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Site

Transmittal of STAC Evaluation to Wildlife Agencies

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Application Name: Whitworth Site

Application submittal date: December 31, 2021

STAC site visit date: February 24, 2022

Yolo Habitat Conservancy Board Meeting Date: May 16, 2022

WA Coordinating meeting date: anticipated June 2, 2022

	Palmate-bracted bird's beak		Giant garter snake		Western burrowing owl
X	Valley elderberry longhorn beetle	X	Swainson's hawk		Least Bell's vireo
	California tiger salamander	X	White-tailed kite		Bank swallow
X	Western pond turtle		Western yellow-billed cuckoo		Tricolored blackbird

The STAC has made the following recommendation:

The Whitworth Site is within the Putah Creek Ecological Corridor immediately east of the confluence of Putah Creek and Dry Creek. The portion of the property being considered for enrollment is an approximately 6.25-acre area that includes a small portion of the active Putah Creek channel, the adjacent floodplain, riparian uplands, and an approximately 3.5-acre walnut orchard that the landowner has expressed an interest in restoring to native species habitat. While the site is small, it is in a well-studied biological hot spot that has significant ecological values as-is with the potential for additional substantial ecological lift with habitat restoration. The site contains numerous mature elderberry shrubs and has potential to be a future VELB mitigation and demonstration restoration site along Putah Creek. Currently there are no sites enrolled in the Yolo HCP/NCCP that are located along Putah Creek so this site would expand both the number and geographic region for valley oak riparian and VELB sites. Because of its key location along the Putah Creek corridor, its habitat values, potential for restoration, and potential as an anchor site along Putah Creek, the STAC recommends enrollment of the site in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system.