

**EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
HABITAT CONSERVANCY**

**DATE:** May 10, 2012  
**TO:** Governing Board  
**FROM:** Conservancy Staff  
**SUBJECT:** **Governing Board Meeting Record for January 11, 2012**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** the Meeting Record from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (“Conservancy”) Governing Board Meeting of January 11, 2012.

**DISCUSSION**

Please find the draft meeting record attached.

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ACTION OF BOARD ON: May 10, 2012 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED \_\_\_\_\_  
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**VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS**

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ATTESTED \_\_\_\_\_  
*Catherine Kutsuris, SECRETARY OF THE EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVANCY*

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, DEPUTY

## **Draft Meeting Record**

East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy  
Governing Board Meeting  
January 11, 2012  
City of Brentwood

### **1) Introductions.**

#### ***Governing Board members in attendance were:***

Joel Bryant	City of Brentwood
Sal Evola	City of Pittsburg
Mary Piepho	Contra Costa County
Randy Pope	City of Oakley
Hank Stratford	City of Clayton

#### ***Other Attendees:***

Randi Adair	CA Department of Fish and Game
Seth Adams	Save Mount Diablo
Chris Beale	Resources Law Group
Sam Boucchini	BART
Peter Colby	Contra Costa Water District
Mark Dana	BART
Donald Dean	BART
Jim Gwerder	Souza Realty and Development
Rod Jeung	BART
Way Lind	BART

#### ***Conservancy Staff members in attendance were:***

Abby Fateman	Conservancy Staff
Krystal Hinojosa	Conservancy Staff
John Kopchik	Conservancy Staff
Catherine Kutsuris	Secretary of the Conservancy

**2) Public Comment.** Supervisor Piepho requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Hulet Hornbeck.

**3) Consider APPROVING the Meeting Record from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (“Conservancy”) Governing Board Meetings of September 29, 2011 and October 19, 2011.** The meeting record was approved. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford)

**4) Consider the following Governing Board administrative matters:**

- a) **ACKNOWLEDGE and welcome new Conservancy Chair and Vice Chair**
- b) **DETERMINE Governing Board meeting time and locations in 2012.**

- c) **DETERMINE procedure for accommodating requests by cities participating in the Conservancy and/or the County to pre-designate a replacement for the designated Board Member and Alternate.**

Items 4a and 4c were approved as recommended. Regarding item 4b, the Board recommended that Conservancy staff work with the Board members to develop a proposed schedule for 2012 Governing Board meetings. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford)

**5) Consider DETERMINING representation on Public Advisory Committee (PAC) for 2012 and process for filling vacancy.** The Board directed staff to recruit potential Public Advisory Members to fill the “Rural and Suburban Resident” vacancy on the PAC from multiple sources, as recommended by the PAC. The received applications should be presented to the Board at the next meeting for them to make a selection to fill the vacancy. The item was approved. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford)

**6) Consider AUTHORIZING staff to execute a Second Amendment to the Participating Special Entity Agreement with Equilon Enterprises dba Shell Oil Products for the Coalinga-Avon Pipeline Repair Project.** Ms. Hinojosa provided an overview of the amendment. The item was approved. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford)

**7) Consider AUTHORIZING staff to execute a Participating Special Entity Agreement with the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District for the eBART Phase II Project.** Ms. Hinojosa provided an overview of the Participating Special Entity Agreement and permit requirements for the proposed project. BART representatives presented an overview of the project. Board members posed several clarifying questions for staff and for BART. The item was approved. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford)

**8) Consider APPROVING the 2012 Conservancy Work Plan.** Mr. Kopchik provided a summary of the 2012 Work plan. The Board directed staff to keep the pursuit of regional wetlands permitting a top priority. The Board also indicated that the Work Plan document was a helpful document and should continue to be prepared in future years. The item was approved. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford)

**9) Consider the following actions related to legislative matters:**

- a) **ADOPT the 2012 Legislative Platform;**
- b) **ADOPT Resolution 2012-01 to support working together with agencies from across California to request that the United States Congress increase overall funding of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Endangered Species Fund from approximately \$47 million to \$80 million in the Fiscal Year 2013 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill;**
- c) **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;**

**d) AUTHORIZE payment of \$5,000 as membership dues for the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition in 2012.**

Mr. Kopchik presented the legislative matters. The items were approved as recommended with additional direction to Staff on the Legislative Platform as follows: 1) modify the request in Item 1 which states “increase in Section 6 funding” to “restore Section 6 funding;” 2) add an additional item to the Legislative Platform, known as Item 8, for coordination of wetland permitting with species permitting; 3) minor spelling corrections to Legislative Platform as needed. The item was approved. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford)

**10) Consider the following actions related to Conservancy finances:**

**a) APPROVE the 2012 Conservancy Budget.** Mr. Kopchik presented to 2012 Conservancy budget. This item (10a) was approved. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford)

**b) AUTHORIZE staff to execute annual contracts for on-going consulting services with:**

▪ **ICF Jones and Stokes: not to exceed \$280,000 for the term from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012;**

▪ **H.T. Harvey and Associates: not to exceed \$65,000 for the term from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012;**

▪ **Nomad Ecology: not to exceed \$63,000 for the term from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012;**

▪ **Restoration Resources: not to exceed \$50,000 for the term from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012;**

▪ **Monk and Associates: not to exceed \$50,000 for the term January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.**

**c) AUTHORIZE staff to execute a contract for legal services with Resources Law Group not to exceed \$90,000 for a term from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.** Ms. Fateman presented the proposed contracts for on-going consulting and legal services. She provided overviews of the general scope of work for each contract. The items (10b and 10c) were approved. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford)

**11) Consider ACCEPTING an update on the Upper Hess Creek Watershed Habitat Restoration Project.** Ms. Fateman provided a presentation and update on the Conservancy’s most recent restoration project. The update was accepted. (5-0, Bryant, Evola, Piepho, Pope, Stratford.)

**12) Adjourn (next regular meeting and location TBA).** The meeting adjourned in honor and memory of Hulet Hornbeck.

**EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
HABITAT CONSERVANCY**

**DATE:** May 10, 2012  
**TO:** Governing Board  
**FROM:** Conservancy Staff  
**SUBJECT:** **Governing Board Administrative Matters**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

- a) **ACKNOWLEDGE and welcome new Conservancy Board Member**
- b) **DETERMINE Governing Board meeting time and locations in 2012.**

**DISCUSSION**

a) The Oakley City Council has appointed a new member to serve on the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, Councilmember Jim Frazier. In addition, the County Board of Supervisors has rotated its primary and alternate representatives for 2012 and Supervisor Glover is once again the primary representative. We welcome Councilmember Jim Frazier to the Conservancy and welcome back Supervisor Federal Glover.

b) The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) forming the Conservancy requires the Governing Board to set a regular meeting schedule. The Board has previously determined that its regular meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every third month at noon. The Governing Board also previously directed that the meeting location rotate among the jurisdictions. At its January 11, 2012 meeting, recognizing that the prior schedule might not work for new Board Members, the Board determined to consider setting a regular meeting schedule at its next meeting. Proposed locations for those meetings are:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
May 10, 2012	City of Pittsburg
Meeting 2	City of Oakley
Meeting 3	City of Clayton
Meeting 4	City of Brentwood

We recommend that Board Members discuss and determine regular meeting times and locations.

