



# Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Gary Sandy, Chair  
Members of the Board

From: Alexander Tengolics  
Executive Director

Re: Approve updates to the stewardship donation policy

Date: September 19, 2022

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## **REQUESTED ACTIONS:**

1. Approve updates to the stewardship donation policy (Attachment A)

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Board approved a stewardship donation policy on January 28, 2019 that requests that all landowners interested in establishing a conservation easement on their property provide a \$10,000 upfront contribution to help pay a portion of due diligence costs and contribute a stewardship donation equal to 6% of the value of the easement upon close of escrow. The Board also directed staff to review the policy and return with any recommended changes to the Board of Directors. The Board approved updates to the stewardship donation policy on May 17, 2021 that modified the upfront contribution request amount based on the size and character of proposed conservation easement sites. Staff recommend eliminating the upfront contribution requirements associated with the stewardship donation policy to reduce administrative burdens, potentially increase landowner participation, and to better align with our understanding of the practices conducted by other HCP/NCCPs. The stewardship donation collected at the time of escrow closing will remain in place to contribute to the \$18.2 million portion of the long-term endowment fund that must come from non-mitigation sources (Attachment A).

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

**Attachment A.** Yolo HCP/NCCP stewardship donation policy