

**JANUARY 2024 MINUTES**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Mr. Karbassi** called the meeting to order at **10:15** a.m. & **Mr. O’Connell** led the pledge of allegiance.

**B. ROLL CALL**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Telecon- ference</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Late</b>
<b>Mr. Karbassi</b>	X			
<b>Mr. MaCaulay</b>	X			
<b>Mr. Brandau</b>	X			
<b>Ms. Evans</b>			X	
<b>Ms. Auston</b>	X			
<b>Ms. Vance</b>				X
<b>Mr. Gresham</b>	X			
<b>Ms. Norris</b>	X			
<b>Ms. Scharffer</b>				X
<b>Ms. Kato</b>	X			
<b>Mr. Benson</b>			X	
<b>Ms. Forhan</b>	X			
<b>Mr. O’Connell</b>	X			
<b>Mr. Chavez</b>	X			

**C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may identify the item and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter (FPPC §97105).

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT & BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Conservancy Board on items of interest that are not on the agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Conservancy. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

**E. CLOSED SESSION**

Before convening in closed session, members of the public will be provided the opportunity to comment on Executive Session agenda items.

- E-1      Government Code Section 11126(a)**  
Consideration and Potential Action on Appointment of an Executive Officer  
Title: Executive Officer

**F. CONSENT**

All items listed below will be approved in one motion unless removed from the Consent for discussion:

~~F-1~~ **ACTION ITEM:** Approve Fund Transfer for the Habitat Enhancement Project at River West Fresno.

**G. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS**

**G-1 ACTION ITEM:** Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2024

**Motion: To approve, Member Forhan**

**Second: Member Macaulay**

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Karbassi	X		
Mr. MaCaulay	X		
Mr. Brandau	X		
<del>Ms. Evans</del>	-	-	-
Ms. Auston	X		
Ms. Vance	X		
Mr. Gresham	X		
Ms. Norris	X		
Ms. Scharffer	X		
Ms. Kato	X		
<del>Mr. Benson</del>	-	-	-
Ms. Forhan	X		
Mr. O'Connell	X		
<del>Mr. Chavez</del>	-	-	-

**G-2 ACTION ITEM:** Elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chair

**Motion: Member Forhan moved to nominate Member Macaulay for Chairperson**

**Second: Member Norris**

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Karbassi	X		

<b>Mr. MaCaulay</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Brandau</b>	X		
<del><b>Ms. Evans</b></del>	-	-	-
<b>Ms. Auston</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Vance</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Gresham</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Norris</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Scharffer</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Kato</b>	X		
<del><b>Mr. Benson</b></del>	-	-	-
<b>Ms. Forhan</b>	X		
<b>Mr. O'Connell</b>	X		
<del><b>Mr. Chavez</b></del>	-	-	-

**Motion: Member Karbassi moved to nominate Member Auston for Vice-Chairperson**

**Second: Member Brandau**

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
<b>Mr. Karbassi</b>	X		
<b>Mr. MaCaulay</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Brandau</b>	X		
<del><b>Ms. Evans</b></del>	-	-	-
<b>Ms. Auston</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Vance</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Gresham</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Norris</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Scharffer</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Kato</b>	X		
<del><b>Mr. Benson</b></del>	-	-	-
<b>Ms. Forhan</b>	X		
<b>Mr. O'Connell</b>	X		
<del><b>Mr. Chavez</b></del>	-	-	-

**G-3 ACTION ITEM:** Prioritize Conservancy Projects and Approving Funding for Operations and Maintenance Funds.

**Motion: Member Brandau moved to adopt the proposal to prioritize funding of River West Project**

**Second: Member O'Connell**

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
<del><b>Mr. Karbassi</b></del>	-	-	-

<b>Mr. MaCaulay</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Brandau</b>	X		
<del><b>Ms. Evans</b></del>	-	-	-
<b>Ms. Auston</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Vance</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Gresham</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Norris</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Scharffer</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Kato</b>	X		
<del><b>Mr. Benson</b></del>	-	-	-
<b>Ms. Forhan</b>	X		
<b>Mr. O'Connell</b>	X		
<del><b>Mr. Chavez</b></del>	-	-	-

**G-4 INFORMATION ITEM:** Reminder to File Statements of Economic Interest and Complete Biennial Ethics Training, Due Monday, April 1, 2024.

**G-5 INFORMATION ITEM:** Status and Progress Report on River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project

**G-6 ACTION ITEM:** Recommend Procedure for Special Use Access to Closed Conservancy Owned Properties.

**Motion:** Member Forhan moved to approve procedure for special use.

**Second:** Member Norris

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
<del><b>Mr. Karbassi</b></del>	-	-	-
<b>Mr. MaCaulay</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Brandau</b>	X		
<del><b>Ms. Evans</b></del>	-	-	-
<b>Ms. Auston</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Vance</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Gresham</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Norris</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Scharffer</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Kato</b>	X		
<del><b>Mr. Benson</b></del>	-	-	-
<b>Ms. Forhan</b>	X		
<b>Mr. O'Connell</b>	X		
<del><b>Mr. Chavez</b></del>	-	-	-

**G-7 INFORMATION ITEM:** Tribal Update.

**G-8 INFORMATION ITEM:** Status and Progress Report on the San Joaquin River Parkway Public Access and Use Regulations Package.

**H. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Information Items. No action of the Board is recommended.

**H-1 Organizations' Reports:** If time allows, oral and or written updates from partners are encouraged; covering current or upcoming events and project updates or other items of relevance to the Conservancy.

**H-2** Deputy Attorney General Report

**H-3** Executive Officer Report

**H-4** Board Members' Reports and Comments

**I. NOTICE OF ADVISORY AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS, OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS RELATED TO CONSERVANCY MATTERS**

**J. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2024, location to be determined.

**K. ADJOURN Adjourned at 3:11 p.m.**

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