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Turkovich Putah Creek Site STAC Evaluation Summary

Application Name: Turkovich Putah Creek Site

Application submittal date: March 3, 2023

STAC site visit date: April 17, 2023

Yolo Habitat Conservancy Board Meeting Date: May 15, 2023

WA Coordinating meeting date: pending

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		Western yellow-billed cuckoo		Tricolored blackbird

The STAC has made the following recommendation:

The STAC recommends the board approve the Turkovich Putah Creek Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system site. The approximately 36-acre portion of the property being considered for enrollment in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system is within the Putah Creek corridor and includes approximately 10.7 acres of riparian habitat along Putah Creek while the remaining portion consists of an upland area that is currently cultivated in wheat. The landowner has also stated an interest in restoring the majority of the upland area of the site as riparian, oak woodland, and/or grassland natural communities and reserving a couple acres of the upland for a future home site. While the development of a homesite would not benefit the Yolo HCP/NCCP, the restoration of the majority of the upland portions of the site would provide an opportunity to expand the riparian corridor along an approximately 1.2 mile section of Putah Creek. The Putah 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.

Riparian habitat on the site is complex and dense, providing habitat for numerous riparian-associated species, including the covered species Least Bell's vireo. Additionally, the site contains many mature elderberry shrubs that may provide habitat for Valley elderberry longhorn beetle. Large mature trees within the riparian corridor of the site provide high value nesting habitat for Swainson's hawk and white-tailed kite. While no Swainson's hawk nest sites have been documented within the proposed easement area, the site is located in a portion of the Plan Area that is occupied by a large number of

Swainson's hawk nest sites. The creek also supports habitat for western pond turtle, one of which was observed during the initial STAC onsite assessment.

