



# Yolo Habitat Conservancy

County of Yolo • City of Davis • City of Winters • City of West Sacramento  
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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 Conaway Ranch GGS2 conservation easement acquisition project

Date: January 23, 2023

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## **REQUESTED ACTION:**

Approve resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Conaway Ranch GGS2 conservation easement acquisition project (Attachment B)

## **BACKGROUND:**

Conaway Ranch GGS2 is an approximately 643-acre portion of Conaway Ranch, located approximately 4 miles northwest of the City of West Sacramento and 4 miles northeast of the City of Davis, immediately adjacent to the Yolo Bypass and within Yolo HCP/NCCP Planning Unit 11 (see Attachment A). The site was approved by the Conservancy Board as a candidate conservation easement site on March 15, 2021. The site has one of the highest densities of giant garter snakes within the Yolo HCP/NCCP Plan Area and provides habitat for the following Yolo HCP/NCCP covered species: giant garter snake, western pond turtle, tricolored blackbird, Swainson's hawk, and white-tailed kite.

The Conservancy has submitted a proposal for funding from the USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition and Recovery Land Acquisition Grant Program (Section 6). Section 6 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. Conaway Ranch GGS2 location map  
Attachment B. Conaway Ranch GGS2 Grant Resolution