

Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC)  
Staff Report for February 13, 2025, Meeting

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Public Comment:**

**3. Acceptance of Summary Minutes for August 8, 2024, Meeting**

**4. Discussion Items:**

**A. Consider Recommending that the Board of Supervisors Support the Contra Costa County Historical Society**

- The Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) is requesting an increased stipend from the County to cover inflation costs and is also requesting a new building of operation.
- As members of the CCCHS, the HLAC would like to consider extending their support of the CCCHS.
- HLAC staff will present what options are available to the HLAC if they wish to pursue this.

**B. Attending Transportation, Water & Infrastructure Committee (TWIC)**

- The HLAC presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 15, 2023, and recommended that the County adopt a Historic Preservation Ordinance, and provided the Board with a draft ordinance they had prepared.
- The Board considered the recommendations of the HLAC, and referred the matter to the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC), and directed Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) staff to provide analysis on this item for TWIC's consideration.
- This meeting will be held on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM.
- TWIC website: <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/4327/Transportation-Water-Infrastructure>
- HLAC staff will provide the HLAC with a status update of this item.

**C. Status of the Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan**

- The new General Plan was adopted in November of last year.
- With its adoption, the new goals, policies and action items are now effective.
- There are action items within Chapter 7 of the new General Plan that are of interest to the HLAC: COS-A10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4.
- HLAC staff will update the HLAC of the progress of these action items.

**D. Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) Management Plan Update - Carol Jensen**

- HLAC Chair, Carol Jensen, is a member of the NHA Advisory Committee.
- NHA webpage: [Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area - Delta Protection Commission \(ca.gov\)](https://www.sacramento-sj-delta.com/)
- This Discussion item provides Chair Carol Jensen the opportunity to share the current progress of this with the HLAC.

**E. Properties of Interest to the HLAC:**

Properties within unincorporated County with that are of historical interest to the HLAC.

▪ **TUGS restaurant – 6201 Bethel Island Road, Bethel Island**

- No change in status.

- **Byron Hot Springs – 5400 Byron Hot Springs Road, Byron**
  - No change in status.
- **No Permit Activity:**
  - Diablo Country Club – 1700 Club House Road, Diablo
  - Bethel Island Fire Station - 3045 Ranch Lane, Bethel Island
  - Eugene A. Bridgford house – 4090 Gateway Road, Bethel Island
  - Knightsen Saloon – 3055 Knightsen Ave, Knightsen

**5. Committee Member’s Comments**

- HLAC members provide suggestions for items to be included on the next agenda.

**6. Next Agenda Discussion:** Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 2:30 PM.

Attachments:

1. Summary Minutes for August 8, 2024, Meeting

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Members Present: Carol Jensen (Chair), Melissa Jacobson (Vice Chair), Anthony Geisler, and David Yuers

Members Absent: Ruben Hernandez

Staff: Dominique Vogelpohl

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:34 PM.
2. **Public Comment:** none.
3. **Acceptance of Summary Minutes for November 9, 2023, Meeting:** Melissa Jacobson moved to accept the minutes; Anthony Geisler seconded. The minutes were accepted: 4 Ayes (Jensen, Jacobson, Geisler, and Yuers), 0 Nays
4. **Discussion Items:**
  - A. **Reporting to the Transportation, Water & Infrastructure Committee (TWIC)**
    - o HLAC staff informed the HLAC that the Department of Conservation and Development is preparing to present at an upcoming TWIC meeting.
    - o HLAC staff will inform the HLAC the specific date it will be scheduled.
    - o No public comments received for this item.
  - B. **Establishing Bylaws for the HLAC**
    - o The HLAC made revisions to Article 2, Sections 2.3 and 3.2, Article 3, Sections 1 and 3.
    - o Melissa Jacobson moved to accept the Bylaws with the added revisions; Anthony Geisler seconded. The revised bylaws were accepted: 4 Ayes (Jensen, Jacobson, Geisler, and Yuers), 0 Nays
    - o HLAC will make these revisions and forward to County Counsel for review and approval to schedule for adoption.
    - o No public comments received for this item.
  - C. **Status of the Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan**
    - o HLAC staff informed the HLAC that Envision 2040 anticipates to have the new General Plan adopted before the end of the year.
    - o No public comments received for this item.
  - D. **Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) Management Plan Update - Carol Jensen**
    - o As a member of the National Heritage Area Advisory Committee, Carol Jensen requested the HLAC provide a letter of support to the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) for their Delta Heritage Area management plan.
    - o Carol Jensen informed the HLAC that the management plan is complete and with the National Parks Service for consideration of approval.

**E. How to Encourage Cities to Preserve Historical Resources**

- The HLAC discussed the community benefits of historic preservation.
- Carol Jesen informed the HLAC that the City of Brentwood is turning Davis Camp into a park and adding plaques to commemorate the depression era campground.
- No public comments received for this item.

**F. Properties of Interest to the HLAC:**

- No public comments received for this item.
- **Diablo Country Club – 1700 Club House Road, Diablo**
  - HLAC staff informed the HLAC that the project is nearly complete. Anthony Geisler stated all that remains is the bocce ball courts and the club is back open.
- **TUGS restaurant – 6201 Bethel Island Road, Bethel Island**
  - HLAC staff informed the HLAC that the project is still under review with the Building Department.
- **Byron Hot Springs – 5400 Byron Hot Springs Road, Byron**
- **No Permit Activity:**
  - Bethel Island Fire Station - 3045 Ranch Lane, Bethel Island
  - Eugene A. Bridgford house – 4090 Gateway Road, Bethel Island
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**5. Committee Member’s Comments:**

- David Yuers inquired to the HLAC of the status of the John Marsh House. Carol Jensen was the treasurer of John Marsh historic trust and knows they are continuously raising money for restoration.
- Melissa Jacobson informed the HLAC that the Contra Costa County Historical Society’s upcoming event to discuss Dan Hannel’s book about the historic Winehaven Winery that is located in the City of Richmond.
- Anthony Geisler informed the HLAC of the upcoming event celebrating the Diablo Historic District’s Post Office.
- David Yuers informed the HLAC of the upcoming historic Shadelands community event.
- Carol Jensen informed the HLAC that the City of Brentwood will be constructing an Agricultural innovation facility that will be located within the Knightsen Historic District.

**6. Next Agenda Discussion:** November 14, 2024, at 2:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM.