

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

December 5, 2018

Offices of the Natomas Basin Conservancy  
2150 River Plaza Drive  
Sacramento, CA  
4:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

= attended

= did not attend

- Chandra Chilmakuri
- David Christophel
- Steve Cohn
- Jeff Helm
- Michael Johnston
- Jill Leal
- Kevin McRae
- Jeff Norton
- John Shirey
- Anthony Van Ruiten

**STAFF/LEGAL**

**COUNSEL PRESENT:**

John Roberts, Kim Burns, Jennifer Skupic  
Ed Quinn, Best Best & Krieger

**GUESTS:**

Nick Avdis, Attorney; Cheryle Hodge, City of Sacramento;  
Barbara LeVake; Allison Schaffer and Sean Fisher,  
Economics and Planning Systems

**TAC:**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Shirey called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order, noting a quorum was present. Shirey informed the Board that Helm and Van Ruiten would not be attending.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Shirey requested a motion to approve the October 3, 2018 Board of Directors meeting minutes and the consent agenda items. Norton requested to pull items 6, 7, and 8 from the consent agenda.

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

(Res.18.12.01) On a motion by Cohn and a second by Christophel, the Board unanimously approved the October 3, 2018 Board minutes as well as the remaining consent agenda items.

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Vote symbols

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On agenda items 6, 7 and 8, after a discussion on how these leases differ from those previously approved by the Board, Shirey called for a motion to approve.

(Res.18.12.02) On a motion by Norton and a second by Chilmakuri, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items: 6) 2019 SAFCA farming leases, 7) 2019 TNBC rice lease extensions, and 8) 2019 TNBC non-rice lease extensions.

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**ACTION**

2019 NBHCP Finance Model and 2019 budget. Burns provided an overview of the 2019 NBHCP Finance Model and the proposed 2019 budget with the Board. She explained the assumptions that were made in the model and the impacts those assumptions have on the model.

Staff recommended that the 2019 mitigation fee remain the same as the 2018 mitigation fee given the difference between the two was so nominal.

(Res.18.12.03) On a motion by Christophel and a second by Leal, the Board unanimously: 1) approved the 2019 Conservancy budget, 2) accepted the 2019 NBHCP Finance Model recalculation, and 3) adopted a resolution to be submitted to the City of Sacramento requesting no change be made in the NBHCP Mitigation Fee of \$33,091 per developed acre and \$21,841 per developed acre with land dedication. This item anticipates that should Sutter County express an interest in initiating its use of the NBHCP's Incidental Take Permit acres, an identical resolution is approved for it as well, changing out only the City of Sacramento references to County of Sutter.

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Draft Environmental Impact Report, Paso Verde School. Roberts reviewed the draft EIR with the Board and its conclusions. The Board indicated it wanted staff to respond to the EIR, making note of the adverse impacts the proposed school would have on Conservancy mitigation efforts.

(Res.18.12.04) On a motion by Leal and a second by Christophel, the Board unanimously agreed to have staff draft and send a response to the draft Environmental Impact Report on the Paso Verde School, particularly as it impacts the Conservancy's mitigation land in the area of the proposed school site.

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Board member request for video recording of future Board of Directors meetings. After a brief discussion on the positives and negatives of this proposal, Leal withdrew her request.

Michael J. Arnold & Associates contract review. The contract was reviewed in light of the results of the recent election. The Board decided to exercise the 30-day termination clause in the contract.

(Res.18.12.05) On a motion by Norton and a second by Leal, the Board unanimously agreed to terminate the Conservancy's contract with Michael J. Arnold & Associates.

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## DISCUSSION

City of Sacramento report. Hodge updated the Board on various development projects working their way through the approval process at the City Community Development Department.

Financial statement review. Burns provided financial statements for the period ended October 31, 2018 (unaudited). Additional financial information was provided.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session for real estate was held.

## ADJOURNMENT

Official adjournment of the meeting.

(Res.18.12.06) On a motion by Cohn and a second by Leal the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm.

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## ATTEST:

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Chandra Chilmakuri, Secretary

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Date