

<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>May 2, 2007</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"> • June 6 • August 1 • September 5 	

#	Section	Item	Type	Pg.	Discussion
1	Call to Order	Call to Order of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors	Admin.	Ø	Ø 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 April 4, 2007. (Draft minutes from the April 4, 2007 Annual Meeting of the Corporation are included for review purposes only.)
3	Action	Authorization of funds for channel clearing on Lucich North and Frazer North tracts	Consent	Ø	<p>⊕ The Lucich North and Frazer North managed marsh complex is urgently in need of channel clearing in order to function according to the SSMP for the site. With last month's Board action, \$50,000.00 was authorized to allow work to begin on the project. Staff requested time to provide more thorough on-site inspection and updated cost estimates. It appears a total of \$150,000.00 will be needed for this project.</p> <p>The most important project facing the Conservancy this year is the completion of this project. The Conservancy has met with its biological consultants (including the giant garter snake consultant and plant biologist), land management contractor, aquatic weed control consultant and others to expedite completion of this project in such a manner as to minimize temporal loss (that is, reduce the time the managed marsh is not fully available to the covered species) and has programmed overall disturbance of the marsh to the lowest reasonable levels. Moreover, "sample" tests were conducted last season to determine the appropriateness of the planned work.</p> <p>Regular maintenance of the marsh complexes to insure their full functionality is a requirement in the 2003 NBHCP.</p> <p>This action requests authorizing staff to spend an additional \$100,000.00 to the previously-approved \$50,000.00 for a total of up to and including \$150,000.00 to conduct channel clearing of the Lucich North and Frazer North managed marsh complexes.</p>

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4	Action	Bennett North restoration and enhancement construction project	Action	2.11	<p>⊕ The Bennett North restoration and enhancement (r&e) project is moving forward. The Board earlier authorized Wildlands, Inc to conduct design work on this marsh r&e project. Wildlands estimates the project will cost \$340,000.00 to complete. The project will go to competitive bidding, a process which, as before, will be managed by Wildlands.</p> <p>Staff requests that the Board authorize Conservancy staff to select the lowest and best bid submitted to the Conservancy by Wildlands following completion of bid notification, bidders' conference, submittal of sealed bids on a date certain and Wildlands' review of all bids, analysis of those bids and recommendation to the Conservancy.</p> <p>The Conservancy fallowed the Bennett North project site last year so that vegetative matter would be reduced to levels necessary for compactions and generally to meet water structure integrity. Additionally, the Conservancy has kept the site relatively free of vegetation throughout the year for the same reason. The Conservancy's adjacent rice field has been fallowed this year to minimize chances of seepage into the construction site.</p> <p>The County of Sacramento intends to construct the "Willey" managed marsh complex immediately south of the Conservancy's project site. Since it will not have water on it, this too is an opportunity to conduct the r&e construction on the Bennett North tract with minimal concerns about interference from subsoil seepage.</p> <p>The Bennet North r&e construction includes mitigation for the County of Sacramento's Regional Sanitation Lower Northwest Interceptor Project. Wildlands is managing this for Regional Sanitation. Construction expenses will be paid in proportion to the portion of the acreage allocated between the Regional Sanitation project and the Conservancy's project. Approximately 11 percent of the project will be funded by the Regional Sanitation project.</p> <p>Staff requests that the Board authorize Conservancy staff to execute and deliver a contract for the construction of the 65-acre Bennett North managed marsh restoration and enhancement construction project after a competitive bid process has been completed and a recommended contractor has been submitted by the Conservancy's construction management consultant, Wildlands, and that the recommended contractor has been okayed by Conservancy staff. The amount is not to exceed \$360,000.00 with the estimated price expected to be \$340,000.00 at present.</p>

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5	Action	Bennett South channel clearing funding authorization	Action	∅	<p>⊕ The Bennett South managed marsh complex is in need of channel clearing, but this is a less extensive project than others. A main channel will be cleared and most of the rest of the marsh complex will be untouched. Work has commenced since the neighboring rice field flood-up is beginning, and sub-surface seepage could threaten the job if it is not addressed promptly.</p> <p>The Bennett South managed marsh project is vital to giant garter snakes in the Basin. Adjacent to its west is a Reclamation District 1000 drain that is home to one of the top five concentrations of giant garter snakes in the Basin, and giant garter snakes moved quickly into the Conservancy's managed marsh once construction was completed in the summer of 2002.</p> <p>Due to design matters, certain portions of the marsh are not fully functioning and must be cleared, as is required in the NBHCP. The Conservancy has designed the restoration such that future maintenance (and the resultant disturbance) should be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>The estimated cost of this work will not exceed \$75,000.00, but is likely to come in a bit lower. Conservancy staff is estimating 257 hours of work at \$135.00 per hour per equipment piece, and there are two pieces of equipment on site to speed up the work and minimize temporal loss of the habitat. This results in a cost of just under \$70,000.00. With equipment mobilization charges, and installation of some water control structures, staff estimates \$75,000.00 spending authorization is needed and requests approval to spend this amount on this project.</p>
6	Action	Audited financial statement for 2006	Action	①	<p>⊕ The Board is asked to approve the 2006 audit of the Conservancy's financials by Gilbert Associates. The Board earlier selected Gilbert as the designated auditor for the 2006 financial statement. Gilbert audited the Conservancy's 2005 statements and is operating under a five-year agreement with the Conservancy.</p> <p>Staff requests the Board approve the audit as presented with final approval contingent upon the Conservancy's Audit Committee approval.</p>
7	Discussion	City of Sacramento report	No action	∅	<p>○ Report from the City of Sacramento regarding HCP-related activity and other topics.</p>
8	Discussion	Financial statement review	No action	2.12	<p>○ A financial statement update will be provided for the period ended March 31, 2007 (unaudited).</p>

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9	Discussion	Biological Effectiveness Monitoring Report for 2006	No action	∅	○ Jones & Stokes will be present to respond to any questions from the Board regarding last month's report on 2006 biological effectiveness monitoring.
10	Discussion	Bureau of Reclamation law reforms and impacts on the Conservancy	No action	2.26	○ An update report from staff will be delivered regarding challenges to complying with the Reclamation Reform Act filing responsibilities.
11	Discussion	Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District proposed rules and enforcement policy	No action	∅	○ Report from staff regarding the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District's new rules for rice farming and wetlands/marsh management have been approved by the District's Board. Conservancy staff will update the Board on this matter.
12	Discussion	Natomas Central Mutual Water Company water marketing	No action	∅	○ Staff will update the Board on the status of the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company's efforts to reduce water overhead through a sale of water not currently being used in the Company's service area.
13	Public Comments	Public Comments	No action	∅	○ Opportunity for members of the public to address the Conservancy's Board of Directors.
14	Executive Session	Executive Session – Real Estate	Action	Ⓜ	○ Executive Session for real estate.
15	Executive Session	Executive Session – Personnel	Action	∅	○ Executive Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Employee performance evaluation. Executive Director.
16	Executive Director's Report	Executive Director's Report	No action	Ⓜ	○ Various matters for Board members' general information.
17	Adjournment	Adjournment	Admin.	∅	○ Official adjournment of the meeting.

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