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**East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy  
Governing Board  
2012 Roster**

Representative	Agency
<b>Council Member Joel Bryant</b>	<b>City of Brentwood (Chair)</b>
Council Member Erick Stonebarger*	City of Brentwood
<b>Council Member Hank Stratford</b>	<b>City of Clayton (Vice Chair)</b>
Mayor David Shuey*	City of Clayton
<b>Supervisor Federal Glover</b>	<b>Contra Costa County</b>
Supervisor Mary Piepho*	Contra Costa County
<b>Council Member Jim Frazier</b>	<b>City of Oakley</b>
Council Member Pat Anderson*	City of Oakley
<b>Council Member Salvatore Evola</b>	<b>City of Pittsburg</b>
Council Member Pete Longmire*	City of Pittsburg

\*Alternate

**EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
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**DATE:** May 10, 2012  
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**SUBJECT:** Update on legislative platform activity

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**RECOMMENDATION**

ACCEPT update on legislative platform activity.

**BACKGROUND**

At its January 11, 2012 meeting, the Governing Board adopted an updated Legislative Platform for 2012 as well as Resolution 2012-01 authorizing cooperation with the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition (“CHCPC”) to pursue a federal funding request of \$80 million for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (“CESCF”) for fiscal year 2013.

As discussed in January, robust federal funding opportunities for HCPs are key to ensuring the ability of the Conservancy to fulfill the land acquisition component of its mission. The Conservancy to date has been awarded \$32,494,990 in federal funding through the CESCF, through six separate annual grants, which accounts for over 70% of the total grant funding awarded. However, these federal funds have been severely threatened in recent years. CESCF funding dropped from a relatively stable \$85 million in FY2010 to \$60 million in FY2011 to \$47.7 million in FY2012. The President’s budget request for FY2013 is \$60 million, and the CHCPC has requested \$80 million, which would come close to restoring FY2010 funding levels while taking into account overall reductions in federal spending.

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Conservancy staff have pursued a variety of activities in furtherance of the legislative platform and in accordance with Resolution 2012-01 since January. These include:

- Regular conference calls and communication with other CHCPC members regarding coordinated outreach to elected officials on FY2013 funding for the CESCOF.
- Outreach to the local congressional delegation (Congressmen McNerney, Miller and Garamendi) regarding support for increasing CESCOF funds in FY2013. Congressman McNerney took the lead on preparing a joint letter, signed by 19 members of Congress (including Congressmen Garamendi and Miller), to the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies emphasizing the importance of CESCOF funding.
- Letters to Senators Boxer and Feinstein requesting support for the \$80 million CESCOF funding request.
- Revision of the CHCPC's briefing book on the CESCOF funding request for FY2013
- The Executive Director traveled to Washington, D.C. from March 28-29 with the CHCPC to advocate for the FY2013 CESCOF funding request. The CHCPC group met with staff of the House and Senate delegations from the region, including a meeting with Congressman McNerney, and with staff at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of the Interior, the Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- CHCPC briefing book on FY2013 CESCOF funding request
- Joint letter from members of Congress

# CALIFORNIA HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANNING COALITION

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
**Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund:  
Fiscal Year 2013 Funding Request**

## CONSERVING NATURAL RESOURCES



## FACILITATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

March 2012

# REQUEST

The California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition requests that Congress fund the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (the "Fund") at \$80 million in Fiscal Year 2013. This would partially restore the Fund to its earlier level and help satisfy the urgent need for funding for endangered species conservation efforts, particularly conservation associated with Habitat Conservation Plans.

## HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS

Regional Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) both conserve endangered species and create a means to permit and mitigate the effects of economic development. The comprehensive, scientific, and transparent conservation planning and permitting process made possible by regional HCPs creates conservation opportunities and regulatory streamlining opportunities that are not possible under the more conventional project-by-project approach. Habitat preservation, restoration and stewardship are carried out strategically by locally-based conservation agencies. The California Habitat Planning Coalition includes local agencies, conservation organizations and business organizations supporting regional Habitat Conservation Plans.



## SUPPORTED BY

### **Local Agencies:**

Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Contra Costa County  
East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy  
Placer County  
Sacramento County  
San Diego County  
San Joaquin Council of Governments  
Santa Clara County  
Solano County Water Agency  
Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority  
Yolo Natural Heritage Program JPA  
Yolo County

### **Conservation Organizations:**

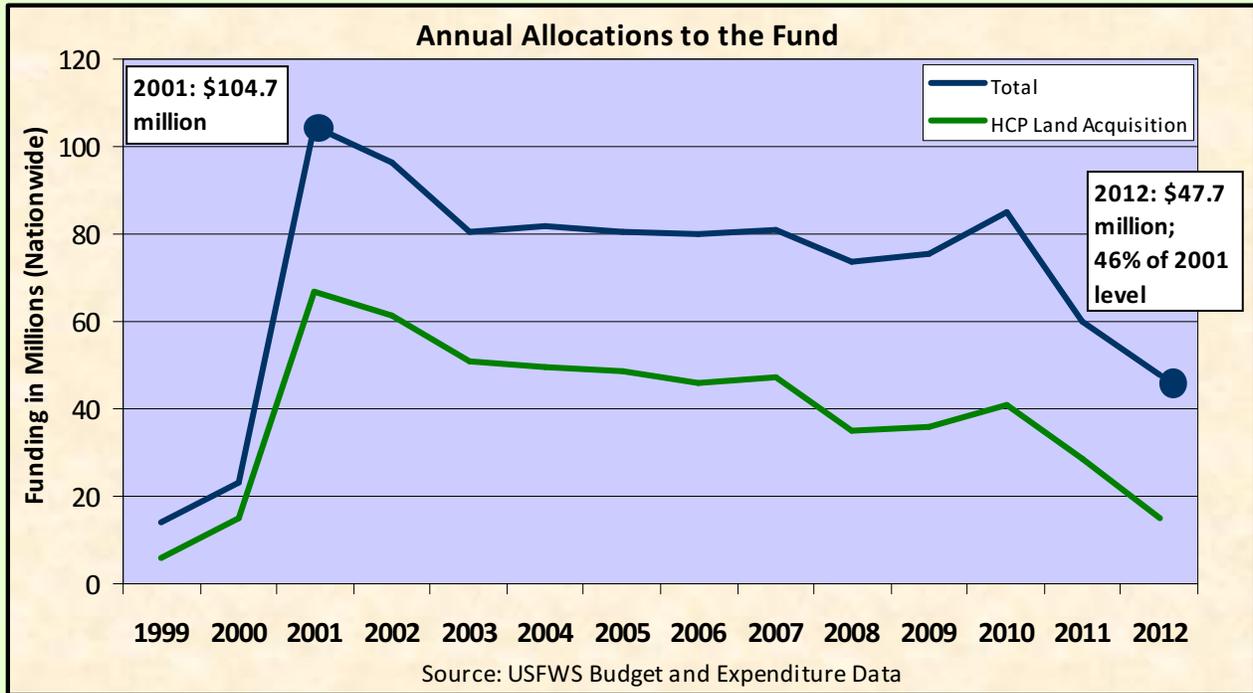
California Land Conservancy  
California Native Plant Society  
Endangered Habitats League  
Friends of the Desert Mountains  
Institute for Ecological Health  
The Nature Conservancy  
Sierra Foothills Audubon Society

