

Meeting Date: 3/8/2016

Report Type: Staff/Discussion

Report ID: 2016-00210

Personnel and
Public Employees
Committee Report

915 I Street, 1st Floor

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Title: Conduct Interviews for the Natomas Basin Conservancy Board of Directors

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: 1) Conduct interviews of applicant(s) to the Natomas Basin Conservancy Board of Directors for Seats B and C: Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency; and 2) continue the item to the next meeting for discussion and nomination(s).

Contact: Wendy Klock-Johnson, Assistant City Clerk, (916) 808-7509, Office of the City Clerk; Valerie Huezo, Administrative Assistant, (916) 649-3331, Natomas Basin Conservancy

Presenter: None

Department: City Clerk

Division: City Clerk

Dept ID: 04001011

Attachments:

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2-Background

3-Board Details and Roster

4-Applications

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form

Sari Myers Dierking

2/3/2016 12:55:12 PM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Wendy Klock-Johnson - 2/2/2016 3:53:39 PM

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Prior to forwarding nominations to the Mayor for appointment, the Personnel and Public Employees Committee conducts interviews of applicants for open board and commission positions.

Policy Considerations: None.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: When a position on a City board or commission becomes available thru term expiration or resignation, the Office of the City Clerk conducts a recruitment for interested parties. When the application period has closed, the Personnel and Public Employee Committee conducts interviews of the applicants and forwards nominations to the Mayor for appointment.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): None.

Attachment 02 – Background

Natomas Basin Conservancy Board of Directors (Interviews)

BACKGROUND: There are four candidates applying to fill two vacant positions **Seats B and C:** A member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency on the Natomas Basin Conservancy Board of Directors. The following is a brief history of compliance requirements for incumbents on this board.

VACANCY INFORMATION

Seat Description	Term	Residency	Incumbent
Seat B: A member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency.	Full	Not Required	Kay Backer (Term Expired / Re-Applied)
Seat C: A member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency.	Partial	Not Required	Michael Bradbury (Resigned / Did not re-apply)

INCUMBENT INFORMATION

Kay Backer is the incumbent for Seat B. She was appointed to a full term on 7/16/2013 and completed a partial term on 12/01/2015, making her seat available for appointment to a full term. She is eligible for re-appointment and has re-applied.

Requirement	Status	Comments
Ethic Training:	Current	NA
Conflict of Interest:	Required	Current
Attendance:	19 Meetings Held	Attended all meetings.

Michael Bradbury is the incumbent for Seat C. He was appointed to a full term on 2/24/2015 and resigned on 11/18/2015, making his seat available for appointment to a partial term.

SUMMARY OF APPLICANTS

Applicant Name	Seat	District	Interview Status
Chandra Sekhar Chilmakuri	B or C	1	Attendance confirmed.
Kay Backer*	B	1	Attendance confirmed.
Michael Arnold	B or C	Unincorporated	Attendance confirmed.
Paul Howard	B or C	1	Attendance confirmed.

Incumbent*



City of Sacramento

NATOMAS BASIN CONSERVANCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD DETAILS



OVERVIEW



SIZE 5 Seats



TERM LENGTH 3 Years



TERM LIMIT N/A

The board of directors shall: (1) Select and remove an officer or the executive director under contract of employment, prescribe powers and duties of such, and fix compensation; (2) Conduct, manage, and control affairs and business of the corporation, make rules and regulations consistent with laws, the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; (3) Borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of corporation; (4) Change principal office from one location to another within Sacramento or Sutter County.



CONTACT

 Valerie Huezo
 (916) 649-3331
 vhuezo@natomasbasin.org



DETAILS

BOARD TYPE Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

This is a board will be minimum of three not to exceed tw eleve members. Currently the City of Sacramento has five appointments:

- **Seat A** - Member w ho is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency and appointed by the City of Sacramento
- **Seat B** - Member w ho is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency and appointed by the City of Sacramento
- **Seat C** - Member w ho is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency and appointed by the City of Sacramento
- **Seat D** - Member w ho is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency and appointed by the City of Sacramento
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Seat E - Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency and appointed by the City of Sacramento

Currently the County of Sutter has five appointments.

WEBSITE

<http://www.natomasbasin.org/about/board-of-directors/>

MANAGING AGENCY

Natomas Basin Conservancy

MEETING LOCATION

Conservancy Offices 2150 River Plaza Drive, Ste 460 Sacramento, CA 95833

MEETING TIME

4:00pm

MEETING FREQUENCY

Monthly

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (SEI)

Required

SEI CONTACT NAME

Valerie Huevo

SEI CONTACT EMAIL

vhuevo@natomasbasin.org

SEI CONTACT NUMBER

(916) 649-3331

FORMATION INFORMATION

Sacramento City
Resolution 1998-0358, Bylaws amended 06/06/2012, 11/8/2000

FORMATION DATE

11/23/1994

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Bylaws allow for 3-12 members. There is no term length for members.

