



PUBLIC NOTICE AND MEETING AGENDA
National Heritage Area Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 1 p.m.
Crockett Community Center
850 Pomona Street, Crockett, CA 94525

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Amanda Bohl, NHA Advisory Committee Chair
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment – An opportunity for members of the public to address the NHA Advisory Committee regarding items not on the agenda
4. Approval of December 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes ([p. 3](#))
5. Update on NHA Activities –Blake Roberts and Kira O’Donnell ([p. 6](#))
6. 2026 Meeting Schedule – Amanda Bohl ([p. 10](#))
7. Delta NHA Work Plan – Blake Roberts ([p. 12](#))
8. Passport Program Locations – Blake Roberts ([p. 14](#))
9. Information Ambassadors – Kira O’Donnell ([p. 15](#))
10. Report on Delta 250 Ad Hoc Task Group – Task Group
11. Report on Water Tour Ad Hoc Task Group – Task Group
12. Member Announcements and Adjourn

The agenda items listed above may be considered in a different order at the Committee meeting, subject to the discretion of the Chair. At the discretion of the Committee, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action. The Committee welcomes and encourages participation in its meetings. The Committee limits testimony to not more than three minutes per person, or more time at the discretion of the Chair.

Questions, Comments, and Requests

If you have any questions or have a request for reasonable modification or accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Delta Protection Commission at dpc@delta.ca.gov or (916) 375-4800.

Comments submitted to submit@delta.ca.gov by noon on March 24, 2026, will be shared with Committee members prior to the meeting to the extent possible. Public comments on each agenda item will follow the order of: 1) emailed comments, 2) those verbally requesting to make comments after notice offered by Chair during meeting.

National Heritage Area Advisory Committee Members

Chair Amanda Bohl | Vice Chair Elizabeth Patterson | Diane Burgis, Commission Chair | **Michael Campbell | Colin Coffey | Lisa Craig | Dwayne Eubanks | Morris Lum | Carol Jensen | Don Nottoli | David Stuart | Oscar Villegas**, Commissioner | **Dan Whaley | Stuart Walthall**

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Amanda Blosser California State Parks | **Chris Lim** Contra Costa Resource Conservation District | **Karen Buhr**, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy | **Jeff Henderson**, Delta Stewardship Council | **Mike Moran**, East Bay Regional Park District | **Trevor Rice**, National Park Service | **Desmond Mackell**, Suisun Resource Conservation District. Other public agency representatives may also participate as ex-officio members.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS:

Douglas Hsia | Janet Lake | Gia Moreno | Jennifer Chapman | LeighAnn Davis

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
National Heritage Area Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 1 p.m.
Rio Vista Community Center
45 Main Street, Rio Vista, CA 94571

1. Call to Order – Amanda Bohl, NHA Advisory Committee Chair

Chair Bohl called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Clerk Heather McClure called the roll. Present at roll call were Chair Bohl; Vice Chair Elizabeth Patterson; members Colin Coffey, Carol Jensen, Michael Campbell, David Stuart, Jack Johnson (for Oscar Villegas), and Stuart Walthall; alternates Douglas Hsia and Jennifer Chapman; and Ex Officio members Chris Lim, Annie Merritt (for Jeff Henderson), Mike Moran, and Trevor Rice.

It was noted that Member Don Nottoli arrived at 1:05 p.m., just after roll call. Member Morris Lum arrived at 1:18 p.m., and Ex Officio member Karen Buhr arrived at 1:21 p.m., both during Item 5.

3. Public Comment

Chair Bohl asked for comments on any items not on the agenda, and there were none.

4. Approval of August 20, 2025, and October 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes

It was noted that the October meeting date needed to be added to the October minutes. With that change, Vice Chair Patterson moved to approve the August and October 2025 meeting minutes. Jack Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Rio Vista Heritage Presentation

Tom Surh, RioVision’s liaison to the NHA Advisory Committee, gave a presentation on the work of RioVision. The group recently launched an Asian Heritage Project, noting the importance of the Toy family as the Chinese community there grew. He said Rio Vista would be holding its lunar new year festival on February 28, avoiding conflict with Locke’s on February 14 and Isleton’s on March 7. He also highlighted the creation of its signature art gallery – still volunteer-run – in 2016, and major events like Hog August Bites and the Riverfront Arts Fest.

Chair Bohl asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

6. 2026 Meeting Schedule

Chair Bohl said staff was proposing moving from bimonthly to quarterly meetings to give members more time and capacity to participate. There was extensive discussion about many aspects of meetings, including times of day, rotating locations, potential for tying meetings to community events, and remote participation. Staff was directed to take the discussion into consideration and to bring back the 2026 meeting schedule for consideration at the March advisory committee meeting.