### **Business/Infrastructure:**

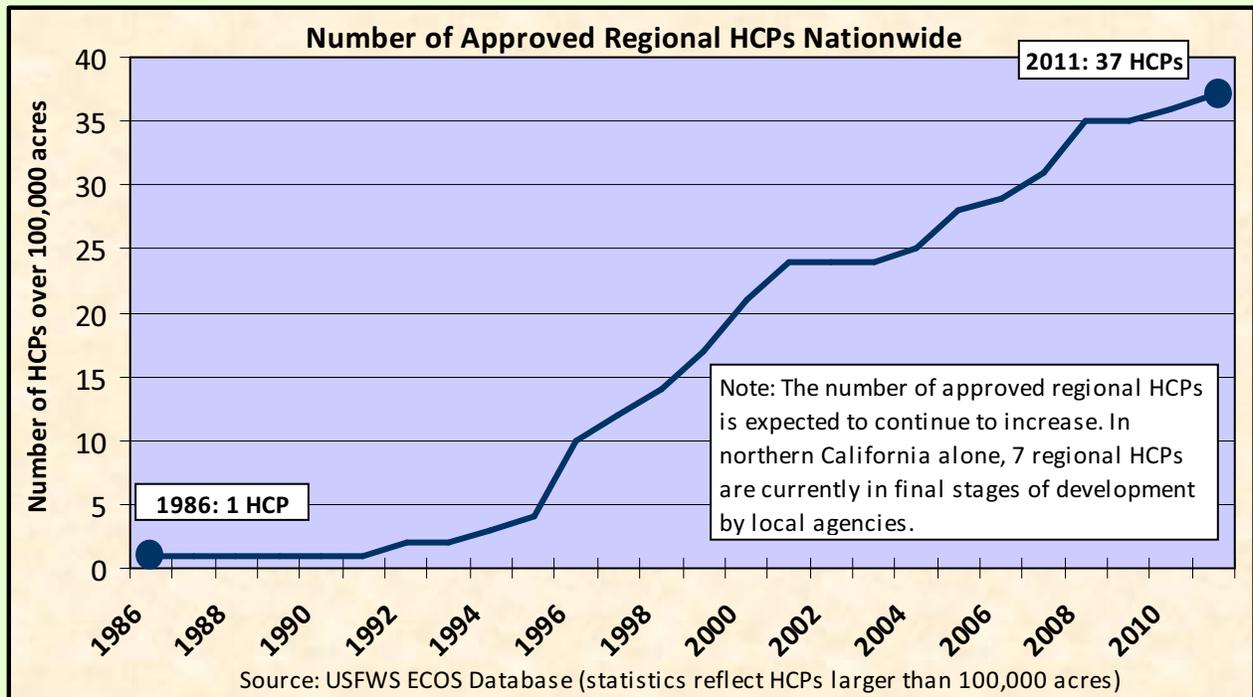
Building Industry Association of the Bay Area  
Building Industry Association of San Diego County  
East County Renewables Coalition  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

# WHY THE FUND ALLOCATION NEEDS TO INCREASE

## A) FUNDING LEVELS HAVE DECLINED DRAMATICALLY



## B) THE NUMBER OF APPROVED HCPS CONTINUES TO GROW



The Coalition's proposed partial restoration of the Fund to \$80 million is still much less than the funding during the period 2001-2010. Grant requests are far more than the available funding. The Fund will need to increase substantially in future years to keep pace with the expected growth in grant requests.

# ECONOMIC AND CONSERVATION BENEFITS OF HCPs

Regional HCPs provide State and Federal regional permits for public infrastructure and private development projects based on conservation strategies that minimize conflicts between the environment and economic development. These regional umbrella permits last 30 to 75 years, transfer authority to local government, and improve certainty of the permit process for project proponents. Regional HCPs in California are expected to permit projects with a cumulative value of \$1.6 trillion.

*"The City of Desert Hot Springs needs new development, new investment in our community. With the Coachella Valley Multiple Species HCP, our city will know where development is approvable and where it is not. That will help us bring jobs to our community - pure and simple."*

*- Rick Daniels, City Manager, City of Desert Hot Springs*



## HCPs Are Good for Businesses and Jobs

- HCPs streamline permitting for development and infrastructure projects. In the short term, this expedites:
  - Construction jobs and construction-related activity
  - Wages spent in the local economy
  - Tax revenue from wages and purchase of building materials

In the long term, streamlined permitting expedites:

- New jobs in new commercial areas
  - Increased economic activity overall via the arrival of new homeowners and new businesses
  - Ongoing tax revenue from wages, sales taxes and property taxes
- The permitting certainty that HCPs provide to developers can be the deciding factor in whether or not a project moves forward—and therefore whether an area sees new jobs, tax revenue and economic growth.
  - The HCP land acquisition process provides jobs to appraisers, clean-up contractors, realtors, surveyors and title companies.
  - Through the land acquisition process, HCPs provide a market for willing sellers of land, allowing them to turn those assets into liquid capital.

*HCPs generate economic efficiency by redirecting dollars formerly spent on conflict over permitting and regulations towards conservation and resource protection.*



*"PG&E worked under an existing Habitat Conservation Plan to receive state and federal wildlife permitting for reliability upgrades to the 30-mile long Contra Costa-Las Positas 230kV transmission line. This was an efficient process which was very helpful in streamlining permitting to facilitate timely construction, while also fostering positive agency relationships."*

*- Diane Ross-Leech, Director,  
Environmental Policy, Pacific Gas and Electric Company*

# ECONOMIC AND CONSERVATION BENEFITS OF HCPs



Photo: Scott Hein

Regional HCPs are a primary mechanism for the conservation of land and species, especially in fast-growing areas. Collectively, regional HCPs in California will conserve more than 1.5 million acres of land. Conserved land will be restored, enhanced and managed for the benefit of the widest array of species found in the United States. Conserved land also provides valuable open space to residents and visitors, protecting the natural beauty of these regions and providing numerous recreational opportunities.

## HCPs Are a Better Way to Conserve Natural Resources

- HCPs purchase, restore and permanently protect large, interconnected and biologically rich blocks of habitat.
- HCPs employ the best available science to coordinate conservation actions in a regional manner and maximize benefits to species and ecosystems.

## HCPs Facilitate Infrastructure Projects

- For public infrastructure projects, greater certainty that permits will be issued and faster processing means less cost to taxpayers.
- New and well-maintained infrastructure is a key component of economic growth.
- Because regional HCPs are "master" permits, they eliminate the need for the Fish and Wildlife Service to process numerous individual project permits, saving staff time and tax dollars.



*"In the City of San Diego, a Section 6 grant became the critical catalyst that facilitated the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan to protect the remaining vernal pools in the City, 99% of which have been eliminated."*

*- Jim Whalen, J. Whalen Associates Inc.*

## HCPs Provide Support for Working Farmers and Ranchers

- Purchase of agricultural conservation easements creates a new source of capital for working farmers, helping to maintain healthy and functioning rural economies while also protecting the habitat value that agricultural land provides.

