



**EAST CONTRA
COSTA COUNTY
HABITAT
CONSERVANCY**

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PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED FOR THE EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVANCY

Members needed for the Public Advisory Committee: The East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy seeks one (1) individual or organization representative to serve on the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) to provide input on the implementation of the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP or Plan) to the Conservancy's Governing Board. The PAC is composed of members representing a variety of interest groups, including three members from the development community, three representatives from the conservation community, three private landowners and/or agriculturalists, three representatives of suburban and/or rural residents within the Plan area, as well as staff members from interested public agencies. PAC members are appointed for a four-year term and are expected to attend all PAC meetings (4 per year). There is currently an unscheduled vacancy for one (1) suburban or rural resident from the Plan Area. The selected applicant will serve the remainder of the term, which ends in December 2019 and may apply to be reappointed to a four-year term at that time. See PAC Member application for map and additional details.

The PAC meets quarterly and is responsible for reviewing and commenting on the general implementation processes of the HCP/NCCP including providing input on implementation policies, budgeting, workplan, restoration projects, a small research grant program, the operation of preserves, adaptive management, and the adherence to plan commitments.

Applicants will be interviewed at the Conservancy Governing Board meeting on August 27, 2018. The meeting will be held at the City of Clayton, Hoyer Hall, Clayton Community Library located at 6125 Clayton Road.

For more information on the HCP/NCCP and the role of the PAC visit <http://www.cocohcp.org> or contact Maureen Parkes (see below).

Application materials are available at:

http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/water/HCP/Meetings/PAC_Application_Materials_2018.pdf

To be considered, applications must be received no later than August 15, 2018 at 5 p.m. either by mail or email at the following address (hard copy or electronic):

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Background Information about the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy: The East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy is a joint exercise of powers authority formed by the Cities of Brentwood, Clayton, Oakley and Pittsburg and Contra Costa County to implement the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP or Plan). The HCP/NCCP provides a framework to protect natural resources in eastern Contra Costa County, while improving and streamlining the environmental permitting process for impacts on endangered species. The Plan allows Contra Costa County, the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the East Bay Regional Park District and the Cities of Brentwood, Clayton, Oakley, and Pittsburg (collectively, the Permittees) to control endangered species permitting for activities and projects in the region that they perform or approve. The Plan also provides for comprehensive species, wetlands, and ecosystem conservation and contributes to the recovery of endangered species in northern California. The Plan avoids project-by-project permitting that is generally costly and time consuming for applicants and often results in uncoordinated and biologically ineffective mitigation.