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# Public Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

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## Agenda

- 1) **Introductions**  
Attendees are invited (but not required) to introduce themselves. This is also an opportunity for committee members (and meeting participants) to provide updates on their organization’s activities.
  - Welcome new PAC Member: Joan Duffield, Suburban/Rural resident
- 2) **Public comment on items not on the agenda.**  
Public comments will also be accepted on each agenda item during discussion of that item. (3 minutes each)
- 3) **Consider approving the Meeting Records from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (“Conservancy”) Public Advisory Committee (“PAC”) meetings on February 13, 2025\* and May 8, 2025\*.**  
The Draft Meeting Records are attached for review.
- 4) **General Update on recent actions of the Governing Board and Staff Activities.**  
The complete Board agenda and packet from December and past meetings are posted on the Conservancy’s website at: <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/water/HCP/Meetings/GB.html>
  - New Board member: Arlene Kobata, City of Pittsburg
  - Freschi property acquisition
- 5) **Plan Amendment Update, Kathryn Gaffney, ICF**  
The Conservancy applied for and was awarded funding to develop an application to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife to extend the term of the Plan’s permit. The current permit term is 30 years.
- 6) **Wetlands Mitigation In-Lieu Fee Program Update, Kathryn Gaffney, ICF and Abby Fateman, Conservancy.** The Conservancy has been working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to finalize a formal in-lieu fee program to accompany Regional General Permit 1.
- 7) **Confirmation of Calendar of 2025 PAC meetings**  
The PAC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, quarterly. The 2025 meetings are scheduled for February 13, May 8, August 14, and **November 13** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

\*Indicates there are attachments provided for the item.

**8) Adjourn.**

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 72 hours before the meeting.

# Public Advisory Committee

**\*Draft Meeting Record\***

Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 1 p.m.

## 1) Introductions

*Committee Attendees:*

<b>Private Permit Seekers</b>	
East Bay Leadership Council	Meg Stern
Phillips 66	Sarah Lynch
Building Industry Association – Bay Area	Lisa Vorderbrueggen
<b>Conservation Advocates</b>	
California Native Plant Society	Lesley Hunt
Wilton Rancheria	Venesa Kremer
Save Mount Diablo	Juan Pablo Galvan Martinez
<b>Landowners/Agriculturalists</b>	
Contra Costa Resource Conservation District	Ben Weise
California Farmland Trust	Charlotte Mitchell
Contra Costa County Farm Bureau	<i>Absent</i>
<b>Suburban/Rural Residents</b>	
Sharon Osteen	Present
Micheal Greggans	Present
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*Others in attendance:*

Abby Fateman, Conservancy Staff

Joanne Chiu, Conservancy Staff

Allie Cloney, Nomad Ecology

Annamarie Guerero, East Bay Regional Park District

## 2) Public comment on items not on the agenda.

*Michael Greggans noted that he recently connected with the Sustainable Agriculture & Land Manager from Restore the Delta and would like to connect someone from their organization with the PAC for a future presentation and/or collaboration.*

## 3) Consider approving the Meeting Record from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (“Conservancy”) Public Advisory Committee (“PAC”) meeting on November 14, 2024.

*The Meeting Record was approved.*

- 4) **General Update on recent actions of the Governing Board and Staff Activities.** The complete Board agenda and packet from December and past meetings are posted on the Conservancy's website at: <http://www.co.contra costa.ca.us/depart/cd/water/HCP/Meetings/GB.html>
- **PAC Member Recruitment (Rural/Suburban Rep)**  
*Abby Fateman provided an overview of recent activities of the Governing Board highlighting that there are three new board members and a reminder that there is an open seat in the suburban/rural resident category on the PAC.*
- 5) **Cultural Resources Management Plan**, Annamarie Guerrero, East Bay Regional Park District  
*Annamarie Guerrero provided a presentation on the Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP) for the HCP/NCCP preserve area. Wilton Rancheria noted they would like to connect separately to provide feedback on the Plan.*
- 6) **Review of the RFP and Make a Recommendation to the Board on the Conservancy's Small Grant Program.** \*Review the draft Request for Proposals for the Conservancy's small research grant program. Make a recommendation to the Conservancy's Governing Board on the program.  
*The PAC reviewed the draft RFP. Sarah Lynch raised concern for including proposals that address special status species that were listed after HCP/NCCP adoption. The PAC agreed it would be appropriate to allow proposals to include special status species but priority should be given to proposals that focus on HCP/NCCP listed species. Conservancy staff will update the RFP to reflect this adjustment and will take to the Governing Board for review and approval in March.*
- 7) **Planning a field trip for May 8, 2025 PAC meeting\*** - See attached Preserve System map for reference. Suggestions for future meeting topics.  
*The field trip is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> at Vasco Caves. Potential future meetings topics include HCP/NCCP Plan Extension, large scale development and transportation projects, Knightsen Wetland Restoration Project, summary of proposed development projects in green fields would be of interest, and endangered water species in the Delta (i.e. salmon, sturgeon, golden mussel and delta smelt).*
- 8) **Confirmation of Calendar of 2025 PAC meetings\***. The PAC meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, quarterly. The 2025 meetings are scheduled for February 13, August 14, and November 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. May 8 is planned to be a field trip.
- 9) **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned to May 8, 2025 at Round Valley to visit Vasco Caves.

# Public Advisory Committee

**\*Draft Meeting Record\***

Thursday, May 8, 2025

## 1) Introductions

### *Committee Attendees:*

Private Permit Seekers	Conservation Advocates	Landowners/ Agriculturalists	Suburban/Rural Residents
<b>East Bay Leadership Council</b> Meg Stern	<b>California Native Plant Society</b> Absent	<b>Contra Costa Resource Conservation District</b> Chris Lim	<b>Joan Duffield:</b> Present
<b>Phillips 66</b> Sarah Lynch	<b>Wilton Rancheria</b> Absent	<b>California Farmland Trust</b> Absent	<b>Sharon Osteen:</b> Absent
<b>Building Industry Association – Bay Area:</b> Absent	<b>Save Mount Diablo:</b> Absent	<b>Contra Costa County Farm Bureau:</b> Absent	<b>Michael Greggans</b> Present

### *Others in attendance:*

Joanne Chiu, Conservancy  
Maureen Parkes, Conservancy  
Eddy Willis, EBRPD  
Ashley Grenier, EBRPD  
Mia Bianchi, CDFW  
Torrey Soland, CDFW  
Sara Kern, CDFW  
Cori Calyniuk, USFWS  
Stefanie Kramer, USFWS

## 2) Public comment on items not on the agenda. *None*

## 3) Site Visit to Vasco Caves. *The group departed from the Roud Valley staging area to go to Vasco Caves. EBRPD staff led the group on an interpretive hike that covered the cultural and biological resources of the property.*

## 4) Adjourn.