



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** August 24, 2022

**In Control:** Conservation Advisory Board Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Homer Garcia III

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

The Nature Conservancy will provide status on the Swain Ranch, Froboese Ranches and Sycamore Creek Ranch conservation Easement projects being considered for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

**SUMMARY:**

The Nature Conservancy will provide status on the Swain Ranch, Froboese Ranches and Sycamore Creek Ranch conservation Easement projects being considered for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Nature Conservancy will provide status on the Swain Ranch, Froboese Ranches and Sycamore Creek Ranch conservation Easement projects being considered for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

The Swain Ranch is a 57-acre property located over the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone in Medina County. This property is located directly adjacent to the Pearce Ranch conservation easement which was recently acquired by the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. The survey and environmental reports are complete; The Nature Conservancy will be requesting final approval which is needed for City Council consideration of the proposed conservation easement acquisition.

The Froboese Ranches are three contiguous properties totaling approximately 1,581 acres located over the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone in Comal County. The geological assessment and appraisal are completed. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration for Stage 2 due diligence (survey and environmental reporting).

The Sycamore Creek Ranch is an approximately 106-acre property located over the Edwards Aquifer contributing zone in Uvalde County. This property is located south of Garner State Park and the High Places Conservation Easement. This is a new conservation easement project. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration of Stage 1 due diligence (geological assessment and appraisal).

**ISSUE:**

The Nature Conservancy will provide status on the Swain Ranch, Froboese Ranches and Sycamore Creek Ranch conservation Easement projects being considered for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of these projects.