



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 Woodland Regional Park Preserve conservation easement acquisition project

Date: July 18, 2022

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Woodland Regional Park Preserve conservation easement acquisition project (Attachment B)

BACKGROUND:

Woodland Regional Park Preserve is an approximately 158-acre property located at 20179 County Road 102, in Woodland, within Yolo HCP/NCCP Planning Unit 19 (see Attachment A). The property is held in fee title by the City of Woodland and is anticipated to be a regional park, nature preserve, and host a science, education, and culture center. The site is primarily grassland and contains high value resources that include alkali prairie, grasslands, and recently restored valley foothill riparian, fresh emergent wetland and lacustrine natural communities that provide habitat for the following Yolo HCP/NCCP covered species: palmate-bracted bird's-beak, western pond turtle, Swainson's hawk, white-tailed kite, burrowing owl, and tricolored blackbird, as well as a variety of other species. Woodland Regional Park Preserve 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. Woodland Regional Park Preserve location map

Attachment B. Woodland Regional Park Preserve Grant Resolution

