

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

**June 2, 2021**

**Offices of the Natomas Basin Conservancy  
(Meeting held via Zoom)  
5:00 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

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= did not attend

- Melinda Bradbury
- Chandra Chilmakuri
- David Christophel
- Steve Cohn
- Michael Johnston
- Nancy Johnston
- Chris Norem
- John Shirey
- Paul Squires
- Gabrielle Stadem

**STAFF/LEGAL  
COUNSEL/IT  
CONSULTANT**

John Roberts, Kim Burns, Jennifer Skupic,  
Sierra Paul, Yvonne Melkonian

**PRESENT:**

Ed Quinn and Ethan Walsh Best Best & Krieger LLP; and  
Spencer Rees, iGuys Consulting

**GUESTS:**

Nick Avdis, Brett Gray, Brian Halstead, Michelle Havens,  
Cheryle Hodge, Doug Leslie, Jim Estep, John Norman,  
Doug Libby.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was held for real estate.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Shirey called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:04 p.m., noting a quorum was present. Shirey moved agenda Item 13, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company ground water exchange program (GWEP) to after the consent items.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shirey called for public comments. None were heard.

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

**IMPLEMENTATION ANNUAL MEETING (Implementation Agreement §5.4)**

- A. Meeting minutes from the last Implementation Annual Meeting were included in the August 5, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes, previously made available to the Board and approved by the Board.

(Res.19.06.01) On a motion by Cohn and a second by Chilmakuri, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 Implementation Annual Meeting minutes.

Board members

- Melinda Bradbury
- Chandra Chilmakuri
- David Christophel
- Steve Cohn
- Michael Johnston

- Nancy Johnston
- Chris Norem
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- B. Discussion of Implementation Annual Report. Concerns, comments, recommendations.
- C. City of Sacramento comments.
- D. County of Sutter comments.
- E. California Department of Fish and Wildlife comments.
- F. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service comments.
- G. Adjourn Implementation Annual Meeting.

Shirey called for a motion to adjourn the Implementation Annual Meeting.

(Res.21.06.02) On a motion by Christophel and a second by Chilmakuri, the Board unanimously adjourned the 2021 Implementation Annual Meeting.

Board members

- Melinda Bradbury
- Chandra Chilmakuri
- David Christophel
- Steve Cohn
- Michael Johnston

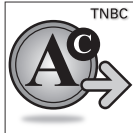
- Nancy Johnston
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS**

Shirey requested motion to approve the April 7, 2021 Board of Directors meeting minutes and the consent agenda items.

	<p>Approval of the minutes</p>	<p>The Board Chair will request approval of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of April 7, 2021.</p>
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	<p>Legal services amendment</p>	<p>The Conservancy has responded to its legal counsel’s request that the legal services amendment be entered into between the Conservancy and its legal counsel, Best, Best &amp; Krieger.</p> <p>The amendment presented here requests the Board’s authorization of the Conservancy’s Executive Director to execute and deliver an agreement which continues the services of Best, Best &amp; Krieger as Conservancy legal counsel under the same terms and conditions as the existing agreement.</p>
	<p>SSMPs on newly-acquired mitigation land</p>	<p>With the acquisition of five new mitigation properties and three additional properties adjusted for SAFCA activities, Conservancy staff will brief the Board on the required Site-Specific Management Planning updates. This expense item is included in the 2021 Board-approved budget. Staff recommends Board approval.</p>
	<p>Lift pump efficiency, Atkinson tract</p>	<p>In an effort to improve economic efficiency of lift pump facilities, as well as reduce destructive impact to the RD1000’s North Drainage Canal, and to improve management flexibility during the drought year and the 2020 groundwater exchange program, management recommends installing a modification to a lift pump on the property. The pump would be a variable speed pump that should resolve the issues noted. Authorization for expenditure of up to \$15,000 is requested. This would be paid for using proceeds from the 2020 groundwater exchange program from that site.</p>

Board members requested removing from the consent agenda the following items: Minutes and Legal services amendment.

(Res.21.06.03) On a motion by Cohn and a second by Chilmakuri, the Board unanimously approved the remaining Consent Agenda items including the SSMPs on newly-acquired mitigation land and Lift pump efficiency, Atkinson tract.

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(Res.21.06.04) On a motion by Chilmakuri and a second by Shirey, the Board unanimously approved the April 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

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(Res.21.06.05) On a motion by Christophel and a second by Cohn, the Board unanimously approved a two-year extension to the Legal services amendment item.

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## DISCUSSION

City of Sacramento report. Cheryle Hodge with the City of Sacramento reported that the City is still working on its Annual Report and should have it within the next week and was available for questions.

County of Sutter Report. Doug Libby from the County of Sutter reported briefed the Board on HCP-related activity and other topics.

Financial statement review. Burns presented unaudited April 30, 2021, financial statements. Additional information was provided.

Biological Effectiveness Monitoring Report. The Conservancy's annual biological monitoring report was presented by the Conservancy's biological monitoring contractor, ICF International. Doug Leslie, Jim Estep and Brian Halstead delivered the 2020 Biological Effectiveness Monitoring report and entertained questions from Board members and Parties to the HCPs.

Natomas Central Mutual Water Company ground water exchange program (GWEP). Brett Gray, General Manager of the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, briefed the board on its 2021 ground water exchange program.

Cyber Security. Conservancy staff discussed a report on website security.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Official adjournment of the meeting.

(Res.21.02.06) On a motion by M. Johnston and a second by Bradbury the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

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## ATTEST:

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*Chandra Chilmakuri, Secretary*

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*Date*