



# Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Gary Sandy, Chair  
Members of the Board

From: Alexander Tengolics  
Executive Director

Re: Approve resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Yanci Ranch conservation easement acquisition project

Date: July 18, 2022

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## **REQUESTED ACTION:**

Approve resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Yanci Ranch conservation easement acquisition project (Attachment B)

## **BACKGROUND:**

Yanci Ranch is an approximately 795-acre ranch located at 27047 County Road 27, approximately 6 miles north of the City of Winters, within Yolo HCP/NCCP Planning Unit 3 (see Attachment A). The property is primarily maintained as rangeland and contains grassland, valley foothill riparian, blue oak woodland, and lacustrine and riverine natural communities which provide habitat for the following Yolo HCP/NCCP covered species: valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Swainson's hawk, tricolored blackbird, white-tailed kite, burrowing owl, and western pond turtle. Yanci Ranch is included in the list of Yolo HCP/NCCP candidate conservation easement sites that qualify for conservation easement acquisition funding from the previously awarded USFWS FY 2019 Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition and Recovery Land Acquisition Grant (Section 6 grant). The Section 6 grant requires a funding match from state and/or local funding sources. The primary source of Section 6 matching funds for conservation easement purchases in California are matching grants from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). As of April 2022, WCB now requires the submittal of a grant application when requesting funding. The grant resolution (Attachment B) authorizes the Conservancy's Executive Director to submit an application for funding to WCB and to submit and sign all necessary documents related to the application for funds from WCB.

The Executive Director will return to the Board for approval of the purchase and sale agreement and final conservation easement and enrollment of the site into the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A. Yanci Ranch location map  
Attachment B. Yanci Ranch Grant Resolution