Bohl asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Motion: Vice Chair Patterson moved to schedule the next meeting for March 25, 2026, and to note the intention to meet quarterly, including one evening meeting. Nottoli seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Update on NHA Activities

Program Manager Blake Roberts updated the committee on development of the Brand and Marketing Plan, the Commission's receipt of an award for the NHA's Management Plan, the growth of the NHA partnership program, the status of the NHA's Passport Program (delayed by the prolonged process of receiving the needed custom stamps), deadlines for upcoming issues of the *Delta Heritage Courier*, and the status of federal government funding.

There was extensive discussion about options for the Passport Program in the event the delay did not resolve.

Chair Bohl asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

8. Report on Delta 250 Ad Hoc Task Group

Program Manager Roberts reported on behalf of member Dwayne Eubanks that an Anza Expedition 250th anniversary symposium date had been set: April 11, 2026. He said he and Chair Bohl would be reaching out to local tribes about how to navigate issues such as how tribes in 1776 experienced the Anza Expedition.

9. Report on Water Tour Ad Hoc Task Group

Vice Chair Patterson said the Task Group had met at the Cal Poly Solano Maritime Academy, which predates World War II. The meeting revealed many partnership possibilities, and the value of potentially partnering with a member of the California State University system.

Conversation moved to water trails and Rice noted that the kayak launch in Martinez had just been designated a water trail trailhead. Patterson noted that kayaks can be launched from Rush Ranch in the Suisun Marsh. Hsia recalled that at the last Delta Protection Advisory Committee meeting, someone had mentioned a flotilla for celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

Chair Bohl asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

10. VisitCaDelta.com Events Calendar

Information Officer Holly Heyser demonstrated the new Events Calendar on the VisitCaDelta.com website, noting that staff had created the calendar at the request of committee members. Staff kept design and information simple so its quality and currency would not fluctuate with staffing changes.

Heyser noted the calendar is being promoted very effectively from newsletters. Committee members asked about other opportunities for promoting it, and Heyser said she would be developing materials to promote it in communities, rather than relying on newsletters.

Chair Bohl asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

11. Member Announcements and Adjourn

Chair Bohl announced the Delta Leadership Program 2026 cohort had been chosen and member designee Jack Johnson was among the chosen.

Coffey noted that East Bay Regional Park District had signed an agreement with the Department of Water Resources for providing access to the Dutch-Slough project. East Bay Parks will operate 3.5 miles of existing trails in the project.

Buhr noted that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy would not likely have funding to disburse until July. However, the Conservancy hopes to learn about potential projects before funding is available so there would be strong projects in the pipeline.

Bohl asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Bohl adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.

Delta Protection Commission Meeting

March 25, 2026

AGENDA ITEM 5: Update on NHA Activities

Prepared by: Blake Roberts, Program Manager and Kira O'Donnell, Information Officer

Presented by: Blake Roberts and Kira O'Donnell

Recommended Action: Receive Update on NHA Activities

Type of Action: Receive

Passport Program

The Commission launched the Delta NHA's involvement in the [Passport to Your National Parks program](#) with an [event in Rio Vista](#) with Congressman Garamendi on February 28.

There are currently 27 passport cancellation locations where visitors can obtain stamps for their National Park Service passports:

1. Antioch Library
2. Arthur F. Turner West Sacramento Library
3. Bay Point Library
4. Benicia Capitol State Historic Park
5. Big Break Regional Shoreline, Oakley
6. Brentwood Library
7. Clarksburg Library
8. Clarksburg Schoolhouse
9. Contra Costa County History Center, Martinez
10. Crockett Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center
11. Crockett Library
12. Crockett Museum
13. Dutra Museum of Dredging, Rio Vista
14. Hercules Library
15. Isleton Library
16. John Muir National Historic Site, Martinez
17. Locke Boarding House Museum
18. Martinez Library
19. Nonie Wetzels Courtland Library
20. Oakley Library
21. Pittsburg Library

22. Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial, Concord (stamper housed at John Muir National Historic Site)
23. RioVision Gallery, Rio Vista
24. Rio Vista Library
25. Rodeo Library
26. Walnut Grove Library
27. West Sacramento Community Center/History Gallery

There will be an additional site at the Vallejo John F. Kennedy Library once passport stamps for Vallejo are received.

Each passport site includes stamping supplies, [NHA fact sheets \(PDF\)](#), and a display station with QR codes to the [NHA webpage](#), [VisitCADelta website](#), [Delta Reading List](#), and [Passport to Your National Parks program website](#). The Commission website has a [passport program page](#) that includes a map of passport locations and nearby attractions.

