

# YOLO HABITAT CONSERVANCY

May 19, 2025

## MINUTES

The Yolo Habitat Conservancy Board met on the 19th day of May, 2025, starting at 5:30 p.m. in regular session in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers in the Erwin W. Meier Administration Building, Woodland, California. [Here](#) is a link to the video.

Present: Richard Casavecchia (arrived late)  
Linda Deos  
Lucas Frerichs  
David Moreno  
Verna Sulpizio Hull  
Mary Vixie Sandy  
Mabel Salon

Staff Present: Chris Alford, Interim Executive Director  
Phil Pogledich, County Counsel  
Julie Dachtler, Clerk  
Brandy Hall, Office Support Specialist/Clerk

### 5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda Order

Minute Order No. 25-09: Approved agenda as submitted.

MOTION BY: Moreno / SECONDED BY: Deos  
AYES: Deos, Moreno, Sulpizio Hull, Vixie Sandy, Frerichs.  
ABSENT: Casavecchia.  
ABSTAIN: None.

4. Public Comment: This is time reserved for the public to address the Conservancy Board on matters not on the agenda.

There was no public comment.

5. Board Correspondence

There was no Board Correspondence.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Minute Order No. 25-10: Approved Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6-8.

MOTION BY: Sulpizio Hull / SECONDED BY: Moreno  
AYES: Deos, Casavecchia, Moreno, Sulpizio Hull, Vixie Sandy, Frerichs.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.

6. Approve March 17, 2025, meeting minutes.

Approved March 17, 2025 meeting minutes on Consent.

7. 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

Approved Agreement Nos. 25-04 thru 25-07 on Consent.

8. Approve contract agreement with Alford Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$160,000 to provide Interim Executive Director services, staff training, and other support services necessary to implement the Yolo HCP/NCCP between July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Approved Agreement No. 25-08 on Consent.

## REGULAR AGENDA

9. Receive proposed updated staffing approach and approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Yolo County for Administrative Services to update the staffing allocations and extend the term of the agreement through June 30, 2026

Minute Order No. 25-11: Approved recommended action by Agreement No. 25-09.

MOTION BY: Vixie Sandy / SECONDED BY: Deos  
AYES: Deos, Casavecchia, Moreno, Sulpizio Hull, Vixie Sandy, Frerichs.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.

10. Approve the fiscal year 2025/26 budget and budget resolution for the Mitigation Fee Fund, Grant Fund, Other Revenue Fund, Mitigation Trust Account, Pre-Permit Endowment Fund, and Post-Permit Endowment Fund

Minute Order No. 25-12: Approved recommended action by **Resolution No. 25-01**.

MOTION BY: Sulpizio Hull / SECONDED BY: Moreno  
AYES: Deos, Casavecchia, Moreno, Sulpizio Hull, Vixie Sandy, Frerichs.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.

11. Executive Director's Report

**Executive Director's Report, May 19, 2025**

- Charlie Tschudin, the County Planner that was assigned to work for the Yolo Habitat Conservancy, left the County last month, so that position is currently vacant.
- Upcoming talks: Chris was asked to speak at two upcoming events:
  - Tuleyome's monthly webinar series on Thursday May 22nd at 7pm: Due to the Woodland Regional Park Preserve officially opening this past weekend, this month's webinar focuses on efforts associated with that property. Chris will be speaking on the conservation, monitoring, and habitat enhancement efforts that the Yolo Habitat Conservancy has been involved with at Woodland Regional Park Preserve.
  - Sierra Club is hosting a speaker's panel on Cache Creek on June 2nd at 7pm at the Davis library: Chris will be speaking on the conservation and restoration activities that the Yolo Habitat Conservancy is actively working on within the lower Cache Creek corridor.
- The California Department of Fish and Wildlife should be releasing their solicitation for the Local Assistance Grant in the next week or two. The Conservancy anticipates applying to this grant program to enhance burrowing owl habitat in the Yolo HCP/NCCP Plan Area.

**CLOSED SESSION**

12. Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
Government Code § 54956.8  
Agency Negotiator(s): Chris Alford  
Other party: Lila Land, Inc  
Assessor Parcel Nos: 033-210-12-1. 033-210-13-1  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting scheduled for: July 21, 2025.