

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

February 6, 2019

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:**

Phil Burger, T. Rowe Price; Cheryle Hodge, City of  
Sacramento; Nick Avdis; Erica Fleishman; Steve Letterly;  
John Norman; Margie Ose-Campbell; George Phillips;  
Greg Thatch

**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 Cohn would not be attending.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

Shirey requested a motion to approve the December 5, 2018 Board of Directors meeting minutes and the consent agenda items. Norton requested to pull the minutes from the consent agenda and Helm wanted to pull item five.

(Res.19.02.01) On a motion by Helm and a second by Johnston, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items 4, 6 and 7.

Board members

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 David Christophel  
 Steve Cohn  
 Jeff Helm  
 Michael Johnston

Jill Leal  
 Kevin McRae  
 Jeff Norton  
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 Anthony Van Ruiten

Vote symbols

= "aye" vote  
 = "no" vote  
 = not present  
◆ = abstain or recuse

Norton wanted a correction to the December 5, 2018 minutes indicating he did not make the motion on Res.18.12.02. He thought Van Ruiten made that motion.

(Res.19.02.02) On a motion by Norton and a second by Johnston, the Board unanimously approved the December 5, 2018 minutes with the above correction.

Board members

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 David Christophel  
 Steve Cohn  
 Jeff Helm  
 Michael Johnston

Jill Leal  
 Kevin McRae  
 Jeff Norton  
 John Shirey  
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Helm recused himself.

Consent item #5, RD 1000 security contract with Brookman Protection Service, Inc.

(Res.19.02.03) On a motion by Chilmakuri and a second by Johnston, the Board unanimously approved consent item 5, RD 1000 security contract with Brookman Protection Service, Inc.

Board members

Chandra Chilmakuri  
 David Christophel  
 Steve Cohn  
◆ Jeff Helm  
 Michael Johnston

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 Jeff Norton  
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Helm rejoined the meeting.

## ACTION

Leal recused herself.

Natomas Central Mutual Water Company Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The annual election of Directors of the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company (NCMWC) takes place on February 12, 2019. This item requested authorization for the Conservancy's Executive Director to vote the Conservancy's shares in the Conservancy's interest.

(Res.19.02.04) On a motion by Norton and a second by Christophel, the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director to cast the Conservancy's vote in the 2019 NCMWC election of Directors in the Conservancy's interest.

Board members

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Leal rejoined the meeting.

Engage Michael J. Arnold and Associates for assistance with grant funding. Roberts proposed reengaging Arnold to assist with possible state grant funding.

(Res.19.02.05) On a motion by Johnston and a second by Christophel, the Board unanimously authorized the Executive Director to reengage Michael J. Arnold and Associates beginning on March 1, 2019 on a month-to-month contract and with authorization to terminate the contract if necessary.

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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 December 31, 2018 (unaudited). Additional financial information was provided.

Conservancy endowment funds investment manager. Phil Burger presented the Conservancy's December 31, 2018 endowment funds report to the Board.

Giant garter snake and Swainson's hawk research presentation by Erica Fleishman. Fleishman presented to the Board a study that was recently conducted. This publication is available on the Conservancy's website.

## 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.19.02.06) On a motion by Johnston and a second by Van Ruiten the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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## ATTEST:

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*Chandra Chilmakuri, Secretary*

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*Date*