COMMENTS (INTERNAL)

SEI filed directly with board not with City. Do not add profiles to Netfile. City Residency is NOT required.



City of Sacramento

NATOMAS BASIN CONSERVANCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD ROSTER



KAY BACKER

1 Term Jul 16, 2013 - Dec 01, 2015

Position Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency

Category Seat B-Application Closing Period 1/29/2016

Appointed by Nominated by P&PE/Appointed by the Mayor



DAVID CHRISTOPHEL

6 Term Apr 07, 2015 - Dec 04, 2018

Position Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency

Category Seat E

Appointed by Nomination: P&PE Committee / Appointment: Mayor



WILLIAM EDGAR

4 Term Jan 28, 2014 - Dec 01, 2016

Position Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency

Category Seat A

Appointed by Nominated by P&PE/Appointed by the Mayor



MICHAEL MCRAE

2 Term Jan 28, 2014 - Dec 01, 2016

Position Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency

Category Seat D

Appointed by Nominated by P&PE/Appointed by the Mayor



VACANCY

Position Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency

Category Seat C - Application Closing Deadline 1/29/2016

Appointed by Nomination: P&PE Committee / Appointment: Mayor

City Advisory Body Information

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Natomas Basin Conservancy Board of Directors

Seat # and Description (please indicate all Seats in which you are qualified for):

Seat B or C - Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency

Name of Company/Organization being Represented (if Applicable):

Profile

Chandra Sekhar

First Name

Chilmakuri

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Sacramento

City

CA

State

95835

Postal Code

Council District 1

Business Council District

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

Are you currently, or have you in the past, served on a city advisory body?

Yes No

If Yes, provide the name of the meeting body and how that service supports your application:

Do you, or any immediate family member, have any relationship (professional, financial or otherwise) that may present a potential conflict of interest for the meeting body applied for?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

Applicant Interest Statement

Please state the reason(s) you would like to be a member of this city advisory body and share any additional experience, community activities, or other qualifications that would be helpful in evaluating your application.

I am a resident of the Natomas area in the City of Sacramento, and I hope to represent the City and help with continued implementation of the Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (NB HCP) by serving as a member of the Board of Directors of The Natomas Basin Conservancy (TNBC). I understand that the City of Sacramento has a significant interest in successfully implementing the NB HCP, which allows for planned development of the Natomas Basin within the terms of the HCP and the associated incidental take permits. I also understand that the TNBC, as the NB HCP operator, is facing challenges related to long-term water availability and quality of the water available for the habitat preserves. With my interest, understanding and professional experience noted below, I hope to contribute to the TNBC achieving its goals. My background and experience is filled with projects that analyze/consider the effects of changes in water movement and quality on multiple environmental resources. I have a Doctorate in Engineering and Applied Sciences from University of New Orleans with a specialization in the environmental hydraulics. As part of my PhD research, I helped Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation in developing a modeling framework that helps track stormwater plumes emanating from the numerous storm canals along the Lake Pontchartrain, taking into account all the factors that would influence the fate of the coliform bacteria along the lake shore. For over 10 years now, as part of my job at CH2M HILL, an international engineering/environmental consulting firm, I have been involved in projects related to California Central Valley water resources issues. Specifically, I have been working on numerous projects related to the Central Valley Project (CVP)/State Water Project (SWP) operations, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta hydrodynamics and water quality issues. Most of the projects that

I have worked on include a consideration of the biological effects due to the changes in the water flow and quality. I have also assisted in preparation several environmental impact reports and environmental impact statements. I also assisted Department of Water Resources and Bureau of Reclamation on the preparation of biological assessment/conservation plan for the operation of the CVP and SWP, under the federal and state Endangered Species Acts. In this process I have been involved in multi-stakeholder/multi-jurisdictional process in developing the elements of their biological assessment/conservation plan with a focus on the water operations, flow, quality and biological effects. I have a strong interest in contributing to the sustainable development of the community where my family and friends live in, which I hope offers a great quality of life while preserving the biological diversity of the Natomas Basin. I believe with my professional experience and understanding of the complex water issues, I can help the TNBC accomplish with its mission in implementation of the NB HCP, and represent the City's interest in the development of the Natomas Basin. I respectfully request your consideration for my appointment to the TNBC Board.

