



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Verna Sulpizio Hull, Chair
Members of the Board

From: Elisa Sabatini
Executive Director

Re: Approve the Haller & Muller In-Channel Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

Date: September 16, 2024

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Approve the Haller & Muller In-Channel Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

BACKGROUND:

The approximately 124-acre Haller & Muller In-Channel Site is located within the lower Cache Creek corridor, within Planning Unit 7. This pre-permit site is a priority for reserve system enrollment due to its location within the Cache Creek corridor, immediately west of the Woodland Reiff HCP/NCCP reserve system site and immediately east of the Cache Creek Nature Preserve. Conservancy and Yolo HCP/NCCP Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) representatives conducted a site visit on the Haller & Muller Pond Site on August 16, 2024. The STAC recommends enrolling the property in the HCP/NCCP reserve system due to the presence of occupied valley elderberry longhorn beetle habitat, presence of suitable bank swallow habitat, the potential for the site to be utilized to help meet the Yolo HCP/NCCP's riparian restoration obligations, and to increase the corridor of connected reserve system sites along Cache Creek. 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 Haller & Muller In-Channel 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 Haller & Muller In-Channel Site for inclusion in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system