



# Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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## YCFCWCD Parcels STAC Evaluation Summary

**Application Name:** YCFCWCD Parcels

**STAC site visit date:** August 25, 2022

**Yolo Habitat Conservancy Board Meeting Date:** November 21, 2022

**WA Coordinating meeting date:** December 1, 2022

Covered species habitat present on the site for the species selected below:

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

### **The STAC has made the following recommendation:**

The STAC recommends the board approve the YCFCWCD parcels as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system site. The approximately 92 acres being considered for enrollment in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system are within the Cache Creek corridor and include approximately 4,000 linear feet of the Cache Creek corridor including a mosaic of mature riparian forest, emergent wetlands, and upland grasslands on both sides of the active channel as well as gravel bars and open water within and adjacent to the active channel. The land cover types on this site provide habitat for seven Yolo HCP/NCCP covered species. The Cache Creek corridor is a high priority acquisition area and this property would contribute to the goal of protecting and managing this important resource within the Conservancy's reserve system.

The site provides suitable habitat for Swainson's hawk, white-tailed kite, western pond turtle, valley elderberry longhorn beetle (VELB), tricolored blackbird, least Bell's vireo, and western yellow-billed cuckoo. The primary value of the site for Swainson's hawk and white-tailed kite is the protection of riparian and oak woodland nesting habitat and secondarily patches of open grassland foraging habitat. The property supports high value aquatic and upland habitat for western pond turtle, which have been recently documented on the site. The protection of the site represents a significant contribution to conservation of this species along Cache Creek and the county at-large. The property supports many mature elderberry shrubs, which are habitat for VELB, in both riparian and upland portions of the site. The open grasslands provide important foraging habitat for tricolored blackbird. While no tricolored blackbird nest sites are found on the site, a nesting colony has been documented on the adjacent parcel to the east. The property supports mature cottonwood-willow riparian, essential habitat for least Bell's

vireo and western yellow-billed cuckoo along Cache Creek, the protection of which may represent the best opportunity for future occupancy by these species in the county.