Commission staff are continuing to conduct outreach to potential partners and anticipate finalizing Memoranda of Understanding with additional partners, including those that would participate in the passport program. We are seeking partners in communities that do not have passport sites – Bethel Island, Byron, Discovery Bay, Freeport, Hood, Knightsen, Mountain View, Port Costa, Ryde, and Terminous.

Federal Funding

The President signed the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026, on January 23, 2026. This legislation specifies that the Delta NHA will receive \$500,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2026. Previously, the NHA was receiving \$157,500 annually. The increase in our funding is tied to the approval of the NHA Management Plan in January 2025. The Commission anticipates receiving this funding late summer.

Federal Reporting

In December and January of every year, the Commission submits reports related to our federal grants. The first set of reports – the Federal Financial Report and Performance Progress Report – are submitted through GrantSolutions, the web-based federal grants management system. The second report is submitted to National Park Service’s National Heritage Areas Program Office. The Program Office uses these reports to prepare the program budget justification, respond to directives from Congress, and track progress on management plan implementation.

Tourism Branding and Marketing Plan

Honey Agency completed the NHA Market Research and Brand Analysis task and presented a draft Brand Strategy, which is under review by Commission staff. The agency will next be focused on producing the NHA Brand Toolkit. We will soon be seeking input on these deliverables from the Marketing & Communications and Heritage Development & Tourism task groups.

Delta Leadership Program

The 2026 Delta Leadership Program is underway, having completed four of five planned seminars in Sacramento, Stockton, Rio Vista, and Oakley. Participants will present group projects at the May 21 Commission meeting. The program is a joint effort of the Delta Protection Commission and the [Delta Leadership Foundation](#) to support sustained leadership development in the region.

Delta Heritage Forum

We met with a small subcommittee of the NHA Advisory Committee members at the beginning of March to discuss plans for the next Forum. The discussion focused primarily on a clear and compelling theme for the conference, which will guide our selection of topics and speakers.

Committee Membership

Katie Wiley resigned from the Committee. The term for five Committee seats, including the Wiley seat, and one alternate seat will expire in September 2026. Commission staff will start soliciting applications for these seats in early June with a mid-July deadline. The Commission will appoint or reappoint Committee members at their September 17 meeting.

Staff Augmentation

The limited-term, part-time NHA information officer position is now permanent. Now that federal funding is now confirmed for Federal Fiscal Year 2026, we are seeking approval for a new interpreter position and converting the NHA information officer position to three-quarters time.

Delta Protection Commission Annual Report

Public Resources Code section 29780 requires the Commission to report to the Governor and Legislature annually on the progress made in achieving the statutory objectives of the Delta Protection Commission. Once the content is approved by the Commission, the

report will be published and forwarded to the Governor and Legislature. The Commission was scheduled to consider approval of the 2025 Annual Report at their March 19 meeting. Once finalized for publication, it will be posted to delta.ca.gov/annual-report.

Delta Happenings and Delta Heritage Courier Newsletters

Commission staff released the January/February Delta Heritage Courier on January 8 and March/April Courier on March 5 and have included heritage-related material for the biweekly Delta Happenings newsletter. The deadlines for material for Courier issues for the remainder of 2026 are:

- **May/June 2026:** Deadline is Wednesday, May 6, with a scheduled release date of Thursday, May 14.
- **July/August 2026:** Deadline is Wednesday, July 1, with a scheduled release date of Thursday, July 9.
- **September/October 2026:** Deadline is Wednesday, August 26, with a scheduled release date of Thursday, September 3.
- **November/December 2026:** Deadline is Wednesday, November 4, with a scheduled release date of Thursday, November 12.

Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA)

Amanda Bohl and Blake Roberts attended the 2026 ANHA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in early February. The ANHA Spring Meeting will be hosted by the Niagara Falls NHA in New York during the week of May 3.

National Heritage Area Advisory Committee Meeting

March 25, 2026

AGENDA ITEM 6: 2026 Meeting Schedule

Prepared by: Blake Roberts, Program Manager

Presented by: Amanda Bohl, Executive Director

Recommended Action: Approve the Committee's 2026 Meeting Calendar

Type of Action: Vote

At the December 17, 2025, NHA Advisory Committee meeting, Commission staff recommended that the Committee approve a quarterly meeting schedule on the following dates:

- March 25, 2026
- June 24, 2026
- September 23, 2026
- December 16, 2026

Staff also asked the Committee to consider shifting the meeting time from 1 to 3 p.m. to later in the day to better accommodate the schedule of community members and some Committee members.

