



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** June 1, 2023

**In Control:** Conservation Advisory Board Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Homer Garcia III

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

A discussion and update regarding the Gilleland Ranch Phase II and Hilthon Ranch properties by The Nature Conservancy.

**SUMMARY:**

The Nature Conservancy will present the Gilleland Ranch Phase II and Hilthon Ranch properties which may be considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Nature Conservancy will present the Gilleland Ranch Phase II and Hilthon Ranch projects for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as candidates for conservation easements through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP).

Gilleland Ranch Phase II is an approximately 560-acre parcel located in Uvalde County over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. This property ranks in the Top 10th percentile of the SET model

and is located adjacent to the Gilleland and WMJ Ranches which are protected by EAPP conservation easements. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration of Stage 1 due diligence (appraisal and geological assessment) for this project.

Hilthon Ranch is an approximately 355-acre parcel located in Uvalde County over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. This property ranks in the 50th percentile of the SET model and is located near the Shut-In Creek and Mikeska conservation easements. The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration of Stage 1 due diligence (appraisal and geological assessment) for this project.

**ISSUE:**

This is a presentation to the Conservation Advisory Board on the Gilleland Ranch Phase II and Hilthon Ranch properties. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approve Stage 1 due diligence for these projects.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Conservation Advisory Board may elect not to approve Stage 1 due diligence on these projects and pursue other conservation opportunities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Stage 1 due diligence for the Gilleland Ranch Phase II and Hilthon Ranch properties.