

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: April 26, 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 Sycamore Creek Ranch and Triesch Ranch by The Nature Conservancy.

SUMMARY:

The Nature Conservancy will present the Sycamore Creek Ranch and Triesch Ranch properties which may be considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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

Sycamore Creek Ranch is an approximately 106-acre parcel located in Uvalde County over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. This property ranks in the 60th percentile of the SET model.

The Nature Conservancy will be requesting consideration for Stage 2 due diligence for this project as a geological assessment and appraisal have been completed.

Triesch Ranch is a 292-acre property located in Medina County over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones and is located adjacent to the Rothe Martin Conservation Easement. This property ranks in the 40th percentile of the SET model. 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 Sycamore Creek Ranch and Triesch Ranch properties. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approve Stage 2 due diligence on the Sycamore Creek Ranch project and approve Stage 1 due diligence on the Triesch Ranch project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Stage 2 due diligence for the Sycamore Creek Ranch property and recommends approval of Stage 1 due diligence for the Triesch Ranch property.