

**EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
HABITAT CONSERVANCY**

DATE: December 20, 2021
TO: Governing Board
FROM: Conservancy Staff
SUBJECT: **Governing Board Meeting Record for October 25, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE the Meeting Record from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (“Conservancy”) Governing Board meeting of October 25, 2021.

DISCUSSION

Please find the draft meeting record attached.

CONTINUED ON ATTACHMENT: Yes
ACTION OF BOARD ON: December 20, 2021 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: Yes
OTHER: _____

VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS

X UNANIMOUS

AYES: Banales, Bryant, Pope and Wolfe
NOES: None
ABSENT: Burgis
ABSTAIN: None

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF AN ACTION TAKEN AND ENTERED ON THE MEETING RECORD OF THE CONSERVANCY GOVERNING BOARD ON THE DATE SHOWN.

ATTESTED

*John Kopchik, SECRETARY OF THE EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
HABITAT CONSERVANCY*

BY: Abigail Fateman, DEPUTY

Draft Meeting Record

East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy

Monday, October 25, 2021

2:00 p.m.

(remote meeting)

AGENDA

1) **The Governing Board convened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.**

2) **Introductions.**

Governing Board members in attendance were:

Juan Antonio Banales	City Council, City of Pittsburg
Joel Bryant	Mayor, City of Brentwood
Randy Pope	City Council, City of Oakley
Carl "CW" Wolfe	Mayor, City of Clayton

Conservancy staff and consultants in attendance were:

Abigail Fateman	Conservancy Executive Director
John Kopchik	Conservancy Secretary
Joanne Chiu	Conservancy Staff
Chris Beale	Resource Law Group, Legal Counsel

Other attendees (who were present on the video meeting or spoke on an item):

Brian Madigan	Renewable Properties
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3) **Public Comment on items that are not on the agenda**

There were no public comments.

4) **Consider the following actions related to the authorization of teleconference meetings consistent with AB 361, Government Code § 54953(e):**

- a) **ADOPT Resolution 2021-03 to authorize the ECCCHC Governing Board and the ECCCHC Public Advisory Committee to conduct teleconference meetings under Government Code section 54953 (e) and make related findings;**
- b) **DETERMINE that these bodies will hold virtual meetings for the next 30 days or until the next regularly scheduled meeting; and**
- c) **DIRECT the Executive Director to take actions as needed to implement the intent and return this matter to the Governing Board within 30 days or at the next scheduled meeting if the Board meets less frequently for reconsideration.**

Ms. Fateman presented the item with additional clarifications provided by Mr. Beale. Board members shared and discussed the approach taken for each jurisdiction. The Board indicated that they would like to see the authorization for teleconference meetings consistent with AB361 to be included on future agendas as a consent item unless there is a change in guidance from the County health official. Items 4a, 4b and 4c were approved as recommended by staff. (4-0: Banales, Bryant, Pope and Wolfe; Absent: Burgis)

5) Consider the following CONSENT items:

- a) **APPROVE the Meeting Record from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (“Conservancy”) Governing Board meetings of June 28, 2021 and July 13, 2021.**
- b) **ACCEPT update on the Conservancy’s Endowment Account with the Regional Parks Foundation.**
- c) **ACCEPT update on the National HCP Coalition Annual Meeting.**

Items 5a, 5b and 5c were approved as recommended by staff. (4-0: Banales, Bryant, Pope and Wolfe; Absent: Burgis)

6) Consider **AUTHORIZING staff to execute the Solar Energy Facilities Fee Agreement Between East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy and RPCA Solar 2, LLC.**

Ms. Chiu presented on the item and provided an overview of the project proposed by RPCA Solar 2, LLC and the associated Solar Energy Facilities Fee Agreement. The item was approved as recommended by staff. (4-0: Banales, Bryant, Pope and Wolfe; Absent: Burgis)

7) Consider **ACCEPTING the update on habitat restoration activities.**

Ms. Fateman presented the item and described the ongoing work at the Upper Hess Watershed Restoration Project, the Knightsen Wetland Restoration Project and the former Roddy Ranch Golf Course. The Board accepted the update. (4-0: Banales, Bryant, Pope and Wolfe; Absent: Burgis)

8) Consider the following items related to Conservancy finances:

- a) **AUTHORIZE staff to execute a contract amendment with The Catalyst Group, Inc. to increase the contract limit by \$43,000 from \$25,000 to \$68,000 with no change to the contract term; and**
- b) **AUTHORIZE staff to execute a third contract amendment with Balance Hydrologics to increase the contract limit by \$76,000 from \$90,000 to \$166,000 with no change to the contract term.**

Ms. Fateman provided an update on the ongoing activities and the justification and funding sources for the contract amendments.

Items 8a and 8b were approved as recommended by staff. (4-0: Banales, Bryant, Pope and Wolfe; Absent: Burgis)

9) Consider **SCHEDULING the regular meeting of the Conservancy Governing Board for December 2021.**

The Governing Board scheduled their next regular meeting for December 20, 2021, from 1 – 3 pm. (4-0: Banales, Bryant, Pope and Wolfe; Absent: Burgis)