, 2023

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 Dutton Ranch and Roland Smith Ranch projects by The Nature Conservancy.

SUMMARY:

The Nature Conservancy will present the Dutton Ranch and Roland Smith Ranch projects which may be considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Nature Conservancy will present the Dutton Ranch and Roland Smith Ranch projects for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as candidates for conservation easements through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

The Dutton Ranch is approximately 1,600 acres located in Real County over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. This property ranks in the 50th percentile of the SET model.

The Roland Smith Ranch is approximately 153 acres located near Concan in Uvalde County over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. This property is located near the Shut-In Creek Ranch conservation easement and ranks in the 80th percentile of the SET model.

The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration for Stage 1 due diligence for these projects in order to request geological assessments and appraisals.

ISSUE:

This is a presentation to the Conservation Advisory Board on the Dutton Ranch and Roland Smith Ranch projects. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approve Stage 1 due diligence.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Stage 1 due diligence for the Dutton Ranch and Roland Smith Ranch projects.