After discussing the matter, the Committee determined that the March 25 meeting would proceed as scheduled but asked staff to bring back a schedule for the remainder of the year that coincided with events if possible and had different starting times.

Staff recommend that the Committee approve the following meeting dates, times, and locations:

- Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 5-7 p.m., Sacramento County
- Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 1-3 p.m., Solano County
- Wednesday, December 16, 2026, 1-3 p.m., Yolo County

The June 24 meeting has a later starting time so that people who have previously participated in the NHA can more easily attend a ceremony recognizing their service and Committee members can travel home before sunset. The September 23 meeting will coincide with Delta Week. Staff is discussing plans for that week with partners.

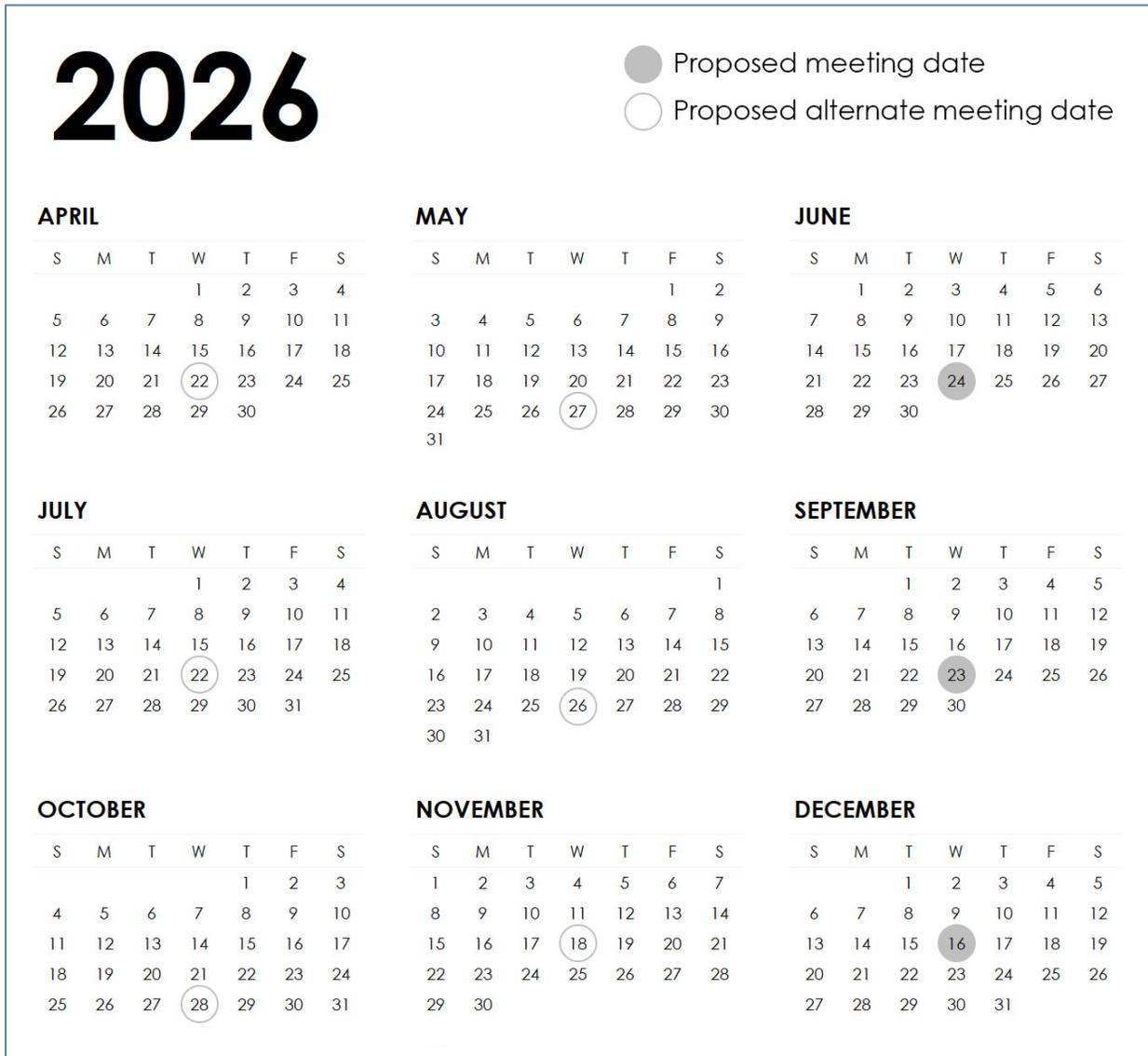
Alternate Committee meetings would only be held if called by the Executive Director.

