



**EAST CONTRA
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HABITAT
CONSERVANCY**

City of Brentwood

City of Clayton

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Contra Costa County

GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 3, 2018

2:00 p.m.

City of Brentwood, Council Chambers
150 City Park Way, Brentwood, CA 94513

AGENDA

2:00 p.m. Convene meeting.

Adjourn to Closed Session

CS1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(1))

Discovery Builders, Inc. v. City of Brentwood, California; City Council of the City of Brentwood, et al.; Contra Costa County Superior Court, Case No. N13-1781.

Reconvene Open Session.

- 1) Report on any actions taken in Closed Session. Open Session will not start before 2:30 p.m.**
- 2) Introductions.**
- 3) Public Comment on items that are not on the agenda** (public comment on items on the agenda will be taken with each agenda item).
- 4) Consider the following CONSENT items:**
 - a) APPROVE the Meeting Record from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (“Conservancy”) Governing Board meeting of October 22, 2018.**
 - b) Consider the following actions related to the Conservancy’s Public Advisory Committee (PAC):**
 - i. REVIEW the composition requirements of the PAC, attendance of Committee Members, and provide recommendations; and**
 - ii. ACCEPT update on the Public Advisory Committee’s activities in 2018.**

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c) Consider the following actions related to legislative matters:

- i. **ADOPT the 2019 Legislative Platform;**
- ii. **SUPPORT the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition 2019 Legislative Platform;**
- iii. **ADOPT Resolution 2018-05 to support working together with agencies from across California to request that the United States Congress restore overall funding of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Endangered Species Fund from approximately \$50 million to \$85 million in the Fiscal Year 2020 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill;**
- iv. **AUTHORIZE the Chair or staff, as appropriate, to communicate items on the Platform to relevant members and staff of the U.S. Congress and the California Legislature, relevant federal and state agencies, potential advocacy partners and others;**
- v. **AUTHORIZE payment of \$5,000 as membership dues for the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition in 2019;**
- vi. **AUTHORIZE payment of \$1,000 as membership dues for the National Habitat Conservation Plan Coalition in 2019;**

(Abigail Fateman)

5) Consider **APPROVING the 2018 Conservancy Work Plan.**

(Abigail Fateman)

6) Consider the following items related to Conservancy finances:

- a) **APPROVE the 2019 Conservancy Budget.**
- b) **AUTHORIZE staff to execute annual contracts for on-going consulting services with:**
 - **ICF Jones and Stokes: not to exceed \$120,000 for the term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019;**
 - **Monk and Associates: not to exceed \$75,000 for the term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.**
 - **Nomad Ecology: not to exceed \$225,000 for the term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.**
 - **Habitat Restoration Services: not to exceed \$125,000 for the term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019;**
 - **Thunder Mountain Enterprises: not to exceed \$50,000 for the term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019;**
 - **California Retaining Walls, Co.: not to exceed \$125,000 for the term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019;**

- **Triangle Properties:** not to exceed \$30,000 for the term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019; and
 - **Resources Law Group:** not to exceed \$150,000 for the term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.
- c) **AUTHORIZE staff to execute contract amendments for on-going consulting services for administrative support, legal services land management and restoration with:**
- **Urban Economics:** extend the contract term from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019;
 - **Abbott and Kindermann:** extend the contract term from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019;
 - **H.T. Harvey and Associates:** extend the contract term from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019; and
 - **Sapere Environmental:** extend the contract term for six months from December 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

(Joanne Chiu and Abigail Fateman)

- 7) **Consider the following recommendations from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy’s Public Advisory Committee regarding the Conservancy’s 2019 Science and Research Grant Program to:**
- a) **Fully fund the proposal from J. David Wiens (USGS), Patrick Kolar (USGS) and Doug Bell (EBRPD) for their “Ecological Requirements and Conservation Priorities for Golden Eagles in Eastern Contra Costa County” project (\$14,970).**
 - b) **Partially fund the proposal from Kurt Lutz (SFSU), Jeff Wilkinson (HT Harvey and Associates) and Vance Vredenburg (SFSU) for their “Fungal Disease Risk of California Tiger Salamander (CTS) and California Red-Legged Frog (CRLF) in the Los Vaqueros Watershed” project (amount to be determined by the Board, up to \$5,000.)**

(Abigail Fateman)

- 8) **Consider the following actions related to the proposed modifications to the Byron Airport Avoidance and Preservation Alternative:**
- a) **APPROVE the proposed change to the Byron Airport Avoidance and Preservation Alternative; and**
 - b) **DIRECT staff to refer the proposal to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife for review, finalization and approval.**

(Abigail Fateman)

9) Consider the following actions related to extending take coverage to Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC for the Line 200 Vasco Road Remediation Project:

- a) AUTHORIZE staff to execute a Participating Special Entity Agreement with Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC for take coverage of the Line 200 Vasco Road Remediation Project; and**
- b) AUTHORIZE staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for the project.**

(Joanne Chiu)

10) Consider the following actions related to the Vasco Hills/Byron Vernal Pools Preserve Management Plan:

- a) APPROVE the Draft Vasco Hills/Byron Vernal Pools Preserve Management Plan (PMP); and**
- b) DIRECT staff to refer the PMP to California Department of Fish and Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife for review, finalization and approval.**

(Abigail Fateman)

11) Consider the following actions related to Conservancy Governing Board administrative matters:

- a) CONFIRM Conservancy Chair and Vice Chair for 2019;**
- b) SET the Conservancy Governing Board Meeting schedule for the 2019.**

(Abigail Fateman)

Adjourn. The next regular Governing Board meeting will be February 25, 2019.

If you have questions about this agenda or desire additional meeting materials, you may contact Marjorie Koll of the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development at 925-674-7858.

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