The Natomas Basin Conservancy

A California Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation

General Fact Sheet 2016

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 Wildlife, 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

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 five full-time staff serving the Conservancy including:

- Executive Director
- Manager, Business and Accounting
- Manager, Contracts and Compliance
- Administrative Assistant
- Field Services Assistant

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 chihi
- 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 packardi
- midvalley fairy shrimp
  Branchinecta n. sp.
- California tiger salamander
  Ambystoma californiense
- western spadefoot toad
  Scaphiopus hammondii
- Colusa grass
  Neostapfia colusana
- Boggs Lake hedge-hyssop
  Gratiaola 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
Silva	1.7.99	159.20
Betts	4.5.99	138.99
Kismat	4.16.99	40.29
Bennett North	5.17.99	226.68
Bennett South	5.17.99	132.49
Lucich North	5.18.99	267.99
Lucich South	5.18.99	351.89
Brennan[1]	6.15.00	241.38
Frazer North	7.31.00	92.60
Souza[2]	7.2.01	40.00
Natomas Farms[2]	7.9.01	55.28
Ayala[1]	2.20.02	317.37
Sills[2]	7.15.02	436.41
Alleghany 50	11.7.02	50.26
Cummings	11.7.02	66.83

Property	Date Acquired	Acres
Atkinson[2]	6.12.03	198.83
Ruby Ranch	6.23.03	91.08
Huffman West[2]	9.30.03	157.86
Huffman East	9.30.03	135.75
Tufts	9.29.04	147.95
Rosa East	3.24.05	106.28
Rosa Central	3.24.05	100.02
Bolen North	4.29.05	113.62
Bolen South	4.29.05	102.38
Vestal South	9.12.05	94.95
Bolen West	9.01.06	155.14
Nestor	9.01.06	233.16
Frazer South[2]	11.07.06	110.37
Bianchi West[2]	11.07.06	110.16
Elsie	11.07.06	158.03
Silva South	9.25.12	29.12

[1] This tract subsequently traded for land having greater resources for the NBHCP's covered species.
[2] Adjustments and certain conditions apply to these land holdings.

Financial

NBHCP FEE HISTORY (per acre)[3]

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)
2011 = $37,547 ($22,547 w/land dedication)
2012 = $32,861 ($21,611 w/land dedication)
2013 = $27,419 ($18,669) w/land dedication)
2014 = $32,259 ($21,009) w/land dedication)
2015 = $32,259 ($21,009) w/land dedication)
2016 = $32,259 ($21,009) w/land dedication)

ENDOWMENT (at year-end 2015)

Endowment: $16,453,199
Supplemental Endowment: $2,705,114

[3] HCP fees are paid on the basis of each acre of land within the HCP Permitted Area that is disturbed. For example; a 50-acre development pays fees based on the following formula: 50 acres times the current fee equals the total amount of HCP fees. With receipt of that fee, the Conservancy acquires and converts 25 acres of land for mitigation.

If the fee payer is dedicating land in lieu of paying the Land Acquisition Fund portion of the HCP fee, the "land dedication" fee (see above) is paid and title to 25 acres of approved land is deeded to the Conservancy.

See also the Conservancy's "Land Dedication Checklist" for further information on the land dedication fee payment process.

Important, on supplemental mitigation projects where mitigation ratios are not one-half to one (0.5 to 1, or 0.5:1), mitigation payments must be converted to equal the one-half to one established fee.

REVENUE (in U.S. dollars)

Year	Total Cash Revenue	Total Land Dedication	Total Revenue
1998/99	8,246,349	-	8,246,349
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	8,976,707	-	8,976,707
2008[4]	(2,144,015)	-	(2,144,015)
2009	5,658,554	-	5,658,554
2010	2,737,785	-	2,737,785
2011	1,587,725	-	1,587,725
2012	7,496,232	655,200	8,151,432
2013	4,012,162	-	4,012,162
2014	2,174,917	-	2,174,917
2015	2,789,397	-	2,789,397

[4] 2008 financials were impacted by a market loss in the Conservancy's endowment accounts that was subsequently made whole by positive investment returns in later years.