- April 22, 2026
- May 27, 2026
- July 22, 2026
- August 26, 2026

- October 28, 2026

- November 18, 2026

A calendar view of these dates is shown below:



Recommended Action

Commission staff recommends the Committee approve the 2026 Committee meeting calendar, times, and locations.

National Heritage Area Advisory Committee Meeting

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AGENDA ITEM 7: Delta National Heritage Area 2026 Work Plan

Prepared by: Blake Roberts, Program Manager

Presented by: Blake Roberts

Recommended Action: Receive and discuss Annual Report and Work Plan

Type of Action: Discussion

On January 28, 2026, Commission staff gathered at the Clarksburg Schoolhouse for a day-long work planning session. Using the [2030 Strategic Plan](#) – also known as Vision 2030 – and the [Delta NHA Management Plan](#) as a framework, staff identified priorities within each of the strategic themes that also take into account a few organizational realities still present at the Commission: the multiple transitions that occurred in 2025, new staff, and vacancies.

The 2026 work plan priorities that involve the Delta NHA, include:

- In conjunction with the NHA Advisory Committee and the Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) scope formation of an agritourism component to promote as part of the NHA.
- Continue implementing National Heritage Area Management Plan priorities:
 - Passport Program
 - Partnership Program
 - Delta Heritage Forum
 - NHA Advisory Committee Meetings
 - NHA Ambassadors Program
 - Junior Ranger Program
- Complete and begin to implement the Tourism, Branding, and Marketing Plan.
- Support an active and engaged Delta NHA Advisory Committee.
- Continue to write and distribute Delta Happenings and the Delta Heritage Courier.
- Publish periodic website reports on issues of importance to the Commission.
- Delta Leadership Program: Complete 2026 program and identify path forward for 2027 and beyond.
- Fill State Parks Interpreter II position (pending approval)
- Continue to partner with the Delta Leadership Foundation in support of the Delta Leadership Program.

- Identify other potential funding sources for Delta NHA priorities.
- Scope a Delta NHA small grants program.

Recommended Action

Discuss 2026 work plan priorities.

National Heritage Area Advisory Committee Meeting

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AGENDA ITEM 8: Passport Program Locations

Prepared by: Blake Roberts, Program Manager

Presented by: Blake Roberts

Recommended Action: Receive Update on Passport Program and Provide Direction on Locations Outside of NHA Boundaries

Type of Action: Discussion

Background

There are currently 27 passport cancellation locations where visitors can obtain stamps for their National Park Service passports (please see agenda item 5 for more information). Existing criteria state that selected sites for passport stamping must be within the NHA boundaries, open and accessible to the public, and either connected to interpretive themes as described in the NHA Management Plan or serving as a visitor information center.

Locations Outside the Delta NHA Boundary

Staff has received inquiries about passport stations outside of the Delta NHA boundary. Staff recommend allowing passport sites outside of the Delta NHA boundary if both of the following criteria apply:

- The location is a museum or visitor center whose primary focus is on resources within the NHA and interpretive themes described in the NHA Management Plan.
- The location is within 2 miles of the NHA boundaries.

Recommended Action

Discuss and provide direction on locations outside of the NHA boundaries serving as passport sites.

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AGENDA ITEM 9 – Delta NHA Information Ambassadors

Prepared by: Kira O’Donnell, Information Officer

Presented by: Kira O’Donnell

Recommended Action: Discuss concept of and goals for proposed NHA Information Ambassador Program

Type of Action: Discussion

Strategy 4.3.4 of the Sacramento-San Joaquin National Heritage Area [Management Plan](#) tasks the Delta Protection Commission with enlisting Delta NHA Advisory Committee members to act as Delta NHA “information ambassadors.”

Committee members have acted as informal ambassadors of the Delta NHA since the Committee’s inception, but we would like to formalize this role for those who are interested and provide training to equip ambassadors with the knowledge, consistency, and confidence needed to educate others about the NHA.

Commission staff have begun structuring a training program that will assist ambassadors in speaking publicly about the following:

- What is a National Heritage Area?
- Why was the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta designated as a National Heritage Area? What are its “nationally significant” stories and themes?
- What activities are planned for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta NHA over the next three to five years?

Next Steps

Staff anticipates the following next steps:

- 1) Develop training program, which may include an initial in-person or virtual session paired with a training packet, and a follow-up session to practice skills; and
- 2) Determine who would like to participate in the Information Ambassador Training program.

Recommended Action

Discuss concept of and goals for proposed NHA Information Ambassador Program.