



# Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Lucas Frerichs, Chair  
Members of the Board

From: Chris Alford, Interim Executive Director

Re: Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant funds in the amount of \$260,000 to increase habitat for monarchs, valley elderberry longhorn beetle, and Crotch's bumble bee

Date: December 8, 2025

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## REQUESTED ACTION:

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## BACKGROUND:

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) administers a grant program called the Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund. NFWF offers these grants annually on a competitive basis for projects that enhance and restore habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators. The Yolo HCP/NCCP Plan Area is located within in an area that is considered a significant breeding area for monarch butterfly, is within the core habitat area for valley elderberry longhorn beetle (VELB) which is a Yolo HCP/NCCP covered species and is federally listed as threatened, and within the habitat range of Crotch's bumble bee which was recently designated as a candidate species for listing under the California Endangered Species Act.

The Conservancy submitted a proposal to NFWF to support the enhancement and restoration of riparian and grassland prairie habitat for butterflies, beetles, and bumble bees within existing and candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system sites. The project also includes the incorporation of pollinator habitat management practices into three HCP/NCCP reserve system site management plans, and outreach efforts to educate the public about habitat conservation and the importance of pollinators and their habitats. Implementation of the proposed project would help achieve Yolo HCP/NCCP Objective L-2.2: *Increase the abundance of native insect pollinators that support reproduction of native plant species*, and Objective VELB1.2: *Within the restored valley foothill riparian natural community, establish elderberry shrubs and associated riparian plant species, and prioritize lands adjacent to existing populations [of valley elderberry longhorn beetle] to provide for population expansion*. The Conservancy's proposal was selected to receive \$260,000 in grant funds to implement the abovementioned project. Staff recommend

that the Board approve a Resolution (Attachment A) to authorize the acceptance of grant funds and direct the Executive Director to execute a grant agreement with NFWF and take any necessary steps to implement activities related to the grant.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Attachment A.** Resolution to accept NFWF funds for the Pollinator Parkway for Butterflies, Beetles, and Bumble Bees Project

