

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: January 4, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Not Applicable

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Karina Bragalla, 915-212-1570
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 4

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6 - Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on the timeline for the preservation of approximately 1,200 acres of City-owned land located in Northeast El Paso adjacent to the future Police Department and Fire Training facility, including identified funding sources and a timeline for the establishment of a conservation easement on the property.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On July 7, 2021, the City and EPWater entered into an MOU which authorized the transfer of 306 acres of City-owned land from EPWater to City inventory for development of the future Police Department / Fire Training facility. The MOU additionally requires that EP Water preserve an additional 1,200 acres of undeveloped land located to the west and north of the subject property as Public Open Space within 180 days (January 3, 2022). That same day, City Council acted to direct City staff to work with EPWater to establish a conservation easement over the 1,200 acres and any acreage included in the 306 acres parcel not needed for development of the training facility.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On November 23, 2021, Council directed the City Manager to return to Council within 60 days with a timeline for preservation of the 1,200 acres of open space land adjacent to the Police Department / Fire Training facility in Northeast El Paso, and to identify funding sources and a timeline for establishment of a conservation easement on that open space land.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

TBD

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Economic and International Development

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvements Department

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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