The Natomas Basin Conservancy

A California Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation

General Fact Sheet 2026

Background

The Natomas Basin Conservancy was incorporated on October 21, 1994 as a California Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation. It officially employed staff on March 15, 1999 and opened its first office at 1750 Creekside Oaks Drive, Suite 290, Sacramento, soon after. The Conservancy currently maintains offices at 2150 River Plaza Drive, Suite 460, Sacramento, California.

The purpose of the Conservancy is spelled out in the 2003 Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (NBHCP) as follows:

> *The mission of The Natomas Basin Conservancy is to promote biological conservation along with economic development and the continuation of agriculture in the Natomas Basin. The Habitat Conservation Plan establishes a multi-species conservation program to mitigate the expected loss of habitat values and take of protected species that would result from urban development, operation of irrigation and drainage systems, and rice farming. The goal of the Habitat Conservation Plan is to preserve, restore, and enhance habitat values in the Natomas Basin while allowing urban development to proceed according to local land use plans.*

In essence, the Conservancy is the "plan operator" of the Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (NBHCP) and the Metro Air Park Habitat Conservation Plan (MAPHCP). Parties to the NBHCP include the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the City of Sacramento, County of Sutter and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in addition to the Conservancy. The City of Sacramento and County of Sutter are not parties to the MAPHCP.

The organization is governed by a 10-member Board of Directors. All Board members are appointed to three-year terms of office by the City of Sacramento and the County of Sutter. The City and County each appoint five members to the Board of Directors. Board members elect from among themselves a Board Chair each year who serves a one-year term of office. The Board in turn hires the Conservancy's Executive Director.

Organizational Facts & Figures

KEY DATES

Incorporated: October 21, 1994
(approved by State of California October 25, 1994)
Tax exemption status, federal: 501 (c) (3); March 30, 1995
Tax exemption, state: 23701d; April 11, 1995
First staff employed: March 15, 1999
First office: 1750 Creekside Oaks Drive, Suite 290, Sacramento, California 95833
Current office: 2150 River Plaza Drive, Suite 460, Sacramento, California 95833

Web site: natomasbasin.org
Extensive information can be found on the Conservancy's web site at the above-referenced URL address. This includes a map of all Conservancy landholdings and copies of the NBHCP, annual audits and general Conservancy news.

BIOLOGY-RELATED PERMITS

- Federal incidental take permit #TE073667-0 (issued June 27, 2003)
- State: #2081-2003-019-02 (issued July 10, 2003)

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Wildlife and land resources

SPECIES COVERED UNDER THE NBHCP

- Aleutian cackling goose *Branta hutchinsii leucopareia*
- Bank swallow *Riparia riparia*
- Boggs lake hedge-hyssop *Gratiola heterosepala*
- Burrowing owl *Athene cunicularia*
- California tiger salamander *Ambystoma californiense*
- Colusa grass *Neostapfia colusana*
- Delta tule pea *Lathyrus jepsonii var. jepsonii*
- Giant garter snake *Thamnophis gigas*
- Legenere *Legenere limosa*
- Loggerhead shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*
- Midvalley fairy shrimp *Branchinecta mesovallensis*
- Northwestern pond turtle[1] *Actinemys marmorata*
- Sacramento orcutt grass *Orcuttia viscida*
- Slender orcutt grass *Orcuttia tenuis*
- Swainson's hawk *Buteo swainsoni*
- Tricolored blackbird *Agelaius tricolor*
- Valley arrowhead *Sagittaria sanfordii*
- Valley elderberry longhorn beetle *Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*
- Vernal pool fairy shrimp *Branchinecta lynchi*
- Vernal pool tadpole shrimp *Lepidurus packardi*
- Western spadefoot *Spea hammondii*
- White-faced ibis *Plegadis chihi*

LAND ACQUISITION HISTORY

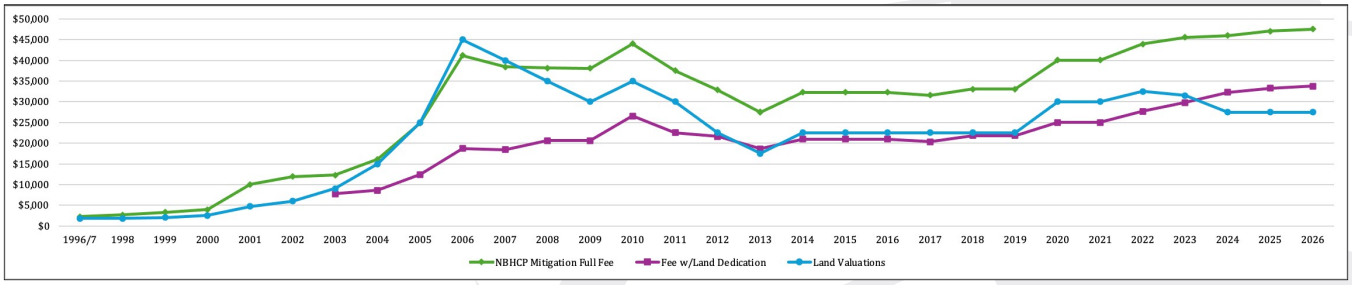
(does not include minor easements; comprehensive property details are available at the Conservancy)

Property	Date Acquired	Acres
1. Silva	01.07.99	159.20
2. Betts	04.05.99	138.99
3. Kismat	04.16.99	40.29
4. Bennett North	05.17.99	226.68
5. Bennett South	05.17.99	132.49
6. Lucich North	05.18.99	267.99
7. Lucich South	05.18.99	351.89
8. Brennan[2]	06.15.00	241.38
9. Frazer North	07.31.00	92.60
10. Souza	07.02.01	40.00
11. Natomas Farms	07.09.01	55.28
12. Ayala[2]	02.20.02	317.37
13. Sill	07.15.02	436.41
14. Alleghany[2]	11.07.02	30.04
15. Cummings	11.07.02	56.41
16. Atkinson	06.12.03	181.55
17. Ruby Ranch	06.23.03	91.08
18. Huffman West	09.30.03	157.86
19. Huffman East	09.30.03	135.75
20. Tufts	09.29.04	147.95
21. Rosa East	03.23.05	106.28
22. Rosa Central	03.23.05	100.02
23. Bolen North	04.29.05	113.62
24. Bolen South	04.29.05	102.38
25. Vestal South	09.12.05	94.95
26. Bolen West	09.01.06	155.14
27. Nestor	09.01.06	233.16
28. Bianchi West	11.07.06	110.16
29. Elsie	11.07.06	158.03
30. Frazer South	11.07.06	110.37
31. Silva South	09.28.12	29.12
32. Richter	01.03.20	80.750
33. Lauppe South	06.30.20	171.840
34. Verona (CE)[3]	07.02.20	116.00
35. Paulsen South	09.28.20	52.460
36. Willey	10.19.20	108.240
37. Elverta	07.13.21	287.71
38. Lauppe North	01.05.22	185.42
39. Paulsen Central	08.12.22	48.00
40. Anne Rudin Preserve	02.28.23	53.33
41. Paulsen North	10.10.24	202.582
42. Lauppe West	01.10.25	14.04
43. Natomas Farms West	04.30.26	41.272

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NBHCP FEE HISTORY (per acre)



For more information about the NBHCP fee please visit the Conservancy website.

Endnotes

[1] Also commonly referred to as Pacific pond turtle.

[2] This tract subsequently traded for land having greater biological resources for the NBHCP's covered species.

[3] Portion acquired in 2018.