

**SOLANO LAND TRUST**  
**PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

**To: Project Committee** (underline = attending, ~~striketrough~~ = not attending)

Roger Merrill	Kathryn Caretti	Jaymee Marty
Bob Berman	Jennifer Leonard	Jessie Hernandez
Steve Pressley	Marc Pandone	

**From:** Nicole Braddock, *Executive Director*  
Kelly Santos, *Manager of Land and People Connections*  
Hilary Dustin, *Senior Project Manager*  
Tracy Ellison, *Conservation Director*  
Jasmine Westbrook, *Stewardship Manager*  
Barry Hill, *Senior Project Manager*  
Anna Weinstein, *Senior Project Manager*  
Jose Jimenez, *Facilities Manager*

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**Agenda**

1. Accept notes from meeting on June 17, 2025
  - a. Is there a conflict of interest with a member?
2. Action Items:
3. Discussion:
  - a. Project Committee Charter and Board Benchmark review -Kelly, Roger, Marc (presentation will be sent before meeting)
    - 1) PC Charter
    - 2) Presentation on board benchmark process
4. Informational Items:
  - a. Jose Jimenez, Facilities Manager, resigned due to family illness and a need to be closer to home. Kelly Santos has been determining various options for filling the position and will be posting an opening soon.

**Attachments:**

- Notes from meeting on June 17, 2025
- Project Committee Charter\_FINAL approved

*Upcoming Project Committee Meetings:*  
**Meetings are now 12:00 to 1:30**

**August 19, 2025**

Project	Status and Update
<b>Inquiries (Mit CE, other)</b>	
Recology Hay Road	Staff looks to enter screening phase and will take in the screening fee Review application and mitigation requirements to determine if SLT can offer becoming the Steward on an easement.
<b>Pre-Development projects with Conservation Easements to be held by SLT</b>	
Corby Energy-Battery Storage project on ag land	Staff is presenting to the ACE committee on July 8 <sup>th</sup> with staff and PC support of staff recommendation to move into project development phase. This project will stay with ACE for the project development of an AG or an Ag and Avian CE.
<b>Current SLT CE updates</b>	
Linear Park	Waiting on City of FF to confirm its council's approval of the restated and amended documents.
Valine CE	SLT Board accepted the valuation and offer for the extinguished portion of the CE. 19% will go to SLT for future AG land conservation purchases as match to other funding.
<b>Mitigation Projects</b>	
King Ranch Mitigation (PG&E/Solano HCP's)	<p><b>Status Update, July 15, 2025</b></p> <p>Lands Team is working on an amendment to the King Ranch Long-Term Management Plan to allow funding of grazing infrastructure improvements to increase grazing in areas where golden violets are common.</p> <p>Staff met with representatives of the City of Fairfield and the Solano County Water Agency to assess potential for installing a connection to the Fairfield water system for livestock watering at King Ranch. A connection does not appear to be technically feasible.</p> <p>The remaining 105 bred cows were removed from King Ranch on June 26. (BH)</p>
Rush Ranch	<p><b>Status Update, July 15, 2025</b></p> <p>Goat Island Restoration and Public Access- Contractors completed 50% plans and consulted with Lands Team about fine-scale revisions to reach 60% or above design for permit applications still to be submitted in July. SLT and contractors met with BRRIT (agency team) for the last time before permit submission and is currently working to fulfill final BRRIT recommendations. (AW)</p> <p>Goat Island Restoration and Public Access - SLT staff participated with NERR scientists in a rare plants survey for the project area which found the west side of Goat Island with its unique geology, for a salt marsh, to be a rare plant refugia. Plants found: Lathyrus jepsonii var. jepsonii (Delta Tule Pea); Lathyris jepsonii (Coastal Sneezeweed, not formerly known south of Mendocino); Trifolium wormskoldii (Springbank Clover); Cicutu macrocarpa bolanderi (Saltmarsh water hemlock (probably, check for flowers in August)); Deschampsia caespitosa holciformis (California Hairgrass). The 2<sup>nd</sup> of two surveys will take place in August. Staff can screenshare the total survey areas at PC meeting. (AW)</p>

