



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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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 Moos Ranch Phase 2 and Middle Verde Phase 3 properties by the Nature Conservancy

SUMMARY:

The Nature Conservancy will present the Moos Ranch Phase 2 and Middle Verde Ranch Phase 3 properties which may be considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Nature Conservancy will present the Moos Ranch Phase 2 and Middle Verde Ranch Phase 3 projects for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as candidates for conservation easements through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

Moos Ranch Phase 2 is an approximately 626-acre parcel located in Uvalde County over the

Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. This property ranks in the 50th percentile of the SET model and is the second part of the overall 2,893 acre Moos Ranch. The first phase (2,267 acres) of Moos Ranch has been fully endorsed for acquisition by the Conservation Advisory Board and is pending City Council consideration. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration for Stage 2 due diligence for this project as a geological assessment and appraisal has been completed for the entire ranch as part of the Phase I project.

Middle Verde Ranch Phase 3 is the third and final portion of the Middle Verde Ranch. The 2,358 acre parcel is located in Bandera County over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. This property is contiguous with Phases 1 and 2 conservation easements which were acquired by the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program in 2017 and 2021, respectively. If a conservation easement on the Phase 3 property, the entire 8,640 acre ranch will be perpetually protected. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration for Stage 1 due diligence for this project.

ISSUE:

This is an update to the Conservation Advisory Board on the Moos Ranch Phase 2 and Middle Verde Ranch Phase 3 properties. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approve Stage 2 due diligence on the Moos Ranch Phase 2 project and approve Stage 1 due diligence on the Middle Verde Ranch Phase 3 projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Stage 2 due diligence for the Moos Ranch Phase 2 property and recommends approval of Stage 1 due diligence for the Middle Verde Ranch Phase 3 property.