

Background

The Natomas Basin Conservancy was incorporated on October 21, 1994 as a California Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation. It officially employed staff on March 15, 1999 and opened its first office at 1750 Creekside Oaks Drive, Suite 290, Sacramento, soon after. The Conservancy currently maintains offices at 2150 River Plaza Drive, Suite 460, Sacramento, California.

The purpose of the Conservancy is spelled out in the 2003 Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (NBHCP) as follows:

The mission of The Natomas Basin Conservancy is to promote biological conservation along with economic development and the continuation of agriculture in the Natomas Basin. The Habitat Conservation Plan establishes a multi-species conservation program to mitigate the expected loss of habitat values and take of protected species that would result from urban development, operation irrigation and drainage systems, and rice farming. The goal of the Habitat Conservation Plan is to preserve, restore, and enhance habitat values in the Natomas Basin while allowing urban development to proceed according to local land use plans.

In essence, the Conservancy is the “plan operator” of the Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (NBHCP) and the Metro Air Park Habitat Conservation Plan (MAPHCP). Parties to the NBHCP include the California Department of Fish and Game, the City of Sacramento, County of Sutter and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in addition to the Conservancy. The City of Sacramento and County of Sutter are not parties to the MAPHCP.

The organization is governed by a 10-member Board of Directors. All Board members are appointed to three-year terms of office by the City of Sacramento and the County of Sutter. The City and County each appoint five members to the Board of Directors. Board members elect from among themselves a Board President each year who serves a one-year term of office. The Board in turn hires the Conservancy's Executive Director.

Organizational Facts & Figures (as of December 31, 2009)

KEY DATES

Incorporated: October 21, 1994
(approved by State of California October 25, 1994)
Tax exemption status, federal: 501 (c) (3); March 30, 1995
Tax exemption, state: 23701d; April 11, 1995
First staff employed: March 15, 1999
First office: 1750 Creekside Oaks Drive, Site 290,
Sacramento, California 95833
Current office: 2150 River Plaza Drive, Suite 460,
Sacramento, California 95833
Web site: www.natomasbasin.org

Extensive information can be found on the Conservancy's web site at the above-referenced URL address. This includes a map of all Conservancy landholdings and copies of the NBHCP, annual audits and general Conservancy news.

BIOLOGY-RELATED PERMITS

- Federal incidental take permit #TE073667-0 (issued June 27, 2003)
- State: #2081-2003-019-02 (issued July 10, 2003)

STAFF

Presently there are three full-time staff serving the Conservancy including:

- Executive Director
- Manager, Business and Accounting
- Office Manager

Wildlife and land resources

SPECIES COVERED UNDER THE NBHCP

- Aleutian Canada goose
Branta canadensis leucopareia
- Swainson's Hawk
Buteo swainsoni
- giant garter snake
Thamnophis gigas
- white-faced ibis
Plegadis chibi
- bank swallow
Riparia riparia
- tricolored blackbird
Agelaius tricolor
- northwestern pond turtle
Clemmys marmorata marmorata
- valley elderberry longhorn beetle
Desmocerus californicus dimorphus
- delta tule pea
Lathyrus jepsonii ssp.jepsonii
- Sanford's arrowhead
Sagittaria sanfordii
- loggerhead shrike
Lanius ludovicianus
- burrowing owl
Athene cunicularia
- vernal pool fairy shrimp
Branchinecta lynchi
- vernal pool tadpole shrimp
Lepidurus packardii
- midvalley fairy shrimp
Branchinecta n. sp.
- California tiger salamander
Ambystoma californiense
- western spadefoot toad
Scaphiopus hammondi
- Colusa grass
Neostapfia colusana
- Boggs Lake hedge-hyssop
Gratiola heterosepala
- Sacramento Orcutt grass
Orcuttia viscida
- slender Orcutt grass
Orcuttia tenuis
- legenere
Legenere limosa

LAND ACQUISITION HISTORY

(does not include easements)

Property	Date Acquired	Acres	Property	Date Acquired	Acres
Silva	1.7.99	159.200	Atkinson	6.12.03	198.831
Betts	4.5.99	138.992	Ruby Ranch	6.23.03	91.078
Kismat	4.16.99	40.293	Huffman West ²	9.30.03	157.857
Bennett (C.L.)	5.17.99	226.675	Huffman East	9.30.03	135.746
Bennett (H&B)	5.17.99	132.486	Tufts	9.29.04	147.950
Lucich North	5.18.99	267.986	Rosa East	3.24.05	106.2827
Lucich South	5.18.99	351.889	Rosa Central	3.24.05	100.015
Brennan ¹	6.15.00	241.376	Bolen North	4.29.05	113.619
Frazer	7.31.00	92.600	Bolen South	4.29.05	102.381
Souza ²	7.2.01	40.000	Vestal South	9.12.05	94.9510
Natomas Farms	7.9.01	96.460	Bolen West	9.01.06	155.141
Ayala ¹	2.20.02	317.3674	Nestor	9.01.06	233.160
Sills ²	7.15.02	436.4059	Frazer South ²	11.07.06	110.372
Alleghany 50	11.7.02	50.2601	Bianchi West ²	11.07.06	110.160
Cummings	11.7.02	66.8307	Elsie	11.07.06	158.031

¹This tract subsequently traded for land having greater resources for the NBHCP's covered species.

²Adjustments and certain conditions apply to these land holdings.

Financial

NBHCP FEE HISTORY (per acre)

1997 = \$2,240
 1998 = \$2,656
 1999 = \$3,292
 2000 = \$3,942
 2001 = \$5,993 + \$4,028 premium = \$10,021
 2002 = \$7,895 + \$4,028 premium = \$11,962
 2003 = \$12,270 (\$7,770 w/land dedication)
 2004 = \$16,124 (\$8,624 w/land dedication)
 2005 = \$24,897 (\$12,397 w/land dedication)
 2006 = \$41,182 (\$18,682 w/land dedication)
 2007 = \$38,445 (\$18,445 w/land dedication)
 2008 = \$38,133 (\$20,633 w/land dedication)
 2009 = \$38,133 (\$20,633 w/land dedication)
 2010 = \$44,050 (\$26,550 w/land dedication)

ENDOWMENT (at year-end 2009)

Endowment: \$9,591,852
 Supplemental Endowment: \$1,655,218

REVENUE (in U.S. dollars)

Year	Total Cash Revenue	Total Land Dedication	Total Revenue
1999	2,782,497	-	2,782,497
2000	2,318,224	-	2,318,224
2001	4,700,076	-	4,700,076
2002	5,467,866	-	5,467,866
2003	11,153,460	6,244,263	17,397,723
2004	4,593,206	3,052,241	7,645,447
2005	8,654,747	7,195,449	15,850,196
2006	7,816,752	-	7,816,752
2007	7,827,740	-	7,827,740
2008*	(2,250,660)	-	(2,250,660)
2009	5,658,554	-	5,658,554

* This includes an unrealized market loss of (\$4,381,441).