



MEMORANDUM

To: Chrstine Alford, Interim Executive Director, Yolo Habitat Conservancy
From: Robert Spencer, Urban Economics
CC: Sally Nielsen, Insight Data & Economic Analysis
Date: January 8, 2026
Subject: Revised Valley Foothill Riparian Wetland Fee

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the wetland fee based on changes to mitigation responsibilities for projects that impact valley foothill riparian habitat.

This update reverses the effect of the policy change to the valley foothill riparian fee documented in a memorandum from Urban Economics to the Yolo Habitat Conservancy dated March 24, 2021. In that memorandum, the cost of site preparation and planting was transferred from the wetland fee to the project applicant. This fee update reverses that change and shifts those costs back to the Conservancy.

The effect of the 2021 change was to reduce the fee by 25.68 percent. As shown in Table 1, the effect of reversing that change is to increase the fee by 34.55 percent, from \$98,448 to \$132,462 per acre.

Table 1: Valley Foothill Riparian Fee Revision

	Formula	Amount	Source
2021 Fee Reduction	a	25.68%	March 24, 2021 Memorandum
Fee Increase To Reverse Policy Change	$b = 1 / (1 - a) - 1$	34.55%	Formula
Current Fee per Acre	c	<u>\$ 98,448</u>	March 2025 Private Project Applicant Application Form
Revised Fee per Acre	$d = (b + 1) * c$	\$132,462	Formula