

U.S. Board on Geographic Names Ebba Springs Proposal Fact Sheet

- The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) has received a proposal from a property owner near Commons Ford Ranch Metropolitan Park and the Austin Lake Hills neighborhood to officially name a natural spring on their property as Ebba Springs.
- The BGN is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the Federal Government. The spring currently has no name that is official for federal use.
- The BGN places importance on local opinion and therefore in accordance with their standard processes, asks for input from local government elected officials who represent community members who may have an interest.
- The requesting property owner states that the spring has been known locally for many years as Ebba Springs, and the property is known as the "Ebba Springs Wildlife Refuge."
- The City Council is asked to provide its recommendation on the naming to the BGN due to the property being located on land in Travis County that falls under the Extra Terrestrial Jurisdiction of the City Austin to protect the nearby Colorado watershed. Recommendations are also being sought from the Travis County Commissioners Court and Texas Geographic Names Committee. Federally recognized Tribes also have an opportunity to provide comments.
- This item comes to the Parks and Recreation Board as a courtesy review for comment because of the spring's proximity to Commons Ford Ranch Metropolitan Park.
- The City Council is scheduled to consider its recommendation on this matter at the October 15, 2020 meeting.