

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Real Estate)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	46891	Agenda Number	24.
Meeting Date:	August 6, 2015			
Department:	Office of Real Estate Services			
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple two tracts of land, totaling approximately 10.099 acres, in Travis County, Texas, located at 11101 and 11105 Zimmerman Lane from Joseph F. Lucas for the Balcones Canyonland Preserve in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 (District 6). Related to Item #3.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve of the Austin Water Utility.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	<p>July 8, 2015 – Unanimously approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 11-0 vote.</p>			
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				
<p>This ten-acre tract is one of the last remaining private inholdings in the City's Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. It is</p>				

also one of the last remaining undeveloped and unprotected private inholdings on the main tributary of Bull Creek. The tract contains occupied high-quality golden-cheeked warbler habitat. There is also a flowing spring in the Bull Creek channel, and Jollyville Plateau salamanders occupy this spring and its spring run. This is a very significant habitat addition to the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, and it complements City Council actions from December 2007 to move Water Treatment Plant 4 from the Bull Creek Watershed.

The purchase price of \$400,000 is the current fair market value as determined by an independent third-party appraiser.