



# Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Lucas Frerichs, Chair  
Members of the Board

From: Chris Alford  
Interim Executive Director

Re: Approve contract amendment with Maze and Associates to include the FY24/25 financial audit and approve new contracts with Cache Creek Conservancy, Estep Environmental Consulting, and Yolo County Resource Conservation District to provide services through June 30, 2026

Date: May 19, 2025

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## REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Approve the contract amendment with Maze and Associates (Attachment A)
2. Approve new contract with the Cache Creek Conservancy (Attachment B)
3. Approve new contract with Estep Environmental Consulting (Attachment C)
4. Approve new contract with Yolo Resource Conservation District (Attachments D)

## BACKGROUND:

The attached agreements support implementation of the Yolo HCP/NCCP and are consistent with the proposed FY25-26 budget. The maximum contract amounts and general task descriptions are provided below for each contract.

**Maze and Associates:** The proposed contract amendment would increase the total agreement amount by \$17,580, resulting in a total Agreement amount of \$57,580, and exercise the Conservancy's option to have Maze and Associates provide auditing services for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2024 as described in Attachment A of the original Agreement.

**Cache Creek Conservancy:** The proposed contract is for \$19,000 from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Tasks associated with this agreement include conducting a northwestern pond turtle baseline survey for portions of the Cache Creek corridor where existing and candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system sites are located and assistance with habitat monitoring and restoration activities on reserve system lands within the Cache Creek corridor.

**Estep Environmental Consulting:** The proposed contract is for \$50,000 from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Tasks associated with this agreement include completion of the 2025 Swainson's hawk nest survey, review of HCP/NCCP permit coverage applications, reserve system site review and acquisition assistance, elderberry transplantation and riparian restoration assistance, and general habitat and covered species surveys and advisory services as needed.

**Yolo County Resource Conservation District:** The proposed new contract is for \$190,000 from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Tasks associated with this agreement include reserve system compliance monitoring, invasive species monitoring, habitat enhancement and restoration, and other activities as deemed necessary to implement the conservation strategy components of the Yolo HCP/NCCP.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Attachment A.** Maze and Associates Amendment

**Attachment B.** Cache Creek Conservancy Contract

**Attachment C.** Estep Environmental Consulting Contract

**Attachment D.** Yolo County Resource Conservation District Contract

