



# 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 NCCP Local Assistance Grant funds in the amount of \$109,673 to increase burrowing owl habitat in Yolo County

Date: December 8, 2025

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## REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of NCCP Local Assistance Grant funds in the amount of \$109,673 to increase burrowing owl habitat in Yolo County

## BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) administers a grant program called the Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) Local Assistance Grant (LAG) Program. CDFW awards grants under the LAG Program on a competitive basis to eligible applicants on an annual basis for high priority tasks needed to implement NCCPs. The Conservancy submitted a grant proposal in July 2025 to support the Conservancy's efforts to improve and increase habitat for burrowing owls in Yolo County. The proposed project includes the installation of 20 artificial burrows, at least 10 tunnel shelters, and restoration and enhancement of grassland prairie foraging habitat within the immediate vicinity of both natural and artificial burrow sites on 4 to 6 priority Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve sites in Yolo County. The Conservancy's proposal was selected to receive \$109,673 in LAG funds to implement the abovementioned project. Implementation of the project will help achieve Yolo HCP/NCCP Objective WBO1.5: *Implement management and enhancement practices to encourage burrowing owl occupancy on preserve lands*. 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 CDFW and take any necessary steps to implement activities related to the grant.

## ATTACHMENTS:

**Attachment A.** Resolution to accept LAG funds for the Increasing Burrowing Owl Habitat in Yolo County Project