



ADVISORY BODY ANNUAL REPORT

Advisory Body Name: Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC)

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: 2nd Thursday of Feb, May, August, and Nov; 40 Muir Rd, Martinez

Chair (during the reporting period): Carol Jensen

Staff Person (during the reporting period): Dominique Vogelpohl

Reporting Period: January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

I. Activities

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Describe the activities for the past year including areas of study, work, special events, collaborations, etc.

The HLAC remained involved with the County General Plan update by assisting with action items COS-A10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4. within Chapter 7 of the new General Plan.

The HLAC continued to advocate that the County adopt a historic preservation ordinance.

The HLAC recommended to the Board of Supervisors the nomination of the Thiederman Residence at 205 Lake Drive in Kensington to the County Historic Resources Inventory (HRI).

The HLAC recommended to the Board of Supervisors that 1850 Alameda Diablo in Diablo and 205 Lake Drive in Kensington be approved for a Mills Act Contract.

The HLAC recommended to support the Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) with their request for an increased stipend from the County to cover inflation costs.

HLAC Chair, Carol Jensen, continued to represent the HLAC in being an active member of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Advisory Committee for the Delta Protection Commission.

II. Accomplishments

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Describe the accomplishments for the past year, particularly in reference to your work plan and objectives.

The County will have added another resource to the County Historic Resources Inventory (HRI), 205 Lake Drive in Kensington, due to the HLAC's recommendation.

The HLAC attended the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC) meeting on February 24th to continue to support the development of a historic preservation ordinance for the County.

HLAC Chair, Carol Jensen, has collaborated with the County Historical Societies, and in doing so, located all resources listed in the HRI to assist the Department of Conservation and Development staff with action item COS-A10.1, updating the HRI.

HLAC committee member, Anthony Geisler, donated historical documents with respect to the founders of Save Mount Diablo to the CCCHS.

III. Attendance/Representation

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Describe your membership in terms of seat vacancies, diversity, level of participation, and frequency of achieving a quorum at meetings.

The five-member HLAC is comprised of four Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) members and the Deputy Director (DD) of the Department of Conservation and Development, Community Development Division.
Meetings held in 2025 (February 13, May 8, August 14*canceled, September 25, and November 13):
Melissa Jacobson (Vice Chair), Seat 1: Present, Present, - , Absent, Present
David Yuers, Seat 2: Present, Absent, - , Present, Present
Anthony Geisler, Seat 3: Present, Absent, - , Present, Present
Carol Jensen (Chair), Seat 4: Present, Present, - , Present, Present
Ruben Hernandez (DD): Absent, Present, - , Present, Present

IV. Training/Certification

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Describe any training that was provided or conducted, and any certifications received, either as a requirement or done on an elective basis by members. NOTE: Please forward copies of any training certifications to the Clerk of the Board.

All HLAC members are up to date with their Training Certification requirements:

- Member of County Advisory Body
- Public Service Ethics Education
- Implicit Bias

HLAC staff, Dominique Vogelpohl, and HLAC committee member, Anthony Geisler, participated in the September 14, 2025, history tour of the Diablo County Club Golf Course hosted by the Diablo Property Owners' Association.

V. Proposed Work Plan/Objectives for Next Year

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Describe the advisory body's workplan, including specific objectives to be achieved in the upcoming year.

The HLAC will continue its engagement with Envision 2040 by assisting staff in completing the action items within the new General Plan that pertain to historical resources (action items COS-A 10.1-10.4).

The HLAC will continue its advocacy in including a historic preservation ordinance in the Zoning Code update.

The HLAC will continue its efforts in updating the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI).

HLAC Chair, Carol Jensen, will continue participating in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Advisory Committee.

The HLAC will renew all seats that will be expiring on August 12, 2026.

The HLAC will start discussing the CCCHS's latest developments at their meetings.

The HLAC will explore adding a new committee member seat to represent west county.