



# Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Verna Sulpizio Hull, Chair  
Members of the Board

From: Elisa Sabatini  
Executive Director

Re: Approve the Los Rios South Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

Date: September 16, 2024

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## **REQUESTED ACTIONS:**

1. Approve the Los Rios South Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP conservation easement site

## **BACKGROUND:**

The approximately 255-acre Los Rios South Site is located along the Putah Creek corridor, within Planning Units 9 (Lower Putah Creek) and 16 (Yolo Basin Plains). Approximately 215 acres of the site is currently maintained as cultivated agricultural fields that are managed as row and field crops. An approximately 1-mile section Lower Putah Creek runs along the northern portion of the site. Conservancy and Yolo HCP/NCCP Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) representatives conducted a site visit on the Los Rios South Site on August 29, 2024. The STAC recommends enrolling the property in the HCP/NCCP reserve system due to the presence of occupied valley elderberry longhorn beetle habitat, occupied Swainson's hawk nesting habitat, occupied northwestern pond turtle habitat, an existing mature riparian corridor along Putah Creek that has the potential to support yellow-billed cuckoo and least Bell's vireo, and the potential for the site to be utilized to help meet the Yolo HCP/NCCP's riparian restoration obligations. 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 Los Rios South 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 Los Rios South Site for inclusion in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system