*"We aren't seeking a handout, an "earmark" or special favors. We are only asking that the program be funded appropriately so we can, again, compete and show the nation that we know how to balance environmental protection with economic development."*

*- Richard Kite, Rancho Mirage City Council Member, Chair, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission*

# CONSERVATION OUTCOMES AND SAMPLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CALIFORNIA HCPs

- The 8,881-acre Joshua Hills acquisition, funded by \$4 million in mitigation fees from the Palm Drive/Gene Autry Trail (see pg. 6) and other Interchange projects and \$22 million from six other non-profit, federal and state sources, has created a protected corridor between the Coachella Valley Preserve and Joshua Tree National Park.

*“By leveraging more than \$50 million of County General funds with nearly \$80 million of Federal Section 6 and California State park bond dollars, we have been able to acquire over 10,000 acres of open space for habitat preservation and the enjoyment of the residents of San Diego County.”*

*- Ron Roberts, Chairman,  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors*

Key Regional HCPs	Covered Species	Acres To Be Conserved
Butte Regional Conservation Plan	41	150,000
Coachella Valley MSHCP/NCCP	27	240,000
East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP	28	30,000
Natomas / Metro Air Park HCPs	22	9,000
Placer County Conservation Plan	33	60,000
San Diego County Multiple Habitat Conservation Open Space Plan NCCP	263	158,000
San Diego MSCP - County Sub Area Plan	85	98,000
San Diego North County MSCP / NCCP	63	107,000
San Joaquin County Multi-species Conservation and Open Space Plan	97	101,000
Santa Clara Valley HCP/NCCP	19	36,100
Solano HCP	36	30,000
South Sacramento HCP	30	58,000
Western Riverside County MSHCP/NCCP	146	500,000
Yolo Natural Heritage Program	64	under development
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,577,100</b>

- The Barron and Thomas acquisitions (right), totaling 1,650 acres, represent a recent conservation accomplishment in eastern Contra Costa County. Together, the properties bridged the last gap between Mount Diablo State Park and Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. These acquisitions contain a mosaic of valuable habitat types, including habitat for Alameda whipsnake, California tiger salamander and Western burrowing owl. The acquisitions were funded by \$2.7 million of Section 6 funds paired with \$3.5 million from state and local sources.



Photo: Scott Hein



- The 1,379-acre Gildred Ranch, in Ramona, California (left) is the keystone property of the Ramona Grasslands Preserve and includes the drainage of Santa Maria Creek, which falls to the San Pasqual Valley in a 200-foot seasonal waterfall. A Section 6 grant of \$5.23 million was combined with \$5.77 million in state and county funds to acquire the property from the Gildred family. After this purchase, other nearby large ranches were acquired and added to the preserve which protect the habitat of golden eagles and other birds of prey.

# ECONOMIC OUTCOMES AND SAMPLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CALIFORNIA HCPs



- The Palm Drive/Gene Autry Trail Interchange in Interstate 10 (above) nears completion under budget and ahead of schedule. The environmental coverage provided by the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan made this project "shovel ready" and led to a federal stimulus grant of \$10 million.

Key Regional HCPs	Regional Permits* Thru...	Est. Value of Covered Activities**
Butte Regional Conservation Plan	2041	under development
Coachella Valley MSHCP/NCCP	2083	\$300 billion
East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP	2037	\$12 billion
Natomas / Metro Air Park HCPs	2053	\$18 billion
Placer County Conservation Plan	2061	\$115 billion
San Diego County Multiple Habitat Conservation Open Space Plan NCCP	2061	\$228 billion
San Diego MSCP - County Sub Area Plan	2047	\$118 billion
San Diego North County MSCP / NCCP	2060	\$104 billion
San Joaquin County Multi-species Conservation and Open Space Plan	2051	\$109 billion
Santa Clara Valley	2060	\$25 billion
Solano HCP	2040	\$12 billion
South Sacramento HCP	2061	\$45 billion
Western Riverside County MSHCP/NCCP	2079	\$500 billion
Yolo Natural Heritage Program	2041	under development
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1.6 trillion</b>

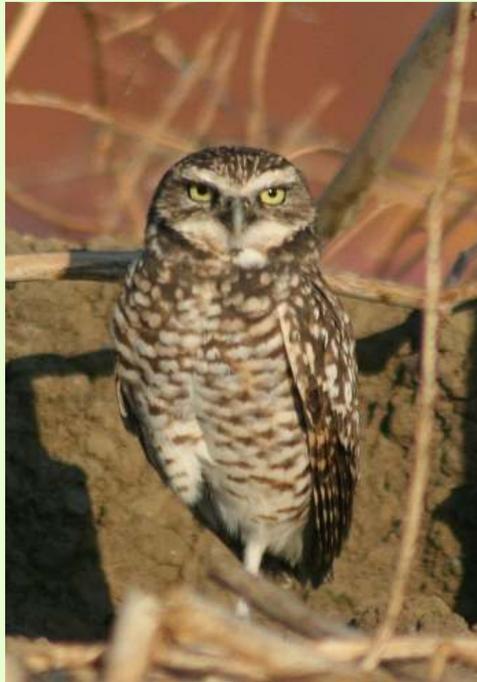
\* The term of regional permits is estimated for those HCPs in preparation.

\*\* Refers to the market value of the completed project (or, for public infrastructure projects, to the construction cost.) Assumes a value of \$1 million per acre for every acre of development that may be covered under the HCP.

- Riverside County's Public Safety Enterprise Communication System was aging and the 20 radio tower sites covered only about 60% of the territory. Riverside County developed a plan to build 50 more sites in order to achieve 100% coverage for emergency service providers. Five sites have been permitted and built so far within areas covered by the county's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

- The eBART project (right), permitted through the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan, is a 10-mile extension of the BART system. This \$462 million project will generate over 600 construction jobs and 40 to 80 permanent jobs.





***“Our common vision*** includes protecting mountains and desert and facilitating development and infrastructure to keep up with growth. *The Multiple Species Plan is the method for protecting habitat and jobs.”*

*- Richard W. Kite, Rancho Mirage City Council, Chair, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission*



**California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition**

*A coalition that includes local agencies, conservation organizations and business organizations supporting regional Habitat Conservation Plans.*

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**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 19, 2012

The Honorable Michael Simpson  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior,  
Environment, and Related Agencies  
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Moran  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior,  
Environment, and Related Agencies  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Moran,

We are writing to emphasize the importance of the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF) in facilitating economic development and job creation in areas where there are endangered and rare species of animals and plants.

The CESCF provides vital funding to regional Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) through competitive grants. Regional HCPs, which are led by local governments, facilitate urban-suburban development and job creation through coordinated permitting for endangered species impacts. They are very important in areas where there is a large and growing population and many species of rare animals and plants that often occur nowhere else. Both the HCPs and the CESCF are strongly supported by the involved local governments and by the development and environmental communities.

These HCPs provide a vital win-win solution, balancing the need for economic growth and jobs with conservation of important natural resources. Regional HCPs maintain local control over land use decision-making by delegating enforcement of federal and state wildlife protection laws to local jurisdictions. In addition, large-scale HCPs provide coordinated permitting for projects related to transportation, energy, and water delivery projects.

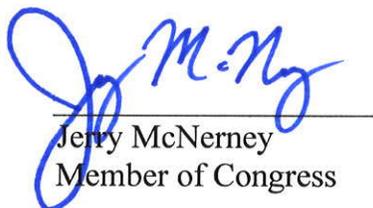
The CESCF is one of the most successful grant programs within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and one of the most important federal partnerships with local governments. It allows any state with a service cooperative agreement to apply for grants and participate in a wide array of voluntary projects for conservation of threatened, endangered, candidate, and at-risk species conservation.

