


<h1>TNBC</h1> <p>The Natomas Basin Conservancy</p> <p>Web site: www.natomasbasin.org</p>	<h2>Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors</h2>	<h2>Upcoming Regular Meetings</h2>	 <p>November 1, 2006</p>
	<p>4:00 p.m.</p> <p>2150 River Plaza Drive, #460 Sacramento, CA (meeting in Suite 400)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 6 • January 3 • February 7 	

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1	Call to Order	Call to Order of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors	Admin.	∅	∅ The Board President will call the meeting to order if a quorum is present. Announcements by the Board President or Executive Director may be made at this time.
2	Action	Approval of the Minutes	Consent	2.1	⊕ The Board President will request approval of the minutes of the Board meeting of September 6, 2006.
3	Action	January 3, 2007 Board meeting cancellation	Consent	∅	⊕ The January 2007 Board meeting falls on Wednesday, January 3 just two days after the January 1 New Year's holiday. Staff recommends canceling this meeting, expecting inadequate attendance for a quorum.
4	Action	Mitigation Land Dedication Checklist amendment	Consent	2.8	⊕ Staff requests that the Board approve an amendment to the Conservancy's Mitigation Land Dedication Checklist. The primary addition proposed is that the Phase One report must conform to U.S. EPA's "All Appropriate Inquiries" standards placed into effect November 1, 2006.
5	Action	Silva tract milking parlor renovation project; funding request	Consent	2.11	⊕ The Conservancy increasingly needs operations headquarters facilities as it continues to grow. Three years ago, the east end of the Silva tract milking parlor was renovated and it has been in constant use since then. This agenda item contemplates renovation of the west end of the building for similar usage. Since David R. Miller Construction, Inc did the east end renovation and completed the work on time and on budget, and did with high-quality work, staff recommends the same firm be engaged in this phase of the effort. Miller estimated a total of \$23,954.58 for this contract.
6	Action	Affirmation of action to establish a brokerage account for the Endowment Funds	Consent	2.12	⊕ Prior authorization to enlist a new Endowment Funds Investment Advisor (Conservancy Board resolution #06.08.04) was granted by the Board of Directors. The final Board authorization encompassed the establishment of a brokerage account, and with the Investment Advisor's direction and facilitation, the brokerage account was established. The Investment Advisor indicated the above-noted Board resolution was

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					adequate, and the account application form itself notes no special resolution is needed. However, just to make certain and to insure complete documentation of the latest action, staff requests the Board specifically approve the "Resolutions Adopted by the Board of Directors Authorizing the Establishment and Maintenance of Brokerage Account" by Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (See resolution form in agenda packet.)
7	Action	Engagement of aquatic weed expert to address managed marsh channel maintenance issues	Consent	13	<p>⊕ The Board has discussed the significant challenge the Conservancy faces in maintaining full functionality of managed marsh complexes constructed by the Conservancy. The Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (NBHCP) requires that the Plan Operator (Conservancy) address exotics, and also that the functionality of the Conservancy's constructed marsh complexes is preserved. Moreover, biological effectiveness monitoring is an essential component of NBHCP implementation, and severe aquatic weed overgrowth of Conservancy managed marsh complexes can challenge the Conservancy's ability to effectively conduct this important function.</p> <p>The Conservancy has an extra burden to minimize adverse impact of solutions. Since its inception, the Conservancy has favored "soft path" approaches to dealing with exotic and harmful weed challenges to meet these objectives. Recent work with licensed PCA Dave Sills has demonstrated his ability and willingness to help the Conservancy deal with these challenges in such a manner. Sills' creativity in dealing with weed challenges is especially valued, since the Conservancy has some unique challenges and restrictions.</p> <p>Conservancy staff wishes to more formally engage Dave Sills with the Conservancy to provide advice and counsel on aquatic weed management matters over a consistent period of time. The tasks performed would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) regular (at least monthly) visual inspection of marsh complexes to identify weed overgrowth threats before they grow to be bigger problems requiring greater resources to resolve, 2.) suggest and supervise experimentation to identify practices which maximize weed control efficacy and minimize any adverse impacts of treatment, 3.) recommending to the Conservancy action to <i>control</i> outbreaks that have taken place, and 4.) recommending to the Conservancy action to <i>prevent</i> weed threats.

