



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Verna Sulpizio Hull, Chair
Members of the Board

From: Elisa Sabatini
Executive Director

Re: Approve the Muller Pond Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

Date: May 20, 2024

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Approve the Muller Pond Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

BACKGROUND:

The approximately 100-acre Muller Pond Site is located on the northern side of the lower Cache Creek corridor, partially within Planning Unit 7 and partially within Planning Unit 13. This site is a Priority 1 HCP/NCCP acquisition site due to its location along the Cache Creek corridor and the proximity of the site to existing protected lands, including the Woodland Reiff HCP/NCCP reserve system site located immediately to the east. Conservancy and Yolo HCP/NCCP Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) representatives conducted a site visit on the Muller Pond Site, on April 22, 2024. The STAC recommends enrolling the property in the HCP/NCCP reserve system due to the presence of occupied valley elderberry longhorn beetle habitat on the site as well as valley foothill riparian, grasslands, and wetland habitat that provides habitat for other covered species, including: western pond turtle, least Bell's vireo, 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 summarized in the transmittal memo (Attachment A).

The Executive Director recommends that the Board approve the Muller Pond 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 Muller Pond Site for inclusion in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system