The CESCF program has recognized the importance of providing grants to cities, counties, conservation organizations, and non-federal partners for the conservation and protection of threatened and endangered species. These partners bring their own resources to the table, which are combined with federal funds to achieve both protection of natural resources and creation of jobs through facilitation of development. This results in very high leveraging of federal dollars.

Due to the efficiency and effectiveness of this program, there are an increasing number of large-scale HCPs in the planning phase around the country and several plans that have been approved recently or nearing completion. As a result, there is increasing demand for the CESCOF's HCP planning grants and HCP land acquisition grants. These competitive grants are vital to the success of large-scale HCPs and the ability of local jurisdictions to prepare and implement the plans.

As Congress works hard to address our nation's fiscal situation, we would appreciate your consideration of the importance of the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund.

Sincerely,



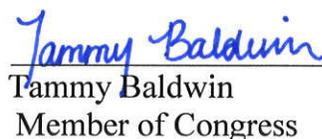
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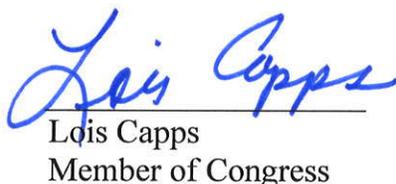
Dan Lungren  
Member of Congress



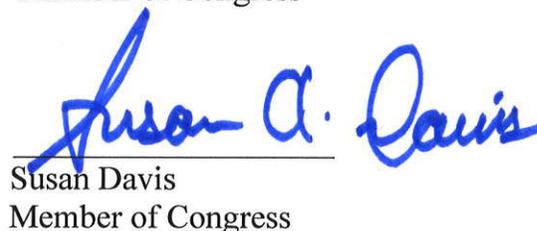
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Member of Congress



Lois Capps  
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Susan Davis  
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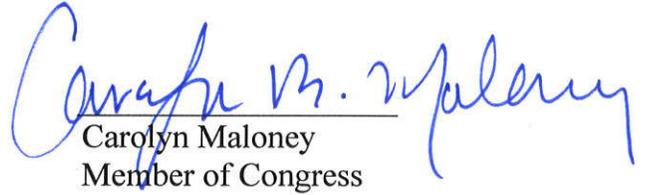


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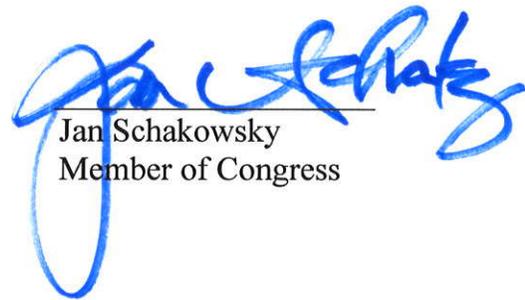
  
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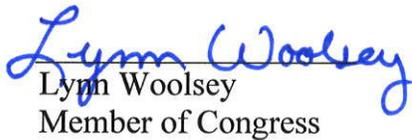
  
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Edward Markey  
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George Miller  
Member of Congress

  
Charles Rangel  
Member of Congress

  
Jan Schakowsky  
Member of Congress

  
Lynn Woolsey  
Member of Congress

**EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
HABITAT CONSERVANCY**

**DATE:** May 10, 2012  
**TO:** Governing Board  
**FROM:** Conservancy Staff  
**SUBJECT:** **Appoint a Board Member to the East County Water Management Association Governing Board.**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**APPOINT one Conservancy Board Member as the primary representative and one as the alternate to the East County Water Management Association.**

**DISCUSSION**

In December 2010, the Conservancy Governing Board approved joining the East County Water Management Association (ECWMA). Membership and participation in ECWMA will enable the Conservancy to receive future allocations from grants to the East Contra Costa County Integrated Water Management Plan (IRWMP), grants that are applied for and managed by ECWMA.

As an official member of ECWMA, the Conservancy needs to appoint a Board Member to the ECWMA Governing Board. Upon joining ECWMA, the Conservancy Board appointed Randy Pope as the primary representative and Hank Stratford as the alternate. Since Mr. Pope is no longer on the Board, a new appointment is needed.

**Additional Background:** The East County Water Management Association (ECWMA) is a Joint Exercise of Powers Authority formed in 1997 by eleven member agencies: Cities of Brentwood, Antioch, and Pittsburg; Contra Costa County Water Agency (which is overseen by the County

CONTINUED ON ATTACHMENT: Yes  
ACTION OF BOARD ON: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS**

   UNANIMOUS  
A YES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

I HEARBY 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
*CATHERINE KUTSURIS, SECRETARY OF THE EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
HABITAT CONSERVANCY*

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, DEPUTY

Board of Supervisors), Byron-Bethany Irrigation District, Delta Diablo Sanitation District, Contra Costa County Sanitation District 19, Diablo Water District, East Contra Costa Irrigation District, Ironhouse Sanitary District and Contra Costa Water District (CCWD). These agencies came together to form the ECWMA in order to facilitate communication, cooperation and education between member agencies regarding matters affecting the existing and potential water supplies of eastern Contra Costa County. The East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy joined ECWMA in 2011. The ECWMA Governing Board does not have a regular meeting schedule. The member agencies typically meet periodically at the staff level to coordinate activities to provide long-term water supplies and treatment facilities in a cost effective, reliable, implementable, and cooperative manner while maintaining institutional independence. The ECWMA Board typically meets two times a year.

In recent years the ECWMA has become the coordinating body for the development and implementation of the East Contra Costa County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). An IRWMP is a required document for a region to apply for and receive State grants that are funded through Proposition 50 and Proposition 84. It is expected that future bond funding will require regions to have such plans. The Conservancy has benefited from past grant rounds awarded to the East County Region. \$2,150,000 has been awarded to Conservancy projects through ECWMA in prior grant rounds.

**EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
HABITAT CONSERVANCY**

**DATE:** May 10, 2012  
**TO:** Governing Board  
**FROM:** Conservancy Staff  
**SUBJECT:** 2012 Public Advisory Committee (PAC)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**REVIEW applications and SELECT individual to fill vacancy on Public Advisory Committee.**

**DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to requirements in the HCP/NCCP, the Board initiated the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) in February 2008 and established a quarterly meeting schedule. The PAC reports to the Board and provides input to the Board and staff on many aspects of Plan implementation. The PAC is responsible for reviewing and commenting on the general implementation processes of the HCP/NCCP including the expenditures of funds for conservation measures, the general process for issuing take coverage to covered activities, the operation of preserves and adaptive management and the adherence to plan commitments. The PAC is to operate by consensus, but when consensus cannot be reached, the various positions will be reported to the Board.

Mary F. Dahlquist (resident of Pittsburg, serving in the “Rural and Suburban residents of the Plan Area” category) has communicated in writing to Conservancy staff her resignation from the Committee due to schedule conflicts. At the January 11, 2012 Conservancy Governing Meeting, the Board directed staff to recruit applicants for the vacant seat on the Public Advisory Committee from multiple sources and determined that the selection process would be for the Board to review the applications and select the appointee to the PAC at the next Board meeting.

