



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Members of the Board

From: Chris Alford, Interim Executive Director

Re: Adopt the proposed Yolo HCP/NCCP Elderberry Transplant Entity Approval Policy

Date: December 8, 2025

REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Adopt the proposed Elderberry Transplant Entity Approval Policy

BACKGROUND:

Certain projects that have received Yolo County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (Yolo HCP/NCCP) permit coverage and have mature elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*) plants within their project footprint are required to transplant elderberry plants to a Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system site. While the Yolo Habitat Conservancy is responsible for the management and monitoring of elderberry plants once they are planted at a reserve system site, the project proponent is responsible for securing the services of a contractor with previous experience relocating mature elderberry plants to transplant the plants from their project site to locations within the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system that are specified by the Yolo Habitat Conservancy.

In an effort to help ensure mitigation success and to be able to provide a list of experienced entities that can be utilized as a resource by project proponents, Conservancy staff recommend that the Board adopt the Yolo HCP/NCCP Elderberry Transplant Entity Approval Policy (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A. Yolo HCP/NCCP Elderberry Transplant Entity Approval Policy