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					<p>Staff proposes to begin this engagement on November 1, 2006 and end it on December 31, 2007. We propose to pay \$1,000.00 per month for this service based on the amount of time we expect it would take for monthly inspections of the marsh complexes plus time to report (meetings, emails, phone calls, etc.) on findings and recommendations.</p> <p>If experimentation is needed and it calls for extraordinary expenditure of the consultant's time, and if the Conservancy accepts recommendations by the consultant to conduct a treatment, then this would be billed on a time and materials basis with prior approval from the Conservancy. Such tasks would be supplemental to the monthly retainer noted above.</p>
8	Action	SSMP for Bolen West and Nestor tracts	Consent	2.15	<p>⊕ To remain on a timely tract, Site-specific Management Plans (SSMPs) need to be developed for the newly-acquired Nestor and Bolen West tracts. Since Wildlands, Inc prepared the master SSMP and all of its tract-chapters, Conservancy staff recommends Wildlands, Inc prepare these as well. The proposed contract for the Bolen West SSMP is in the amount of \$8,614.00 and the amount for the Nestor tract is \$8,914.00.</p>
9	Action	Bolen West field leveling	Consent	∅	<p>⊕ The recently-acquired Bolen West and Nestor tracts will need field leveling. However, in order to maintain an adequate amount of rice land in production, staff recommends one of the two tracts undergo leveling in 2007, and the other in 2008. Since the Bolen West tract is seriously in need of leveling, it is targeted first. Based on the Conservancy's recent leveling experiences (that is, based on a good history of actual costs), it is estimated the leveling of Bolen West will be approximately \$200.00 per acre. Based on the tract's size, an allocation of \$30,000.00 is requested for the Board's approval. The farmer who will farm the property (Sopwith Farms) will be responsible for conducting the field leveling.</p>
10	Action	Completion of restoration and enhancement construction project on Conservancy's Cummings tract	Action	2.37	<p>⊕ The Board authorized Wildlands to supervise the restoration and enhancement construction project on the Conservancy's Cummings tract two years ago. However, the Conservancy requested that the tree-planting component of the project be delayed pending planned high-line ditch reconstruction planned by the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company (NCMWC). NCMWC appears to be no closer to project initiation, and Conservancy staff has determined it can no longer justify waiting to install the trees.</p> <p>This item requests the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute and deliver a contract in the amount of \$10,897.35 to</p>

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					Wildlands, Inc for the purpose of completing the tree-planting component of the Cummings tract restoration and enhancement construction project.
11	Action	Biological effectiveness monitoring contract proposal	Action	2.38	<p>⊕ The biological effectiveness monitoring program (BEMP) effort has been contracted to the consulting firm of Jones & Stokes under a three-year contract that expires December 31, 2006. Prior to the Board's awarding of the three-year contract, an extensive proposal and contractor review effort was undertaken, with Jones & Stokes being the Board's choice to conduct this required monitoring and reporting function. In order to maintain biological monitoring continuity, staff requests the Board authorize a one-year contract extension under nearly identical terms as presently exist between Jones & Stokes and the Conservancy.</p> <p>This item requests that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute and deliver a one-year contract extension on the existing three-year biological effectiveness monitoring contract with Jones & Stokes in the amount of \$303,457.00</p>
12	Discussion	City of Sacramento report	No action	∅	○ Report from the City of Sacramento regarding HCP-related activity and other topics.
13	Discussion	Financial statement review	No action	2.40	○ A financial statement update will be provided period ended September 30, 2006.
14	Discussion	Budget 2007-Draft	No action	①	○ Staff will review with the Board the Conservancy's draft 2007 budget, including draft 2007 NBHCP Finance Model recalculation. (Draft budget to be presented at meeting.)
15	Public Comments	Public Comments	No action	∅	○ Opportunity for members of the public to address the Conservancy's Board of Directors.
16	Executive Session	Executive Session – Real Estate	Action	①	○ Executive Session for real estate.
17	Executive Session	Executive Session – Litigation	Action	①	○ Executive Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 for the purpose of meeting with legal counsel regarding litigation on two matters.
18	Executive Director's Report	Executive Director's Report	No action	①	○ Various matters for Board members' general information.
19	Adjournment	Adjournment	Admin.	∅	○ Official adjournment of the meeting.

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