

Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC)
Summary Minutes for February 12, 2026, Meeting

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

Members Absent: Ruben Hernandez

Staff: Dominique Vogelpohl

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-area)
- 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 20th 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.