CONTINUED ON ATTACHMENT: YES  
ACTION OF BOARD ON: May 10, 2012 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: \_\_\_\_  
OTHER:

**VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS**

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AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

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*CATHERINE KUTSURI, SECRETARY OF THE EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
HABITAT CONSERVANCY*

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, DEPUTY

As directed by the Conservancy Governing Board, staff advertised for a new member of the PAC to represent the “Rural and Suburban resident of Plan Area.” Staff contacted past applicants, notified new potential applicants using the Conservancy’s email distribution lists, and posted a notice in the Contra Costa Times. The deadline to apply for the position was close of business on March, 30, 2012. The Conservancy received six applications. The applications received are from: Don Amador (Oakley), Kelly Davidson (Clayton), Moses de los Reyes (Antioch), Claudia Gemberling (Brentwood), Pamela Michael (Clayton) and Gaylin Zeigler (Discovery Bay). The applications are attached.

Conservancy staff recommend that the Board review and select one of the applicants to fill the “Rural and Suburban resident of the Plan Area” vacancy on the Public Advisory Committee.

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The current composition of the Public Advisory Committee includes one representative from each organization listed below, except where a specific individual is named:

Private permit seekers, (e.g., private developers or their representatives)

- Contra Costa Council
- Discovery Builders
- Home Builders Association of Northern California

Conservation advocates, (e.g., established organizations that represent members in the inventory area)

- California Native Plant Society
- Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed
- Save Mount Diablo

Private landowners and/or agriculturalists, or their representatives

- Agricultural/Natural Resources Trust of Contra Costa County
- Contra Costa County Citizens Land Alliance
- Contra Costa County Farm Bureau

People representing suburban and rural residents of the Plan area

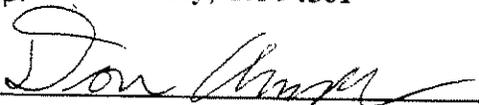
- Dick Vrmeer (resident of Brentwood)
- Mary F. Dahlquist (Resident of Pittsburg) [RESIGNED]
- Sharon L. Osteen (Resident of Clayton)

Staff members from interested public agencies and members of the public are welcome to attend and participate in committee meetings. Despite formal membership, members of the public are welcome to participate in discussions and be part of committee recommendations.

**EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVANCY  
APPLICATION FORM**

Name of Advisory Board applying for: Public Advisory Committee

Position:  Suburban/Rural Resident

Name of Applicant:	<b>Don Amador</b>		
Home Address:	[REDACTED]		
City, State, Zip:	<b>Oakley, CA 94561</b>	Home Phone:	[REDACTED]
Business Address:	[REDACTED]	Work Phone:	[REDACTED]
City, State, Zip:	<b>Oakley, CA 94561</b>	Email Address:	[REDACTED]
Signature:		Date:	<b>3/13/12</b>

**Personal Experience, Skills and Interests**

**Education/Background:**

**B.A – Saint Mary's College of California**

**Occupation**

**Owner of Quiet Warrior Racing, a recreation consulting business that promotes a responsible land use ethic. QWR works or has worked with the Forest Service, BLM, California State Parks, Center for Collaborative Policy, motorized groups, non-motorized organizations such as the California Wilderness Coalition, and other stakeholder groups on various recreation projects. The most recent collaborative effort is in regards to the Berryessa – Snow Mountain National Conservation Area.**

**Community Activities:**

**I am a member of the Region 5/Forest Service's Recreation Resource Advisory Council. I also serve as the current chairman of Hilltop Christian School in Antioch, CA. I served on the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission (1994-2000).**

**Special Interests:**

**My hobbies are camping, hiking, fishing, motorcycling, travel, and photography.**

**Information:**

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EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVANCY  
APPLICATION FORM

Name of Advisory Board applying for: Public Advisory Committee

CONTRA COSTA

Position:  Suburban/Rural Resident

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Name of Applicant: Kelly Davidson

Home Address: [REDACTED]  
City, State, Zip: Clayton, CA 94517

Business Address: Mt. View Sanitary District  
City, State, Zip: P.O. Box 2757  
Martinez, CA 94553

Signature: Kelly Davidson

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Date: 12 March 2012

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT

Personal Experience, Skills and Interests

Education/Background:

BA Biological Anthropology 1999 Cal State East Bay  
MS Environmental Education 2004 Cal State East Bay

Occupation (student, for pay work, not for pay work, retiree or similar):

District Biologist - Mt. View Sanitary District

Community Activities:

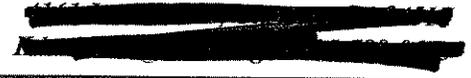
Dales Pony Society of America  
Welsh Pony & Cob Association of California  
Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group  
Contra Costa County Watershed Forum

Special Interests:

Wetlands, Environmental Education, writing & newsletter production,  
Photography, Mountain & Moorland Pony enthusiast, Pony breeder, bird watcher  
East Bay Natural History enthusiast.

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WETLANDS BIOLOGY | CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT | PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Wetland Ecology and Natural History
- Aquatic Bird Surveys
- Wetland & Riparian Habitat Restoration
- Laboratory Analysis
- Interpretive Exhibit Design
- Contract Administration
- Program Development & Evaluation
- Inter-organizational Networking
- Newsletter Design & Publication
- Curriculum Development

EDUCATION & TRAINING

California State University – East Bay

*MS in Environmental Education Curriculum – March 2004*

California State University – East Bay – *Magna Cum Laude*

*BA in Biological Anthropology – June 1999*

Additional coursework in Wildlife Biology (GPA in these courses: 4.0):

Animal Behavior, Biology of Invertebrate Animals I and II, Entomology, Ichthyology, Natural History of the Vertebrates I and II (equivalent to Herpetology, Mammalogy, and Ornithology), Primate Social Behavior, Wildlife Ecology, California Endangered Species

*Special Training*

- Completed courses through San Francisco State's Wetland Science Series at Romberg Tiburon Field Station.
- Completed a 3-day workshop on the biology and identification of special status species including: California Red-legged Frog and California Tiger Salamander.
- Completed 1-day training on Western Pond Turtle biology, natural history, and species identification.

CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WETLAND ECOLOGY & WILDLIFE BIOLOGY

- As District Biologist for Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD) developed, recommended, and directed the implementation of various natural resource management programs such as: wildlife and vegetation management programs; restoration and enhancement projects; and landscape maintenance and improvement programs.
- Recommended and directed implementation of short and long term natural resource management policies, programs, and goals.
- Acted as the District representative on natural resource management issues with the public, outside agencies, and City and County Departments including negotiating mitigation requirements for protected species habitat with regulatory bodies.
- Served as Secretary and alternate Co-chair of the Peyton Slough Wetlands Advisory Committee.
- Coordinated marsh program activities with other District operations and outside entities.
- Developed and directed the implementation of landscape maintenance and improvement programs.
- Recommended, planned, developed, and administered the marsh budget including the purchase of equipment, materials, and supplies.
- Conducted or administered studies on habitat and wildlife conditions or researched possible enhancements to wetland habitat value and function.
- Collected, preserved, and analyzed samples and prepared data; wrote reports and performed statistical data for transmittal to various regulatory agencies.
- Assisted with the maintenance of laboratory records and laboratory quality control program.

