

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: May 24, 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 Melissa Bendele Ranch property by Green Spaces Alliance.

SUMMARY:

Green Spaces Alliance will present an update on the Melissa Bendele Ranch property which may be considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Green Spaces Alliance will present an update on the Melissa Bendele Ranch property for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as a candidate for a conservation easement through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP).

The Melissa Bendele Ranch is a 650-acre property located in Medina County over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. This property ranks in the 30th percentile of the SET model. Green Spaces

Alliance will be requesting consideration for final approval for this project as the survey and environmental reports have been completed.

ISSUE:

This is a presentation to the Conservation Advisory Board on the Melissa Bendele Ranch. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to recommend to City Council the acquisition of a conservation easement on this property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends final approval for acquisition of a conservation easement on the Melissa Bendele Ranch property.