



**PLACER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Wednesday, June 2, 2021
11:00 AM

Location

Community Development Resources Center, Cypress Room
3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603

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Placer Conservation Authority Advisory Committee Members

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Steve Hubbard (Lincoln)

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1. **Call to Order** (PCA Executive Director)

2. **Public Comment - Opportunity for Public to Address the Advisory Committee**

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3. **Information Items**

- A. Introduction of PCA Staff and Advisory Committee Members
- B. PCA AC Organization and Roles
- C. PCCP Permitting/Implementation Status
- D. PCCP Overview Memo
- E. Review Schedule of PCCP Implementation Tasks
- F. Next meeting September 1, 2021

4. **Adjournment**

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TO: Placer Conservation Authority Advisory Committee

FROM: Rebecca Lillis, Senior Conservation Planner

DATE: June 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Origins and Organization of the Placer Conservation Authority Advisory Committee

This information is being presented at the first Placer Conservation Authority (PCA) Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting to provide details on the formation of the Committee and their responsibilities.

Placer Conservation Authority

On March 25, 2020 the Placer County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the formation of the PCA in order to implement the Placer County Conservation Program (PCCP). The PCA AC's make-up includes a twelve-member AC.

A Governing Board was created, per Section 4.B, on December 16, 2020. On April 21, 2021, per section 5.A an AC was appointed by the PCA Board based on their relevant expertise or ability to represent interested or affected segments of the public in accordance with the guidelines established by the PCA Board and consistent with Chapter 8, Section 8.2.8.2 of the Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) (composed of three members representing the interests of proponents of activities covered under the HCP/NCCP and Implementing Agreement; three members representing the interests of non-profit environmental organizations; three members who are private landowners within the HCP/NCCP area; and three members representing the interests of residents of suburban and rural areas within the HCP/NCCP area).

The committee is subject to the California Open Meeting Act (Brown Act, Section 54950) but is not subject to Form 700 Conflict of Interest as this committee is advisory only, operates by consensus, and must include varying interests including those who will be paying fees for covered activities.

These are one-year appointments and members may be removed and appointed by the PCA Board at its own discretion.

The twelve-member Advisory Committee is responsible for advising the PCA regarding various aspects of the HCP/NCCP and In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program implementation, including, but not limited to:

1. Expenditure of funds for HCP/NCCP implementation and ILF Program implementation
2. Implementation of conservation actions and mitigation projects under the HCP/NCCP and ILF Program
3. Management of the Reserve System
4. Adherence to HCP/NCCP and ILF Program requirements

The Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the PCA Board regarding creation and management of the Reserve System and make other recommendations consistent with the HCP/NCCP and ILF Program.

PCA Staff will run the meetings and make recommendations to the PCA Board.



**MEMORANDUM
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TO: Placer Conservation Authority Advisory Committee
FROM: Rebecca Lillis, Senior Conservation Planner
DATE: June 2, 2021
SUBJECT: General Overview of the Placer County Conservation Program

This information is being presented at the first Placer Conservation Authority (PCA) Advisory Committee (AC) meeting in an effort to provide a general overview of the Placer County Conservation Program (PCCP).

Permits Overview

The PCCP includes three separate, but complementary, components that support two sets of state and federal permits:

- **Western Placer County Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP).** The HCP/NCCP is a joint HCP and NCCP that will protect fish and wildlife and their habitats and fulfill the requirements of the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the California Natural Community and Conservation Planning Act (NCCP Act).
- **Western Placer County Aquatic Resources Program (CARP).** The CARP will protect streams, wetlands, and other water resources and fulfill the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and analogous state laws and regulations.
- **In-Lieu Fee Program (ILF)** is a program under which compensatory mitigation requirements under Section 404 of the CWA can be fulfilled by payment of a fee. The ILF will provide wetland mitigation “credits” that can be used to fulfill Section 404 compensatory mitigation requirements. The ILF will provide compensatory mitigation for impacts on aquatic resources for all projects and activities that are covered under the HCP/NCCP and the CARP.

Coverage

The Plan Area is the area within which Covered Activities would be implemented, and impacts resulting from such activities would be covered under the permit or impact authorization granted to the Permittees. The Plan Area has two main areas of permit coverage under the HCP/NCCP with associated subcomponents:

- **Plan Area A** is the main focus of the HCP/NCCP and where all future growth and most of the Covered Activities will take place; the area is covered by a comprehensive permit. Plan Area A is the city of Lincoln, plus all unincorporated lands within Western Placer County.
- **Plan Area B** comprises several specific additional areas in Placer County and adjacent Sutter county where only specific Covered Activities under the authority of one of the Permittees (City, County, PCWA, PCA, SPRTA) may occur.