Education

University of New Orleans

Institution Name:

Environmental Hydraulics

Area of Study:

06/02 - 12/05

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

PhD Engineering and Applied Sciences

Degree Earned:

University of New Orleans

Institution Name:

Water Resources Engineering

Area of Study:

08/00 - 05/02

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

M.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering

Degree Earned:

J.N.T. University Hyderabad India

Institution Name:

Civil Engineering

Area of Study:

10/96 - 06/00

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

B. Tech Civil Engineering

Degree Earned

Employment

01/06 - present

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

CH2M HILL Inc.

Employer:

2485 Natomas Park Dr Ste 600
Sacramento CA 95833

Address:

Job Duties

Water Resources Engineer Project Manager

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

Employer:

Address:

Job Duties:

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

Employer:

Address:

Job Duties:

Business Enterprises

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

Business Name:

Address:

Type of Business or Service Rendered:

Felony Convictions

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

Yes No

If yes, please provide the date of conviction, location of court conviction, and specific description of the offense for each offense resulting in conviction.

Civil Actions

None

List each civil action, if any, in which punitive or exemplary damages have been assessed against you, provide the trial date, the court judgement, and location of the court for each instance.

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Accommodation Information

Please identify any special accommodations (if any) needed for equal participation

None

Demographics



Please select one:



Please select the appropriate racial/ethnic category:

How did you hear about the opening?

City of Sacramento Website

If Other, please describe.

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone

Are you currently, or have you in the past, served on a city advisory body?

Yes No

If Yes, provide the name of the meeting body and how that service supports your application:

I am currently concluding a three-year term on The Natomas Basin Conservancy Board.

Do you, or any immediate family member, have any relationship (professional, financial or otherwise) that may present a potential conflict of interest for the meeting body applied for?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

Applicant Interest Statement

Please state the reason(s) you would like to be a member of this city advisory body and share any additional experience, community activities, or other qualifications that would be helpful in evaluating your application.

I am a homeowner in the City of Sacramento in the North Natomas area. Having served on 34 boards of directors and chaired six of them in my career, I feel I bring some expertise that is meaningful to the Conservancy. Included on those boards was the Sacramento County Planning Commission for four years; one as chair, and several years on the CADA board. My background includes 20 years with Wismer & Becker Contracting Engineers; 9 years as Manager of Construction Administration, including Contracts Administration; Vice President of Teichert Land Company for nine years; and I have owned my own land planning company for 23 years. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve another three-year term on the Conservancy board as I find it to be a very worthwhile cause and experience. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions: 916 947-4044. Sincerely, Kay Backer

Education

Sacramento City College. I have a
Teaching credential for CA
Community Colleges

Institution Name:

Business Administration

Area of Study:

Various courses from 1968 - 1979

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

NO degree. I have a part time
teaching credential to teach in CA
Community Colleges.

Degree Earned:

CSUS, Sacramento City College, and Berkeley Extension

Institution Name:

Business Administration

Area of Study:

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

Degree Earned:

Institution Name:

Area of Study:

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

Degree Earned

Employment

List work experience for the most recent five years, beginning with current (or most recent) employment.

1993 todate

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

KB International

Employer:

5663 Pop Becker St, Sacramento
CA 95835

Address:

Job Duties

President and Owner

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

Employer:

Address:

Job Duties:

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

Employer:

Address:

Job Duties:

Business Enterprises

List business names including fictitious names of any business enterprise currently, or previously, owned or operated.

1993 todate

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

KB International

Business Name:

5663 Pop Becker St, Sacramento
CA 95835

Address:

Land Planning. See
www.kbiusa.com

Type of Business or Service Rendered:

Felony Convictions

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

Yes No

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Civil Actions

n/a

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Accommodation Information

Please identify any special accommodations (if any) needed for equal participation

n/a

Demographics

The following information is requested in accordance with State and Federal laws for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the City's equal opportunity efforts. It is voluntary, confidential, and will not be submitted with your application for review.



Please select one:



Please select the appropriate racial/ethnic category:

How did you hear about the opening?

Other

I currently serve on TNBC Board

If Other, please describe.

Pursuant to City Code section 2.40, appointees have the following requirements in order to serve on a city advisory body.

City Advisory Body Information

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Natomas Basin Conservancy Board of Directors

Seat # and Description (please indicate all Seats in which you are qualified for):

B or C

Name of Company/Organization being Represented (if Applicable):

Profile

Michael

First Name

Arnold

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Sacramento

City

CA

State

95837

Postal Code

Business Council District

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

Are you currently, or have you in the past, served on a city advisory body?

