



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Verna Sulpizio Hull, Vice Chair
Members of the Board

From: Elisa Sabatini
Executive Director

Re: Receive and file transmittal memo recommending the Capay Inc Cache Creek Site for inclusion in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system; approve the Capay Inc Cache Creek Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

Date: November 6, 2023

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Receive and file transmittal memo recommending the Capay Inc. Cache Creek Site for inclusion in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system (Attachment B)
2. Approve the Capay Inc. Cache Creek Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

BACKGROUND:

The approximately 122-acre portion of the Capay Inc. property being considered for an HCP/NCCP conservation easement is within the Cache Creek Ecological Corridor, a Priority 1 HCP/NCCP acquisition area within Planning Unit 7. Conservancy and Yolo HCP/NCCP Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) representatives conducted a site visit on the Capay Inc. Cache Creek Site, on June 16, 2023, and concluded that the site supports habitat for seven of the twelve Yolo HCP/NCCP covered species. The currently contains rotational cropland and a small portion of riparian habitat within the Cache Creek corridor. The landowner has indicated an interest in allowing restoration activities that could substantially expand riparian habitat. The STAC recommends enrollment of the property in the HCP/NCCP reserve system as summarized in the transmittal memo (Attachment B).

The Executive Director recommends that the Board approve the Capay Inc. Cache Creek Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site. If approved, Conservancy representatives will conduct due diligence activities, work with the landowner, CDFW, and USFWS staff to prepare the appropriate conservation easement documents and return to the Board for final action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A. Location map of Capay Inc. Cache Creek Site

Attachment B. Transmittal memo recommending the Capay Inc. Cache Creek Site for inclusion in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system