

# TNBC

The Natomas Basin  
Conservancy

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## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

4:00 p.m.  
2150 River Plaza Drive, #460  
Sacramento, CA  
(meeting in Suite 400)

## Upcoming Regular Meetings

- March 7
- April 4
- May 2



**February 7, 2007**

#	Section	Item	Type	Pg.	Discussion
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	Action	2.1	⊕ The Board President will request approval of the minutes of the Board meeting of December 6, 2006.
3	Action	Authorization to cast ballots in the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company Board of Directors election	Action	2.9	⊕ The annual election of Directors of the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company (NCMWC) takes place on February 14, 2006. The Conservancy holds 3,508 shares of stock in the Company (out of approximately 32,000). Conservancy staff recommends that votes be cast for candidates committed to preserving the NCMWC's historic policy of keeping the NCMWC stock linked to the land owned by the shareholder (that is, not allowing the stock to be severed from the land). Also, the Conservancy's Executive Director be authorized to vote the shares in the Conservancy's interest after getting verbal okay from the Conservancy's Board President.
4	Action	Authorization to cast votes in a Natomas Central Mutual Water Company bylaws revision vote among shareholders	Action	2.18 + ①	⊕ The Conservancy staff has reviewed draft proposed bylaws amendments from the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company (NCMWC). At this point, there are several questions about the nature and intent of the bylaws amendment. Despite sending a written set of questions to the NCMWC, there has been no affirmative response other than an acknowledgement of receipt. Unless the Conservancy's issues can be successfully resolved, it is staff's recommendation that the Conservancy cast its votes against the proposed NCMWC bylaws revision.  This item requests that the Board authorize the Executive Director to vote the Conservancy's position on this matter after receiving a verbal confirmation from the Board President. The current recommendation is to vote "no" on the proposed NCMWC bylaws revision.
5	Action	Contract for the preparation for	Action	2.29	⊕ This item requests that the Conservancy Executive Director be authorized to execute and deliver contracts for the purposes of

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		SSMP preparation for the Elsie, Bianchi West and Frazer South tracts			preparing Site-Specific Management Plans for the Conservancy's newly-acquired Elsie tract (\$9,029.00), Bianchi West tract (\$10,979.00) and Frazer South tract (\$13,481.00). The proposed contractor for this work is Wildlands, Inc. However, in authorizing this action, the Board authorizes the Executive Director the option of issuing the contracts to an alternate contractor provided the price is within 10 percent of the quoted prices noted above and the terms are substantively the same as those terms in the proposed Wildlands, Inc agreements submitted in this agenda packet.
6	Action	Establishing internet service on Conservancy preserves	Action	∅	<p>⊕ Staff requests the Board authorize a capital expenditure of up to \$20,000.00 to establish internet service on the Conservancy's Betts, Silva and near its Huffman tracts.</p> <p>The Conservancy already owns two internet-capable cameras and has tested one of them on the Silva tract four years ago. The test camera was linked to the Conservancy's internet site and could be controlled via the internet (secured site). The system worked very well. However, the cost of data transmission proved to be extraordinarily high, and for that reason, staff discontinued the experiment. The existing cameras would be used in the new proposed project.</p> <p>This capital expenditure is recommended primarily for the purpose of reducing staff preserve monitoring costs and enhancing the Conservancy's ability to protect its investment in habitat lands and also, ultimately, to convey scientific data targeted at enhancing information on habitat effectiveness.</p>
7	Action	Award contract for internet service provision on Conservancy preserves	Action	2.64	<p>⊕ Staff requests the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute and deliver an agreement with SureWest Communications in the amount of \$18,000.00 to establish internet service on the Conservancy's Betts, Silva and near its Huffman tracts. The primary purpose is to establish monitoring cameras at these sites, and later, for use in possible telemetry data transmission. The Executive Director discloses he is a Board member with SureWest Communications. However, 100 percent of the business benefit is to the Conservancy, and there is no personal benefit to the Executive Director. For SureWest, the total contract amount is an extremely small portion of its business, and it has verified this is an open-market transaction, the same that would be offered to any other public customer. Additionally, the Conservancy, after years of trying, including asking Meta Information Services to try on its behalf, could not find a contractor willing to supply this service for anywhere near the price quoted by SureWest.</p>

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8	Discussion	City of Sacramento report	No action	∅	○ Report from the City of Sacramento regarding HCP-related activity and other topics.
9	Discussion	Financial statement review	No action	2.68	○ A financial statement update will be provided period ended November 30, 2006.
10	Discussion	Land exchange update	No action	2.79	○ Staff will review with the Board the Conservancy's remaining actions necessary to consummate the third and final of three land exchanges. (The Exchange Agreement that guides this transaction--the "Ayala tract" exchange--was approved by the Board earlier.) This presentation by staff will pertain to facilitation of a boundary line adjustment, details surrounding obligations of the Conservancy to accommodate an 800-foot setback from the Sutter County Measure M development, and benefits to the Conservancy of finalizing these details.
11	Discussion	Board requested discussion item on possible Board assistance opportunities	No action	2.80	○ At the December meeting, staff provided the Board with a list of items staff believes could aid the Conservancy by Board member engagement. The list was prepared at the request of the Board. The Board requested that staff place the item on the Discussion agenda for possible Board discussion.
12	Public Comments	Public Comments	No action	∅	○ Opportunity for members of the public to address the Conservancy's Board of Directors.
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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