- Performed laboratory tests including: Dissolved Oxygen, Suspended Solids, Biochemical Oxygen Demand, pH, and monthly 96-hour Bioassay Toxicity Tests.
- Conducted various programs relating to marsh ecosystems including wetland tours for college and university students and special interest groups such as Audubon Society members.
- As an independent biologist, conducted surveys of threatened and endangered species including: California Red-legged Frog, California Tiger Salamander, and Alameda Whipsnake.
- Assisted in a population survey and behavior study of Western Pond Turtles in Moorhen Marsh - Martinez, CA.
- Participated in Bat Conservation International's wildlife biologist training for bat capture, identification, tagging, and release workshop in Southeastern Arizona.
- Wrote, formatted, and synthesized research for annual *Marsh Monitoring Report* for the Coastal Conservancy and California Department of Fish and Game.
- Assisted East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) Biologist with Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse, California Least Tern, and California Clapper Rail surveys at Hayward Regional Shoreline.
- As a Wetlands Naturalist, led an inter-agency team with EBRPD Park Supervisor and volunteers to create nesting habitat for California Least Terns in reclaimed freshwater marsh system at Hayward Regional Shoreline.
- Conducted wetland bird nesting surveys in both freshwater and salt marsh habitats.

#### **PROGRAM, STAFF, & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

- Interviewed, evaluated, and hired Environmental Education Instructors to lead a variety of school programs for Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) that service more than 30,000 students per year.
- Administered the MVSD Wetlands Field Trip Program for more than 1,600 school students annually.
- Organized and administered CCWD's Water Education Program (WEP).
- Interviewed, evaluated, and hired staff naturalists to perform interpretive and environmental education programs at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center (HSIC).
- Conducted probationary and yearly staff reviews.
- Administered RFP's and contracts with numerous entities and businesses.

#### **CURRICULUM & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

- Created a watershed education program for the Alameda County Resource Conservation District called "Watershed Adventures" for Alameda County fourth grade students.
- Created MVSD's *Marsh Manual* of watershed and wetlands background material and pre-/post-classroom activities to be used in conjunction with the Wetlands Field Trip Program.
- Created innovative and popular interpretive programs for families and the general public.
- Organized and led summer Bay Camp program for pre-school through 6th grade students.

#### **EXHIBIT & PUBLICATION DESIGN & PRODUCTION**

- Editing and layout of MVSD's public newsletter the *Mt. View Monitor* with Adobe In-Design.
- Wrote, gathered illustrations for, designed and had fabricated 12 interpretive panels for MVSD's McNabney Marsh, Moorhen Marsh, and Wildlife Garden.
- Designed, illustrated, wrote text for, and fabricated educational exhibits for the public, including "Sharks: Threat or Threatened?", "Bats!", and "Backyard Wildlife".
- Facilitated the interpretive exhibit design team for the Los Vaqueros Interpretive Center's public exhibits and managed exhibit contractor.
- Coordinated artist exhibitions with HSIC's schedule of events.
- Coordinated receptions for special events and exhibits.

#### **INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION**

- Represented and networked for MVSD at a variety of interagency forums including: the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group, the Contra Costa Watershed Forum, and the Contra Costa County Green Business Program.
- Provided PowerPoint presentation and facility tours at MVSD for international visitors, including representatives from Taiwan, China, and Russia.
- Successfully applied for education and public outreach grants for a variety of projects and programs.

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**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

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*Mt. View Sanitary District* November 2010 - Present  
District Biologist

*The Wildlife Project* June 2000 - December 2010  
Associate Wildlife Biologist – Independent Contractor

*Mt. View Sanitary District* November 2003 - October 2010  
Environmental Education Coordinator – Independent Contractor

*Central Contra Costa Sanitary District* August 2004 - June 2005  
Teaching Consultant – Independent Contractor

*Alameda County Resource Conservation District* May 2003 - December 2003  
Curriculum Consultant – Independent Contractor

*Contra Costa Water District* January 2001 - June 2002  
Public Information Specialist – Education Coordinator

*Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center* August 1995 - December 2000  
Program Director

*Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center* June 1990 - July 1995  
Wetlands Naturalist

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**VOLUNTEER PROFILE**

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*The John Muir Association* August 2009 - August 2010  
Board Member

*NPS - America* January 2008 - Present  
Chairman and Newsletter Editor

*The Dales Pony Society of America* February 2006 - Present  
Registrar, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor

*References Available Upon Request*

# APPLICATION FORM

Name of Advisory Board applying for: Public Advisory Committee

Position:  Suburban/Rural Resident

Name of Applicant: MOSES DE LOS REYES

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip: ANTIOCH, CA 94531

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

OTHER  
Business Address: [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip: [REDACTED]

Work Phone:

Email Address:

PITTSBURG, CA 94565

Signature: Moses de los Reyes

Date: 3/23/12

## Personal Experience, Skills and Interests

### Education/Background:

- MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
- MASTER OF COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATION FROM MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

### Occupation (student, for pay work, not for pay work, retiree or similar):

CONTRACT AND LABOR COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATOR - ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY - RETIRED

### Community Activities:

- BOARD MEMBER - MOUNT DIABLO AUDUBON SOCIETY
- FOUNDING MEMBER OF CALMENDO
- SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER - SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### Special Interests:

- VOLUNTEER - ANTIOCH SAND DUNES WILD LIFE REFUGE
- HABITAT RESTORATION COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATOR FOR ALAMEDA CREEK, SAUSAL CREEK, PERALTA CREEK, VARIOUS REVEGETATION PROJECTS OF FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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# **MOSES DE LOS REYES, MCA**

## **TITLES/POSITIONS**

- Principal/Owner – Master Compliance Services, LLC
- Administrator - Alameda County Contract and Labor Compliance Programs (Retired)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Founder/Administrator - Alameda County Labor Compliance Program (State Approved)
- Founder /Administrator - Alameda County Apprenticeship Collaborative
- Founder/Administrator - Alameda County Business Outreach Bureau “BOB”

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- Master of Compliance Administration from Morgan State University
- Master of Public Administration from California State University, East Bay
- Master of Philosophy & Psychology from University of California, Los Angeles
- Bachelor of Science in Philosophy & Business Administration from California State University, Los Angeles

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- Certificate of Honor by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- Alameda County Manager of the Year Award
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Advocate of the Year Award
- Merit Award by the American Public Works Association

## **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS**

- CalMentor
- American Public Works Association
- American Contract Compliance Association (Board Member)
- Economic Development Alliance for Business
- Bay Area Contract Compliance Officers’ Association
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Small Business Advisory Committee
- East Bay Interagency Alliance
- Mount Diablo Audubon Society (Board Member)
- City of Antioch Crime Prevention Commission
- Antioch Historical Society
- Kiwanis International

## **CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP**

- Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Hayward Chamber of Commerce
- Livermore Chamber of Commerce
- North Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Alameda County
- Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce, East Bay

**EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVANCY  
APPLICATION FORM**

Name of Advisory Board applying for: Public Advisory Committee

Position:  Suburban/Rural Resident

Name of Applicant: Claudia Gemberling

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip: Brentwood, CA 94513

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Business Address:

City, State, Zip:

Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Signature: Claudia Gemberling

Date: 3/29/12

**Personal Experience, Skills and Interests**

**Education/Background:**

California State University – East Bay; Bachelor's Degree, Environmental Studies, Land Use Planning Minor

**Occupation (student, for pay work, not for pay work, retiree or similar):**

For pay work; Contra Costa County Public Works Department, Environmental Analyst

**Community Activities:**

Member of Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed group; in charge of fundraising committee

