



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## AGENDA

### Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee

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Thursday, May 14, 2026

2:30 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Acceptance of Summary Minutes for February 12, 2026, Meeting
4. Discussion Items:
  - A. Reporting Back to the 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 took place on February 24, 2025.
- TWIC accepted the report and directed DCD staff to return at a future meeting with a report outlining a range of ordinance options, including input from other counties, potential cost recovery mechanisms, and how the ordinance would apply (e.g., to designated or contributing structures only). The Committee expressed general support for historic preservation but emphasized the need to balance these efforts with property owner rights. Concerns were raised regarding potential legal implications, staffing and cost impacts, and how such an ordinance would differ from or expand upon existing CEQA protections.
- Staff will inform the HLAC when DCD anticipates reporting back to TWIC.

**B. Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan Update**

- The new General Plan was adopted in November of 2024.
- 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 continue to update the HLAC on the progress of these action items.

**C. Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) Management Plan Update – Chair 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)
- This Discussion item provides Chair Carol Jensen the opportunity to share the current progress of this with the HLAC.

**D. Properties of Interest to the HLAC**

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

- Contributor to the Diablo Historic District - 1850 Alameda Diablo, Diablo
- Mills Act Contract approved by the Board on December 16, 2025.
- HRI Nomination – 205 Lake Drive, Kensington
- The property owner requested this item not go to the Board and to be tabled until further notice.
- Contributor to the Diablo Historic District - 1699 Alameda Diablo, Diablo
- A 2-lot Minor subdivision application to divide Parcel B of CDMS24-00013 was applied for. The application is currently incomplete.
- TUGS restaurant – 6201 Bethel Island Road, Bethel Island
- A Planning application is being processed to renovate the exterior and interior to reopen as a bar, and it is currently incomplete.
- Byron Hot Springs – 5400 Byron Hot Springs Road, Byron
- The building permit for the structural reinforcement project was issued July of 2025, and no inspections have been requested to date.
- Eugene A. Bridgford house – 4090 Gateway Road, Bethel Island
- The building permit application to demolish the Bridgford house is currently incomplete with the Building Department.
- No Permit Activity:
- Nail Ranch – 3890 and 3900 Sellers Avenue, Brentwood
- Diablo Country Club – 1700 Club House Road, Diablo
- Bethel Island Fire Station - 3045 Ranch Lane, 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, August 13, 2026, at 2:00PM

Summary Minutes for February 12, 2026, Meeting

[TMP-17435](#)

**Attachments:** [February 12, 2026, Minutes](#)



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** TMP-17435

**Agenda Date:** 5/14/2026

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Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC)  
Summary Minutes for February 12, 2026, 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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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM.

**Public Comment:** District 2 Field Representative, Cameron Collins, was present

**Acceptance of Summary Minutes for November 13, 2025, Meeting:** Melissa Jacobson moved to accept the minutes; Tony Geisler seconded. The minutes were accepted: all Ayes (Jensen, Jacobson, Geisler, and Yuers), 0 Nays

**Discussion Items:**

**1. Reporting to the Transportation, Water & Infrastructure Committee (TWIC)**

- HLAC staff informed the HLAC that the Department of Conservation and Development is preparing to present at an upcoming TWIC meeting before the end of the year.
- HLAC staff will inform the HLAC the specific date it will be scheduled.
- No public comment.

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

- HLAC staff informed the HLAC that Envision 2040 is preparing to have the Board accept their proposal on how to address/satisfy each action item in the new General Plan known as the *General Plan's Action Program*.
- Once this proposal is accepted by the Board County staff will have specific direction on how to address/satisfy each action item, including those within the new Conservation, Open Space, and Working Lands Element.
- HLAC staff will keep the HLAC informed of the progress of the *Action Program*.
- No public comment.

**3. 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/heritage-areas/delta-protection-commission)
- This Discussion item provides Chair Carol Jensen the opportunity to share the current progress of this with the HLAC.
- Carol Jensen shared with the HLAC the advancements in water tourism in the east county.
- No public comment.

#### **4. Properties of Interest to the HLAC:**

- Staff provided the following updates:
  - **TUGS restaurant – 6201 Bethel Island Road, Bethel Island**
  - A Land Use Permit and Development combination (County File #CDLP25-02028) is currently being processed to renovate the exterior and interior to reopen as a bar.
  - **Byron Hot Springs – 5400 Byron Hot Springs Road, Byron**
  - The structural reinforcement project is currently under construction. The last inspection scheduled was in April for the foundation.
  - **Eugene A. Bridgford house – 4090 Gateway Road, Bethel Island**
  - A building permit application was submitted on August 20<sup>th</sup> to demolish the Bridgford house. It is currently under review with the Planning Department.
  - Carol Jensen spoke with the project representatives about trying to purchase the building. She discussed the possibility of seeking assistance from the John Muir Trust, and she wanted to know the appeal process of a building permit application.
  - **No Permit Activity:**
  - Nail Ranch – 3890 and 3900 Sellers Avenue, Brentwood
  - Diablo Country Club – 1700 Club House Road, Diablo
  - Contributor to the Diablo Historic District - 1699 Alameda Diablo, Diablo
  - Bethel Island Fire Station - 3045 Ranch Lane, Bethel Island
  - Knightsen Saloon – 3055 Knightsen Ave, Knightsen
  - No public comments received for this item.

#### **Committee Member's Comments:**

- The HLAC wants to acknowledge the recent achievement of the Contra Costa History Alliance (CCHA). Melissa Jacobson moved to accept the minutes; Tony Geisler seconded. The minutes were accepted: all Ayes (Jensen, Jacobson, Geisler, and Yuers), 0 Nays

**Next Agenda Discussion:** May 14, 2026, at 2:30 PM.

**Meeting adjourned:** 3:35 PM.