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Approximately 95 percent of the Plan Area is in private ownership and is divided into two portions to organize Covered Activities and the effect analysis:

- The *Valley* portion of Plan Area A comprises the city of Lincoln an unincorporated western Placer County below roughly 200 feet in elevation. Vernal pool grassland complexes and annual grasslands are the primary natural communities in the Valley.
- The *Foothills* portion of Plan Area A comprises the unincorporated communities along the Interstate 80 corridor, the unincorporated Auburn area, and the northern Foothills areas that support most of the woodland communities in the Plan Area.

Avoidance and Minimization Measures

The Federal Endangered Species Act and California Fish and Game Code require the Plan to include measures to avoid and minimize impacts of Covered Species. Enforceable conditions are described in Chapter 6 of the HCP/NCCP and supply the required avoidance and minimization measures, which are also designed to be consistent with the CARP and are therefore compatible with CWA requirements. These measures are taken to ensure that adverse effects on Covered Species and natural communities are avoided and minimized. The HCP/NCCP groups conditions according to their purpose are as follows:

General Conditions. General Conditions apply to Covered Activities and include the assessment of fees for land conversion and other effects and application of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce potential effects on Covered Species and natural communities.

Natural Community Conditions. Specific avoidance and minimization measures on Covered Activities in certain natural communities may apply.

Stream System Conditions. Conditions to avoid and minimize effects on the Stream System.

Rural Public Project Conditions. Conditions that address public projects undertaken outside the Sacramento Valley portion of the Plan Area (Valley) Potential Future Growth Area (PFG).

Species Conditions. Where activities may affect Covered Species or where potential for impacts can be avoided or reduced through specific actions such as appropriate species surveys, application of BMPs, seasonal restrictions, or protective buffers.

Reserve Management Conditions. Conditions that apply to management of the reserve lands.

Who Implements the Program and what are their roles?

The Plan was prepared by the local agencies that will become **Permittees**, in cooperation with state and federal regulatory agencies, collectively termed the “Resource Agencies.” The Permittees will vest the responsibility for implementing the Plan in the PCA and, while the PCA will oversee implementation of the Plan on behalf of the Permittees, the Permittees will ultimately be responsible for compliance with all the terms and conditions of the state and federal permits.

The Permittees are as follows:

- Placer County (County)



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- City of Lincoln (City)
- South Placer Regional Transportation Authority (SPRTA)
- Placer County Water Agency (PCWA)
- Placer Conservation Authority (PCA), created to implement the HCP/NCCP, CARP and the In Lieu Fee Program on behalf of the other Permittees

The **Resource Agencies** are state and federal resource protection agencies with regulatory authority regarding some aspect of the PCCP. The Resource Agencies comprise the *Wildlife Agencies* and the *Water Resource Agencies*.

The **Wildlife Agencies** are the permitting agencies under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the California NCCP Act:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The **Water Resource Agencies** are the permitting or overseeing agencies under the State Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the Federal CWA:

- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

Schedule for Implementation Tasks

Time Period	Tasks and Milestones [If applicable, HCP/NCCP reference included]	Responsible Party
Prior to Permit Issuance (i.e., Year 0)		
	Complete final versions of Implementing Agreement and Implementation Ordinances in preparation for permit issuance; form PCA. [Section 8.2, Implementation Structure]	Permittees
	Where feasible, apply for state/federal grants for land acquisition (after publication of Draft Plan). Acquire remaining Jump Start lands and begin process of acquiring lands to meet land acquisition requirements in Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy. [Section 8.3.2, Administration and Funding; Section 8.4.4, Jump Start; Chapter 9, Costs and Funding]	Permittees
	Develop template participation package for use by private applicants and Permittees that includes all items required in Chapter 6, Program Participation and Conditions on Covered Activities.	Permittees
	Establish PCCP account and procedures to collect and manage PCCP Development Fees [Chapter 9, Costs and Funding]	Permittees
	Complete vernal pool branchiopod occupancy rate protocol [Chapter 7, Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program, Section 7.5.11, Vernal Pool Branchiopods]	PCA
	Complete reserve unit management plan templates [Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy, Section 5.3.2.1, Reserve Unit Management Plans]	PCA
	Complete conservation easement templates [Chapter 8, Plan Implementation, Section 8.4.9, Conservation Easements]	PCA
Post-permit		
0 to 6 months		
	Develop a set of biologist qualifications and establish pre-approved list of biologists per Chapter 6, Program Participation and Conditions on Covered Activities. This task will be ongoing.	PCA
	Train local jurisdiction staff to prepare, review, and process Plan applications. This task will be ongoing.	Permittees, with ongoing assistance from PCA
	Review private development participation packages for coverage under the HCP/NCCP. This task will be ongoing. [Chapter 6, Program Participation and Conditions on Covered Activities; Chapter 8, Plan Implementation]	County and City

