



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Emily Nelson, Dripping Springs Ranch Park Manager

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**Parks & Recreation  
Commission  
Meeting Date:** May 8, 2024

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Discuss and consider recommendation to City Council to allow and waive the facility rental fees for Environmental Consulting and Technology Inc. to conduct a Bat Mist Netting research program at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.**

**Agenda Item  
Requestor:** Emily Nelson

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**Summary/Background:** Environmental Consulting and Technology Inc. requested to perform some Bat Mist Netting Research at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.

We have a lot of bats at Ranch Park. Sadly, we find them dead or injured in the main arena. This happens at night and staff locate them in the morning upon opening.

This is a very cost-effective way for us to get some data to help us with decisions to provide the best environment or deter them from the arena. While just staff will be there for the first netting, they do provide educational opportunities that are open to the public which is something we can look at in the future.

**Staff  
Recommendation:** Staff recommends allowing the Bat Mist Netting research to occur at Ranch Park.

**Attachments:** none

**Next Steps/Schedule:** Take to City Council upon recommendation.