



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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Haller & Muller In-Channel Site **Candidate Site Recommendation Summary**

Recommendation: Yolo Habitat Conservancy staff recommend approval of the Haller & Muller In-Channel Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site to expand the corridor of reserve system sites along Cache Creek that contain valley foothill riparian habitat. Additionally, enrollment of the site would contribute to a variety of HCP/NCCP enrollment objectives, including: enroll pre-permit lands for the reserve system and restore or create up to 956 acres of wetlands and riparian natural community (L-1.1), support a corridor of patches of woody and herbaceous riparian vegetation in the Cache Creek floodplain within Planning Unit 7 (L-1.4), restore and manage 608 acres of valley foothill riparian natural community within the Cache Creek corridor, creating larger nodes of riparian community along narrow riparian stretches (NC-VFR1.2), protect occupied valley elderberry longhorn beetle habitat along Lower Cache Creek (VELB1.1), and protect bank swallow habitat in planning unit 7 (BS1.1).¹

Site Name: Haller & Muller In-Channel Site

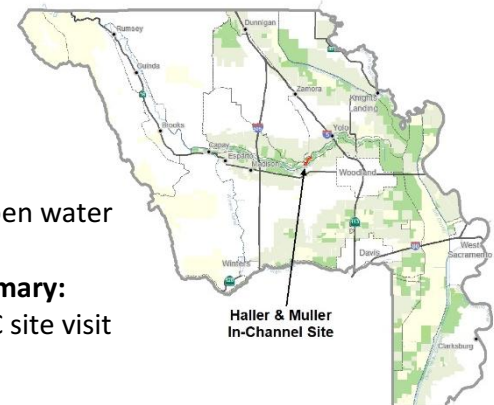
Area being considered for enrollment: ~124 acres

Planning Unit: 7 (Cache Creek)

Priority Land Acquisition Area: Priority 1

Proposed Enrollment Type: Pre-permit land conservation easement

Primary Land Cover Types: valley foothill riparian, grassland, and open water



Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Evaluation Summary:

HCP/NCCP covered species habitat observed at the time of the STAC site visit conducted on August 16, 2024:

- **Bank Swallow:** Suitable nesting habitat
- **Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle:** occupied elderberry shrubs and potential for restoration
- **Swainson's Hawk:** nesting and natural lands foraging habitat
- **Least Bell's Vireo:** nesting and foraging habitat
- **White-Tailed Kite:** nesting and natural lands foraging habitat
- **Tricolored Blackbird:** cultivated lands foraging habitat
- **Western Pond Turtle:** upland and aquatic habitat

The STAC has made the following recommendation:

The Haller & Muller In-Channel property includes an important reach of Cache Creek. It not only supports essential habitat for several Yolo HCP/NCCP covered species, it also provides another important connective element in the overall protection of the Cache Creek basin. Entirely within the Cache Creek channel, the property supports aquatic, riparian woodland and scrub, and upland habitats up to the upper terrace of the basin. The property also provides opportunities for restoration of riparian habitats and habitat features important for several covered species. Because this property contributes to meeting goals and objectives for several covered species and natural communities, the STAC recommends approval by the Board to include the Haller & Muller In-Channel Site into the HCP/NCCP reserve system.

¹ The descriptions for the Yolo HCP/NCCP objectives listed here are summarized. Please see Yolo HCP/NCCP Table 6-3 for the full text associated with each objective.