**Special Interests:**

Gardening, cooking, making wine, attending farmer's markets, hiking, identifying plant/wildlife, road traveling, networking

**Information:**

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EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVANCY  
APPLICATION FORM

Name of Advisory Board applying for: **Public Advisory Committee**  
Position: Suburban/Rural Resident

Name of Applicant: Pamela Michael  
Home Address: [REDACTED]  
City, State, Zip: Clayton, CA 94517  
Home Phone: [REDACTED]  
Business Address: Center for Environmental Literacy  
Saint Mary's College  
1928 Saint Mary's Road  
City, State, Zip: Moraga, CA 94556  
Work Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email Address: [REDACTED]



Signature:

Date: 3/13/12

**Personal Experience, Skills and Interests**

Education/Background: Bio attached  
Occupation: Director, Center for Environmental Literacy at Saint Mary's College  
Community Activities: Board member, Africa Matters  
Special Interests: Local history and natural history, children's art & poetry, hiking

Pamela Michael  
Director, The Center for Environmental Literacy  
in the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College  
Co-founder, River of Words

Pamela Michael has been a writer and curriculum specialist for over thirty years. In the 1980's she wrote for technical journals and later began doing curriculum development for the Discovery Channel. While director of the United Nations-sponsored International Task Force on Media and Education, she edited a groundbreaking book on media's role in education called "The Whole World is Watching" (UNESCO 1992). She developed rural educational programs in Upper Egypt as a consultant for Save the Children, and has helped advance the principles of place-based education and project-based learning around the world. She is an acknowledged expert on children's poetry and art, and has been an advocate for arts and environmental education for most of her adult life. She was honored by Stonyfield Farms in 2001 for her innovative work in the environmental education field. She was also a finalist in the 2006 Volvo for Life Humanitarian Awards. In 2009, the City of Berkeley, California declared September 22 "Pamela Michael Day" to honor Michael's lifetime achievements.

The non-profit educational organization she co-founded in 1995 with then-United States Poet Laureate Robert Hass, River of Words, was one of 100 organizations honored in 2002 by the Kennedy School at Harvard University's Innovations in American Government Committee for its excellence and creativity. River of Words (ROW) promotes cultural and environmental literacy through the arts and cultural exchange. Tens of thousands of teachers and countless students around the world now utilize the "Watershed Explorer" curriculum developed by Michael.

In 2011, River of Words became part of the newly founded Center for Environmental Literacy (CEL) in the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College of California. CEL's mission, in addition to continuing the effective work of River of Words, is to research, develop and assess effective pedagogies that help build resilient communities and that nurture creative students.

River of Words conducts an annual international poetry and art contest for youth (the largest in the world), in affiliation with The Library of Congress Center for the Book. Through its workshops, curriculum materials, exhibitions and publications, ROW encourages students around the world to explore their own communities and imaginations—weaving in natural and cultural history—and then to synthesize what they've learned and observed into line and verse. In 2003, River of Words opened one of the first art galleries in the world devoted entirely to children's work, called Young at Art, which closed in 2011 when River of Words moved to Saint Mary's College.

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Ms. Michael has published several books and won many awards for her writing. In 1997, she won the British Airways/Book Passage Travel Writing Grand Prize for her story, *The Khan Men of Agra*. In 2003, the anthology she edited, *Wild Writing Women: Stories of World Travel*, won the National Association of Travel Journalists (NATJA) Award for Best Travel Book of 2002. NATJA also named her writing groups online magazine ([www.wildwritingwomen.com](http://www.wildwritingwomen.com)) the best of 2004. Her children's art and poetry collection from Heyday Books, *River of Words: Images and Poetry in Praise of Water*, won the 2004 Skipping Stones Award for "Best Book on Nature or Ecology."

Ms. Michael also has written numerous articles on education, community, media and travel for a variety of magazines and newspapers, including the San Francisco Examiner, Odyssey, Salon.com, Resurgence, Shape, Orion, BookLinks, Pt. Reyes Light, Maiden Voyages and others. She has done three books for San Francisco-based Travelers' Tales: *The Gift of Rivers*, *A Woman's Passion for Travel*, and *A Mother's World: Journeys of the Heart*. Her most recent book is *Young Poets & Artists on the Nature of Things*, from Milkweed Editions.

A long-time writing teacher and coach, Ms. Michael leads writing workshops on both non-fiction and poetry. She has also given teacher training workshops all over the world, instructing classroom teachers, park naturalists and youth leaders in ways to incorporate nature exploration and the arts into their work with young people.

For many years, Michael was the travel editor and morning news anchor of KPFA-fm in the San Francisco Bay Area, the first listener-sponsored station in the country. Her earlier radio work includes writing and producing a four-part series on Buddhism in the United States, narrated by Richard Gere.

Ms. Michael has given presentations and speeches around the world to organizations including the United Nations Education for All Forum in New Delhi, Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa in Zambia, and Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools in Bangkok. In the United States, Ms. Michael has given keynote addresses and presentations at the World Affairs Council, California Department of Fish and Game, North American Association of Environmental Education, Bioneers Conference, Environmental Grantmakers, US EPA Watershed Partnerships Seminar, The Library of Congress, Global Rivers Environmental Education Network, Adopt-a-Watershed Summer Institute, Bay Area Open Space Council, Project WET Conference, San Joaquin River Symposium, and many others.

**EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HABITAT  
CONSERVANCY  
APPLICATION FORM**

Name of Advisory Board applying for: **Public Advisory  
Committee**

Position: Suburban/Rural Resident

Name of Applicant: Gaylin James Zeigler

Home Address:

City, State, Zip: [REDACTED]

Discovery Bay, CA. 94505

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Business Address: N/A

City, State, Zip: N/A Work Phone: N/A

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Signature: Gaylin J. Zeigler via email Date: 3/26/2012

Personal Experience, Skills and Interests:

Education/Background:

AA (with distinction) Worthington MN. State Jr. College

BS in Business Admin. (Magna Cum Laude) Minnesota State University, Mankato  
MBA Southern Ill. Univ.-Edwardsville, IL.

Occupation (student, for pay work, not for pay work, retiree or similar):

Retiree after over 30 years as a Dept of Army Civilian employee. Assignments included various Budget Analyst, Budget Officer, Management Analysis Officer, Comptroller, etc., positions in numerous locations throughout the US. Final job was as Director of Resource Management and Co-Chair of the Regional Management Board for the South Pacific Division of the USA Corps of Engineers in San Francisco.

Community Activities:

Active member of the local (DELTA) chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees association;

Budget Review Committee member for the Town of Discovery Bay CSD, 2011/12

Previously member/officer of the Lakeshore Residential Owners Association Board

Special Interests:

Conservation of resources: monetary, historic & environmental.

Contributing member of such organizations as the Nature

Conservancy, National Parks Conservation Association, National Wildlife Federation, Arbor Day Foundation, the Smithsonian, etc.

**Information:**

1. For more information about the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy and the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan visit:  
[www.cocohcp.org](http://www.cocohcp.org)
2. File completed application with Maureen Parkes, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553.
3. Members of some advisory bodies may be required to file annual Conflict of Interest Statements.
4. Meetings of advisory bodies may be held in Pittsburg or in areas not accessible by public transportation.
5. Meetings may be held either in the evenings or during the day, usually once a quarter.