Time Period	Tasks and Milestones [If applicable, HCP/NCCP reference included]	Responsible Party
	Establish Public Advisory Committee. [Section 8.2.8.2, Public Advisory Committee]	Permittees
	Where feasible, apply for state/federal grants for land acquisition. Continue process of acquiring lands to meet land acquisition requirements in Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy. These tasks will be ongoing. [Chapter 8, Plan Implementation; Chapter 9, Costs and Funding]	PCA PCA
	Collect development fees. This task will be ongoing. [Chapter 8, Plan Implementation; Chapter 9, Costs and Funding]	
	Update County and City Tree Ordinances in accordance with HCP/NCCP [Chapter 6, Program Participation and Conditions on Covered Activities, Section 6.3.2.3.2, Community Condition 3.2, Valley Oak Woodland and Individual Valley Oak Trees Restoration]	County and City, PCA County and City
6 months to 1 year		
	Establish Plan Implementation web site. [Chapter 8, Plan Implementation]	PCA
	Establish and maintain database to track permit compliance (e.g., land acquisition and Covered Activity impacts). This task will be ongoing. [Chapter 8, Plan Implementation]	PCA
1 to 5 years		
	By the end of year 2, acquire vernal pool complex containing a minimum of 160 acres of vernal pool constituent habitat, of which at least 53 acres will be delineated as vernal pools [Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy, Section 5.3.1.5.2, Vernal Pool Complexes and Grassland Natural Communities]	PCA
	Update fees annually according to Chapter 9, Costs and Funding. Provide new fee schedule to Permittees. This task will be ongoing. [Chapter 8, Plan Implementation; Chapter 9, Costs and Funding]	PCA, County and City
	At intervals specified in Chapter 9, Costs and Funding, assess and adjust funding and development fees. This task will be ongoing. [Chapter 9, Costs and Funding]	PCA
	Submit annual report to the Wildlife Agencies. This task is performed on an annual basis by March 1 of every year for the previous reporting year. [Section 8.11, Reporting]	PCA
	Prepare reserve unit management plans as described in Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy, for each reserve unit. [Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy]	PCA
	Initiate adaptive management and monitoring of biological resources. This task will be ongoing. [Chapter 7, Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program]	PCA

Time Period	Tasks and Milestones [If applicable, HCP/NCCP reference included]	Responsible Party
	Initiate or continue management and monitoring in Reserve System. [Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy, and Chapter 7, Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program]	PCA
	Continue to acquire land to assemble Reserve System and meet Stay Ahead provision requirements (by Year 2). This task will be ongoing; however, all land acquisition must be completed by Year 45. [Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy; Chapter 8, Plan Implementation]	PCA
	Begin wetland restoration and creation design and additional environmental compliance for restoration and creation. This task will be ongoing. [Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy]	PCA
	By the beginning of Year 4, renew the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Special Purpose Permit for another 3-year term. [Chapter 6, Program Participation and Conditions on Covered Activities]	PCA
	Develop procedure and templates (similar to Plan Participation Package) that Permittees will use to document their compliance with the HCP/NCCP for their own activities. [Chapter 6, Program Participation and Conditions on Covered Activities, Section 6.2.1, Evaluation Process for Permittee Projects]	Permittees
	Prepare System-wide Fire Management Plan [Chapter 5, Conservation Strategy, Section 5.3.2.2, Landscape-level Management and Enhancement]	PCA
More than 50 years		
	Continue adaptive management and limited monitoring of biological resources to ensure management actions are working. [Chapter 7, Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program]	PCA

The responsible party is the entity that must ensure the task or milestone is achieved. In many cases, the responsible party may delegate implementation of the task to a third party (e.g., a Permittee, landowner, or consultant).
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