



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Gary Sandy, Chair
Members of the Board

From: Alexander Tengolics
Executive Director

Re: Authorize the Yolo Habitat Conservancy Board Chair to sign letter of support for SB 256

Date: May 15, 2023

REQUESTED ACTION:

Authorize the Yolo Habitat Conservancy Board Chair to sign letter of support for SB 256 (Attachment A)

BACKGROUND:

In February 2023, City of Davis staff notified Conservancy staff that Senator Bill Dodd introduced Senate Bill 256 which would modify terms of a voter-approved bond act, Proposition 70 of 1988, which provided \$1.97 million to the City of Davis to purchase eight properties along the South Fork of Putah Creek to preserve and enhance the sites. Currently, the eight properties were restricted by the provisions of Proposition 70. SB 256 would remove these restrictions allowing the Conservancy and City of Davis can consider enrolling the eight properties into conservation easements to provide habitat in perpetuity for the Yolo HCP/NCCP covered species as contemplated by the Yolo HCP/NCCP.

The success of the Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation strategy relies on the support of many local partners and the removal of the restrictions included Proposition 70 would allow the Conservancy and City of Davis to further collaborate on preserving open space and protecting habitat for a number of species on eight properties that would previously been infeasible to enroll in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system of conserved properties. Staff recommends authorizing the Conservancy to submit a letter of support for SB 256.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A. YHC letter of Support for SB 256