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# GOVERNING BOARD

Monday, December 16, 2024

2:30 p.m.

City of Clayton

Hoyer Hall, Clayton Community Library  
6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA 94517

## **\*IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MEETING PARTICIPATION\***

East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (Conservancy) Board members will be participating from the City of Clayton in Hoyer Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend and participate at the City of Clayton, Hoyer Hall, Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA 94517.

As a courtesy and technology permitting, members of the public may provide live remote oral public comment via the Zoom Platform. However, the Conservancy cannot guarantee that the public's access to teleconferencing technology will be uninterrupted, and technical difficulties may occur from time to time. In those instances, so long as the public may still attend the meeting in person, the meeting will continue.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

The public is invited to participate in the Conservancy's Governing Board meeting using any of the following methods:

#### **IN PERSON:**

Members of the public can provide in-person comments in the Council Chambers. Members of the public are encouraged, but not required, to fill out a speaker card. The Council Chambers will have seating available for members of the public to attend in person up to full seating capacity.

#### **REMOTE:**

**Access the meeting live online at:** <https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/89277790127>.

**Meeting ID:** 892 7779 0127

**Access the meeting by telephone:** 888-278-0254 followed by access code 841892.

Persons who wish to address the Board during public comment or with respect to an item that is on the agenda may do so either online or by telephone. If accessing the meeting online, request to speak by clicking the "raise hand" function. If accessing the meeting by telephone, request to speak by pressing #2.

## AGENDA

- 1) **2:30 p.m. Convene meeting.**
- 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 (3 minutes each speaker).
- 4) **Consider the following CONSENT items:**
  - a) **APPROVE the Meeting Record from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (“Conservancy”) Governing Board meeting of June 24, 2024.**
  - b) **ACCEPT update on the Conservancy’s Endowment Account.**
  - c) **Consider the following actions related to legislative matters:**
    - i. **ADOPT the 2025 Federal, State, and Local Legislative Platform;**
    - ii. **SUPPORT the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition 2025 Legislative Platform;**
    - iii. **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;**
    - iv. **AUTHORIZE payment of \$5,000 as membership dues for the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition in 2025;**
    - v. **AUTHORIZE payment of \$5,000 toward funding a lobbyist to represent the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition’s and the Conservancy’s 2025 State Legislative Platform;**
    - vi. **AUTHORIZE payment of \$2,000 as membership dues for the National Habitat Conservation Plan Coalition in 2025; and**
    - vii. **AUTHORIZE payment of \$2,500 as membership dues for Together Bay Area in 2025.**
  - d) **Consider the following actions related to an Omnibus Access Agreement for the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy and East Bay Regional Park District:**
    - i. **AUTHORIZE the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy to enter into an omnibus access agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District for the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan Preserve Lands.**
    - ii. **DETERMINE the proposed action is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Sections 15378(a) and (b)(5).**

5) Consider the following items related to Conservancy finances:

- a) **REVIEW 2024 Budget Status and APPROVE Amended 2024 Budget.**
- b) **APPROVE the 2025 Conservancy Budget.**
- c) **AUTHORIZE staff to execute annual contracts with the following firms for on-going services for conservation strategy implementation, administrative support, legal services, finance management and preserve management:**
  - **ICF Jones and Stokes: not to exceed \$200,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Nomad Ecology: not to exceed \$325,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Monk and Associates: not to exceed \$70,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Consero Solutions: not to exceed \$40,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **The Catalyst Group: not to exceed \$10,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Resources Law Group: not to exceed \$120,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Maze and Associates: not to exceed \$30,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **California Retaining Walls, Co.: not to exceed \$375,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Hanford ARC: not to exceed \$100,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025; and**
  - **Triangle Properties, Inc.: not to exceed \$100,000 for the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.**
- d) **AUTHORIZE staff to execute contract amendments for on-going services for administrative support, land management, restoration services and on-call biological support:**
  - **Urban Economics: no change in the contracting limit and extend the term from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Watershed Nursery: increase the contract limit by \$23,300 from \$50,000 to \$73,300 with no change in the term;**
  - **Balance Hydrologics: no change in the contracting limit and extend the term from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **H.T. Harvey: no change in the contracting limit and extend the term from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Restoration Design Group: no change in the contracting limit and extend the term from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Dudek: no change in the contracting limit and extend the term from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Environmental Science Associates (ESA): no change in the contracting limit and extend the term from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025;**
  - **Sequoia Ecological Consulting: no change in the contracting limit and extend the term from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025; and**

- **East Bay Regional Park District (Roddy Ranch Golf Course Project Design): no change in the contracting limit and extend the term from December 31, 2024 to December 31 2025.**
- e) **AUTHORIZE staff to execute a cost-sharing agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District for \$100,000 for land acquisition through December 31, 2025.**
  - f) **AUTHORIZE staff to execute a cost-sharing agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District for \$150,000 for land management related to the preserve - wide building assessment and prioritized clean-up through December 31, 2026.**
- 6) **Consider APPROVING the 2025 Conservancy Work Plan.**
  - 7) **Consider the following actions related to the Conservancy’s Public Advisory Committee:**
    - a) **REVIEW the composition of the Conservancy’s PAC, attendance of Committee Members, and provide recommendations; and**
    - b) **ACCEPT update on the Public Advisory Committee’s activities in 2024; and**
    - c) **DIRECT staff to recruit for a person to fill the seat of “Suburban/Rural Resident of the Plan Area” to serve on the PAC.**
  - 8) **Consider the following actions related to Conservancy Governing Board administrative matters:**
    - a) **CONFIRM Conservancy Chair and Vice Chair for 2025;**
    - b) **SET the Conservancy Governing Board Meeting calendar for 2025; and**
    - c) **ACKNOWLEDGE Board member Joel Bryant’s 14 years of service to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy.**
  - 9) **Adjourn.** The next regular Governing Board meeting is to be determined (see Item 8).

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*If you have questions about this agenda or desire additional meeting materials, you may contact Maureen Parkes of the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development at 925-655-2909. The Conservancy will provide reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities planning to participate in this meeting who contact staff at least 24 hours before the meeting.*