



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** February 22, 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 Melissa Bendele Ranch by Green Spaces Alliance.

**SUMMARY:**

Green Spaces Alliance will provide an update on the Melissa Bendele Ranch conservation easement project which is being considered through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Green Spaces Alliance will present an update on the Melissa Bendele Ranch which is currently being considered for conservation easement acquisition through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

The Melissa Bendele Ranch is an approximately 650-acre parcel located in Medina County over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. This property ranks in the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile of the SET model and is located adjacent to the 3T's Heritage Ranch conservation easement which is protected

through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. Green Spaces Alliance will be requesting consideration for Stage 2 due diligence (survey and environmental reports) as a geological assessment and appraisal has been completed.

**ISSUE:**

This is an update to the Conservation Advisory Board on the Melissa Bendele Ranch. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approve Stage 2 due diligence.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Conservation Advisory Board may elect not to approve Stage 2 due diligence for the Melissa Bendele Ranch and pursue other conservation opportunities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Stage 2 due diligence for the Melissa Bendele Ranch.