



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Members of the Board

From: Chris Alford
Interim Executive Director

Re: Authorize payment of \$2,500 in California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition 2026 membership dues, adopt the 2026 California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition State Legislative Platform and applicable aspects of the Federal Legislative Platform, and approve Agreement with Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency to contribute \$5,000 toward advocacy services to represent the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition and the Conservancy's 2026 State Legislative Platform

Date: January 26, 2026

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize payment of \$2,500 in California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition 2026 membership dues
2. Adopt the 2026 California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition State Legislative Platform and applicable elements of the Federal Legislative Platform (Attachment A)
3. Approve Agreement with Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency to contribute \$5,000 toward advocacy services to represent the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition and the Conservancy's 2026 State Legislative Platform (Attachment B)

BACKGROUND:

The Conservancy has participated as a member of the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition (Coalition) since 2014. The Coalition serves as a collaborative forum for practitioners to share expertise and coordinate efforts statewide to seek additional funding for implementation of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and Natural Community Conservation Plans (NCCPs). An important function of the Coalition is the coordinated development and advocacy of policy positions on state and federal legislative matters that pertain to the successful and effective implementation of HCPs and NCCPs. The Coalition has developed a 2026 legislative platform (2026 Platform, Attachment A) that builds on existing efforts and identifies additional priorities.

Staff recommend that the Conservancy support the efforts of the Coalition by continuing to participate as a dues paying member of the Coalition and support the Coalition's 2026 Platform by contributing

financially towards the Coalition's contract for advocacy services and adopting the majority of the 2026 Platform.¹ Staff recommend that funds contributed towards advocacy services are provided to the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency per the attached Agreement (Attachment B). Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency has volunteered to collect funds provided by Coalition members for advocacy services and administer a contract for advocacy services on behalf of the Coalition. The Conservancy's adopted budget for FY25/26 includes adequate funding for both the \$2,500 in Coalition membership dues and the \$5,000 contribution towards advocacy services and contribution amounts are consistent with those made in prior years. Adoption of the applicable aspects of the Coalition's 2026 Platform provides staff with clear authorization to participate in coordinated efforts to secure state and federal funding and other support for implementation of NCCPs and HCPs and provide timely verbal and written support on behalf of the Conservancy as-needed on matters that are consistent with the Platform and important to the continued success of the Yolo HCP/NCCP.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A. California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition 2026 Legislative Platform

Attachment B. Agreement with Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency

¹ Federal Platform item 1 is not directly applicable to the Conservancy because it is not a member of the National Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition (NHCPC) so it will not directly have representatives on the NHCPC Government Relations Committee.