

<p>TNBC</p>	<p>Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors</p>	<p>Upcoming Regular Meetings</p>	<p><i>t h e</i> NATOMAS BASIN <i>c o n s e r v a n c y</i></p>
<p>The Natomas Basin Conservancy Web site: www.natomasbasin.org</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. 2150 River Plaza Drive, #460 Sacramento, CA <i>(meeting in Suite 400)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 4 • April 1 • May 6 	<p>February 4, 2009</p>

Agenda

Agenda format and readings tips

• *Agenda packet sections*

Agenda packet #	Section name	What's included
①	Agenda	This is the main agenda. Reading this section will provide the reader with an understanding of the plan for the meeting.
②	Supplemental materials	On some agenda items, there are handouts that are more extensive than can be covered in the "Discussion" section of the main agenda. These materials are included in agenda packet #2.
③	Executive Director's packet	The Executive Director includes items of general interest to the Board of Directors in agenda packet #3. The items in this packet are for general information, not action.
④	Executive Session	Material in this packet is for Board members' information in closed, executive session. It is confidential and not made public.

• *Item organization*

This agenda is prepared in order to facilitate understanding of the Conservancy Board of Director's agenda packet. Each agenda item is numbered in the far left-hand column. Then, as the reader moves from left to right, more information is provided. Ultimately, the far right-hand column presents a discussion of the agenda item.

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• *Exhibit symbols attendant with agenda item*

Agenda exhibit symbol in the "Pg." column	Definition
∅	There is no supplemental information that accompanies an agenda item.
①	There is more information in supplemental handouts.
2.21	Means that in agenda packet number 2, there will be supporting information on page 21.

• *Staff agenda item recommendations symbols*

In the "Discussion" column, there are a series of symbols used, also in order to facilitate quick understanding. These indicate the status of staff recommendations.

Agenda exhibit symbol in the "Pg." column	Definition
○	There is no staff recommendation on the matter.
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1	Call to Order	Call to Order of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors	Admin.	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 of Directors meeting of December 3, 2008.
3	Action	Fence contract	Consent	2.x	⊕ To further the fencing on the BKS tract, staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to execute and deliver a contract with Foster Fencing in the amount of \$17,696.55 to complete an east-west running fence on the Betts tract. The fence is necessary to further segregate the various portions of the tract so that grazing can be completed more efficiently and with less labor cost over the long term. Foster Fencing has constructed approximately 75 percent of the fences and gates on Conservancy property and is known to do excellent work at a fair price.
4	Discussion	City of Sacramento report	No action	Ø	○ Report from the City of Sacramento regarding HCP-related activity and other topics.
5	Discussion	Financial statement review	No action	2.14	○ A financial statement update will be provided for the period ended December 31, 2008 (unaudited).
6	Discussion	Follow-up report on the SAFCA Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP)	No action	Ø	○ The Board will hear from staff on the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency's (SAFCA) Natomas Levee Improvement Program. This will be an update report. SAFCA representatives will request that the Board consider and review the Phase Two Master Agreement among other aspects of the Natomas Levee Improvement Project (NLIP).
7	Discussion	Follow-up on long-range economic planning	No action		○ At the last Board meeting, Board members requested that staff utilize the NBHCP Finance Model as a basis for making varying long term economic and finance projections. This item will

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				consist of a staff presentation, following up on the Board's request.
8	Discussion	Concept plan for partial channel clearing for the Betts and Kismat tracts	No action	<p>○ Critically necessary marsh channel clearing work was conducted over a two-year period during the summers of 2007 and 2008. The only remaining channel clearing and maintenance work is needed on the Betts, Kismat and Silva tracts (collectively known as the BKS tract).</p> <p>The Conservancy has carefully evaluated the BKS tract marsh complex for channel clearing needs over the past several years. With careful management of the preserve, it was determined that maintenance work could be postponed. Part of the reason for delaying maintenance and clearing on this tract was to permit sequencing of the financial burden. It was also to better allocate staff resources so that greater attention could be paid to the details of this important component of the Conservancy's managed marsh lands.</p> <p>On the BKS tract, there are two water courses, the South Course and the North Course. The South Course is the shorter of the two, and exists on the Betts and Kismat portions of the BKS tract. Conservancy staff has selected it for the first maintenance work two key reasons, both of which permit the greatest opportunity to gain confidence in the larger, North Course channel clearing and maintenance effort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is the shortest of the two courses, and • contains some difficult challenges. <p>The BKS tract marsh design is very different than other Conservancy marsh complexes, so that some innovation and improvisation will be needed in the maintenance effort. It seems appropriate to attempt to use what the Conservancy has learned on the previous channel clearing projects and apply this knowledge to the South Course work. If this work proves successful, which staff believes it will, then the successful practices and procedures will be applied later to the more extensive North Course.</p> <p>Biological considerations were foremost in the planning for this project. The staff's proposal is to include the following biological considerations in the implementation of the South Course channel clearing and maintenance effort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conduct the South Course channel clearing and maintenance first so that the North Course can remain fully functional for use by the NBHCP Covered Species, • on nearly all of the planned maintenance project course, only one side of the channel or pond will be disturbed, • (as required in the NBHCP) the South Course will be drained at least two weeks before work commences, and • the spoils from the clearing work will be

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9	Discussion	Managing Sacramento County Airport Systems' interactions	No action		Sacramento County Airport Systems (SCAS) continues to take actions which undermine the ability of the Conservancy to conduct its Plan Operator function as fully envisioned in the 2003 NBHCP and the MAPHCP. Staff will brief the Board on the matter and seek input on managing this issue.
10	Discussion	Succession Planning	No action	①	○ At its last meeting, the Board of Directors approved a Succession Plan for the Executive Director. Approval was contingent upon making certain minor text edits. The final policy is submitted to the Board with the requested edits made.
11	Public Comments	Public Comments	No action	∅	○ Opportunity for members of the public to address the Conservancy's Board of Directors.
12	Executive Session	Executive Session – Real Estate	Action	∅	○ Executive Session for real estate is planned.
13	Executive Director's Report	Executive Director's Report	No action	①	○ Various matters for Board members' general information.
14	Adjournment	Adjournment	Admin.	∅	○ Official adjournment of the meeting.

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