	Staff agreed to participate in CDFWs SHARE hunt this coming winter. SHARE hunt takes place over eight weekends from October through February. (AW)
<b>SLT Projects and Programs</b>	
Patwino Worrtla Kodoi Dihi (PWKD)	<p><b>Status Update, July 15, 2025</b></p> <p>Staff and volunteers are making good progress on the nature garden weeding and sheet mulching. Staff are investigating sources of wood chips to cover the sheet mulching.</p> <p>Starting July 11, park will be open 8 AM to 8 PM, through the end of August. (BH)</p>
Jepson	<b>Status Update, July 15, 2025</b>
Wilcox	<b>Status Update, July 15, 2025</b>
Lynch Canyon	<p><b>Status Update, July 15, 2025</b></p> <p>Lynch Expansions – Contractor/SLT kickoff meeting and field trip set for July. Board approved \$85K contract at its June meeting. Contract runs from July 2025 to July 2026. (AW)</p> <p>Lynch Expansions- staff are soliciting bids for Brown well cleaning. Staff determined the cleaning is a good investment to ensure good performance from this low-yielding well (max rate likely 5 gpm) (AW)</p> <p>Starting July 11, park will be open 8 AM to 8 PM through the end of August. (BH)</p>
Lynch Canyon Dam	<p><b>Status Update, July 15, 2025</b></p> <p>Contracts are pending for engineering and environmental compliance for the spillway lowering (BH).</p>
Paradise Valley	<b>Status Update, July 15, 2025</b>
King-Eastern Swett (other than PG&E/ Solano HCP's)	<p><b>Status Update, July 15, 2025</b></p> <p>Staff is preparing a contract for engineering services for spillway repairs at Pond 1 on the Vallejo Swett Ranch.</p> <p>Five Dot Land and Cattle Company is running 22 bred cows in the Bull Pasture at Vallejo Swett (west side of property).</p> <p>A replacement water tank will be installed at Hofmann Pond as soon as the special-order tank is received. (BH)</p>

Rush Ranch Preserve	Status Update, July 15, 2025
SLT Fee Title Acquisition Projects	
Real Estate inquiries	

ACE	Agriculture Conservation Easement
CAO	County Administrator's Office
CCLT	California Council of Land Trust
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CE	Conservation Easement
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFCP	California Farmland Conservancy Program
DC	Delta Conservancy
DWR	Dept. of Water Resources
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
ES	Eastern Swett Ranch
EXCOMM	Executive Committee
FRPP	Farm and Ranchland Protection Program
GJP	Greater Jepson Prairie
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
IS/ND	Initial Study/Negative Declaration
JP	Jepson Prairie
KS	King-Swett Ranches
KR	King Ranch
LC	Lynch Canyon
LOI	Letter of Intent
LSBC	Lower Spring Branch Creek
LTA	Land Trust Alliance
LTMP	Long Term Management Plan
MMP	Mitigation Monitoring Plan
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NEPA	National Environmental Protection Act
NERR	National Estuarine Research Reserve
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Services
PC	Project Committee
PAR	Property Analysis Review
RCPP	Regional Conservation Partnership Program
REPI	Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration
RHR	Recology Hay Road
RR	Rush Ranch
RREC	Rush Ranch Educational Council
RVTP	Rockville Trails Preserve
SCC	State Coastal Conservancy
SCOGC	Solano County Orderly Growth Committee (Recology funds)
SCWA	Solano County Water Agency
SHH	Suisun Hill Hollow
SLT	Solano Land Trust
SNAP	Solano Natural Areas Plan
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Society
VS	Vallejo Swett Ranch
WCB	Wildlife Conservation Board - the non-profit arm of the Department of Fish and wildlife
WX	Wilcox Ranch

**Notes for the June 17, 2025 meeting:**