



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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

From: Elisa Sabatini
Executive Director

Re: Approve the Lucky Land Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

Date: March 18, 2024

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Approve the Lucky Land Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

BACKGROUND:

The approximately 322-acre Lucky Land Site is located within a narrow corridor of pastureland along the western edge of the Yolo Bypass within Planning Unit 16. This site is a Priority 1 HCP/NCCP acquisition site due to the presence of burrowing owls onsite, the high-quality foraging habitat that the site provides for Swainson's hawk, and the proximity of the site to existing protected lands. Conservancy and Yolo HCP/NCCP Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) representatives conducted a site visit on the Lucky Land Site, on December 1, 2023. The STAC recommends prioritizing the enrollment of the property in the HCP/NCCP reserve system due to the active presence of burrowing owls on the site as well as the habitat that the site provides for other covered species, including: Swainson's hawk, white-tailed kite, and tricolored blackbird. The primary Yolo HCP/NCCP goals and objectives that the site would contribute towards if enrolled in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system and the STAC's recommendation are provided in the transmittal memo (Attachment A).

The Executive Director recommends that the Board approve the Lucky Land Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site. Following Board approval staff will seek concurrence from CDFW and USFWS that the site be considered a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site and, if approved, will 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. Transmittal memo recommending the Lucky Land Site for inclusion in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system