

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting<sup>1</sup>**  
of  
**The Natomas Basin Conservancy**

November 4, 2015  
Offices of the Natomas Basin Conservancy  
2150 River Plaza Drive, Suite 460  
Sacramento, CA  
12:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

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= did not attend

- Kay Backer
- Mike Bradbury
- David Christophel
- William Edgar
- Kevin McRae
- Davin Norene (arrived at 4:20 pm)
- Dan Silva
- Danelle Stylos
- Charee Thurman (via conference call)
- Steven Willey

**STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL**

**PRESENT:**

John Roberts, Kim Burns, Jennifer Kelley, Valerie Huevoz,  
Jeremy Lor, and Ed Quinn

**GUESTS:**

Nick Avdis, Attorney

**TAC:**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Christophel called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order, noting a quorum was present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Roberts acknowledged Avdis for helping the Conservancy obtain lower flood insurance rates. Christophel provided Avdis with an acknowledgement for his help on behalf of the Conservancy. Roberts announced that the Conservancy's Holiday Appreciation Reception would be on December 10, 2015.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments heard.

**ACTION-REGULAR SESSION**

Since the Board Chair and Vice Chair were not in attendance, and since the Treasurer was attending telephonically, Christophel chaired the meeting. Christophel requested approval of the October 7, 2015 and the October 20, 2015 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of meeting posted on TNBC website.

(Res.15.11.01) On a motion by Willey and a second by Backer, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 7, 2015 and the October 20, 2015 Board of Directors meeting. Roll call vote:

Board members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kay Backer	<input type="checkbox"/> Davin Norene
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Bradbury	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Silva
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Christophel	<input type="checkbox"/> Danelle Stylos
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Vote symbols

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Request for Proposals (RFP) for Audit Services – Selection of Auditor. The Audit Committee reviewed all RFPs submitted and recommended to the Board the selection of Gilbert Associates to audit of the Conservancy's year-end financial statements for years ending December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

(Res.15.11.02) On a motion by MacRae and a second by Edgar, the Board unanimously voted to award Gilbert Associates a five-year contract to audit the Conservancy's year-end financial statements for years ending December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2019. Roll call vote:

Board members

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## DISCUSSION

City of Sacramento report. There was no report presented.

Financial statement review. Burns provided a financial statement update for the period ended September 30, 2015 (unaudited). Additional financial information was provided.

Vice Chair, Norene joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m. and chaired the meeting from this point forward.

NCMWC ground water transfer program. Roberts provided an overall update on the Conservancy's participation in the 2015 Groundwater Exchange Program.

Sterling Caviar and groundwater provision to Conservancy preserves. Roberts briefed the Board about efforts by Sterling Caviar to secure a permanent solution to the "cease and desist" order placed on it by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. The effective date on the order is March 1, 2017. Sterling has requested that the Conservancy, the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company and Reclamation District 1000 engage with it in coming up with a solution that could be beneficial to all parties. Roberts briefed the Board on the matter.

Report back to Board – total groundwater well infrastructure detail. A Board member asked staff to brief the Board on the matter groundwater wells. Burns briefed the Board on this matter.

Report back to Board – advisability of installing variable frequency drives on groundwater well pumps. A Board member asked staff to brief the Board on the matter of the value of investing in variable frequency drives for Conservancy groundwater wells. Roberts briefed the Board on this matter.

Report back to Board – services provided to Conservancy by Sopwith Farms in “Land Management” budget category. A Board member asked staff to brief the Board on the types of services provided to the Conservancy by Sopwith Farms in terms of land management services. Burns briefed the Board on this matter.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments heard.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Various matters for Board members’ general information were presented by the Conservancy’s Executive Director.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was scheduled for expected litigation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Official adjournment of the meeting.

(Res.15.11.03) On a motion by Christophel and a second by Bradbury, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 pm. Roll call vote:

### Board members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Bradbury     | <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Silva                 |
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## **ATTEST:**

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*David Christophel, Secretary*

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*date*