Yes No

If Yes, provide the name of the meeting body and how that service supports your application:

Do you, or any immediate family member, have any relationship (professional, financial or otherwise) that may present a potential conflict of interest for the meeting body applied for?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

Applicant Interest Statement

Please state the reason(s) you would like to be a member of this city advisory body and share any additional experience, community activities, or other qualifications that would be helpful in evaluating your application.

I would like to give back to the community in the form of service on this important Board. I support the goals of the Natomas Basin Conservancy, including enhancing wildlife biodiversity, preserving wildlife habitat, accommodating balanced development and supporting the responsible continuation of agricultural activities in the Natomas Basin.

Education

UCLA

Institution Name:

Political Science

Area of Study:

09/64 - 06/68

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

BA

Degree Earned:

UCLA

Institution Name:

Local and Regional Government

Area of Study:

09/68 - 12/69

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

Masters in Public Administration

Degree Earned:

Institution Name:

Area of Study:

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

Degree Earned

Employment

01/70 - 03/79

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

League of Ca Cities

Employer:

Sacramento, CA

Address:

Job Duties

Legislative Advocate

4/79 - 6/82

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

California Medical Association

Employer:

Sacramento, CA

Address:

Job Duties:

Legislative Advocate

7/82 - present

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

Arnold and Associates

Employer:

1127 11th St., Sacramento, CA

Address:

Job Duties:

Legislative Advocate

Business Enterprises

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

Business Name:

Address:

Type of Business or Service Rendered:

Felony Convictions

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

Yes No

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Accommodation Information

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Demographics



Please select one:



Please select the appropriate racial/ethnic category:

How did you hear about the opening?

Other

Current Board member. _____

If Other, please describe.

Application for City Advisory Bodies

Status: eligible

City Advisory Body Information

This document and its contents may be subject to the California Public Records Act, and as such therefore be subject to public disclosure unless otherwise exempt under the act.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Natomas Basin Conservancy Board of Directors

Seat # and Description (please indicate all Seats in which you are qualified for):

B or C

Name of Company/Organization being Represented (if Applicable):

If Company/Organization Authorization Letter is required, email to clerk@cityofsacramento.org

Profile

Paul

First Name

Howard

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

Please provide your **residential** address if residency is required. Otherwise, please provide your preferred mailing address.

[Redacted]

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Sacramento

City

CA

State

95834

Postal Code

Council District 1

Business Council District



Primary Phone

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Yes No

If Yes, provide the name of the meeting body and how that service supports your application:

Do you, or any immediate family member, have any relationship (professional, financial or otherwise) that may present a potential conflict of interest for the meeting body applied for?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

Applicant Interest Statement

Please state the reason(s) you would like to be a member of this city advisory body and share any additional experience, community activities, or other qualifications that would be helpful in evaluating your application.

I am a CalPers retiree having worked as a manager in State and local government for over 25 years, mostly for various boards and commissions. I have resided on and off in Natomas for 35 years. I also worked for EF Hutton in New York City as an Investment Advisor/Manager for retirement and trust fund accounts exceeding 250k in assets. At this point in my life, I am interested in contributing my knowledge and experience to local government in hopes of adding value in as many areas as possible.

Education

CSU, Sacramento

Institution Name:

Economics & Environmental
Science

Area of Study:

1973-1978

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

BA

Degree Earned:

UC Davis

Institution Name:

Financial Planning, Pensions and
Investments

Area of Study:

1982-1984

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

CFP

Degree Earned:

Institution Name:

Area of Study:

Attended (mm/yy - mm/yy):

Degree Earned

Employment

List work experience for the most recent five years, beginning with current (or most recent) employment.

08/2010-05/2015

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

CalPers Retiree/Self Employed
Investment Blogger

Employer:

Home-Based

Address:

Job Duties

Perform investment research for internet publication and manage substantial investment portfolios for myself and family members.

01/2005-08/2010

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

City of Berkeley

Employer:

2170 Milvia St. Berkeley CA

Address:

Job Duties:

Division Chief over compensation, benefits classification and recruitment activities with extensive interaction with city Council and the Personnel Board. I have also worked for the city and county of San Fransisco, County of Santa Cruz, County of Sacramento and the State of California in near identical capacities with City of Berkeley. (28 years total).

From (mm/yy) - To (mm/yy):

Employer:

Address:

Job Duties:

Business Enterprises

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Business Name:

Address:

Type of Business or Service Rendered:

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Please select the appropriate racial/ethnic category:

How did you hear about the opening?

- City of Sacramento Website
- Community Center Bulletin Board
- Channel 14
- Library Bulletin Board
- Social Media
- Employee Referral
- Other

If Other, please describe.