



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Members of the Board

From: Chris Alford, Interim Executive Director

Re: Receive and file FY25/26 mid-year fiscal update and work plan review

Date: January 26, 2026

REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Receive and file FY25/26 mid-year fiscal update and work plan review

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Conservancy's regular financial updates to the Board, staff provides a fund-level financial report (Attachment A). This report includes year-to-date revenues and expenditures as of December 31, 2025 for the Mitigation Fee Fund (Fund 7230), Mitigation Trust Account Fund (Fund 7231), Grant Fund (Fund 7232), and Other Revenue Fund (Fund 7235) and year-to-date revenues and expenditures as of November 30, 2025 for the Pre-Permit Endowment Fund (Fund 7233) and Post-Permit Endowment Fund (7234). Funds associated with the Pre-Permit Endowment Fund and Post-Permit Endowment Fund are reported as of November 30, 2025 because they are primarily held by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, which has not posted statements that include the month of December 2025. All other fund accounts are held by the County Treasury. A summary of the status of each fund is provided below.

Mitigation Fee Fund (Fund 7230)

This fund is the primary fund for revenues and expenditures associated with implementation of the Yolo HCP/NCCP. Both revenue and expenditures in the Mitigation Fee Fund are under budget year-to-date. Staff anticipate a significant increase in fee revenue as larger projects seek Yolo HCP/NCCP coverage by the end of the fiscal year. The approved FY25/26 budget assumes that the Conservancy would be primarily staffed by County staff. Since there were no County staff filling Conservancy staff roles in the first six months of the fiscal year, there are no County office expenses, IT expenses, or transportation and travel expenses to-date and professional services that include administrative services are significantly lower than budgeted. The largest expenditure incurred during the first half of the fiscal year was a contribution of \$968,508 towards the purchase of a conservation easement.

Mitigation Trust Account Fund (Fund 7231)

This fund holds mitigation funds collected by the Conservancy that are not tied to the Yolo HCP/NCCP. This fund has held pre-permit mitigation funds that are to be used specifically for the conservation of

burrowing owl habitat and accrued interest. The balance of these funds were expended in December as part of the contribution towards the purchase of a conservation easement as budgeted for in the FY25/26 adopted budget.

Grant Fund (Fund 7232)

This fund is designated for grant funds. The Conservancy did not have any active grants or known grant awards at the beginning of FY25/26 so no funds are currently budgeted in this fund and none have been expended during the fiscal year to-date.

Pre-Permit Endowment Fund (Fund 7233)

This fund holds endowment funding for pre-permit easement sites that were established prior to the implementation of the Yolo HCP/NCCP. The approximately \$15,686 in revenue reported in the Pre-Permit Endowment Fund is entirely interest earned on endowment account investments. The \$7,533 in expenditures include \$1,834 in fees charged by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation for holding and investing the funds and the remainder of the expenditures are associated with annual easement compliance monitoring conducted by the Yolo Land Trust.

Post-Permit Endowment Fund (Fund 7234)

This fund holds the Yolo HCP/NCCP's post-endowment funding. The approximately \$12,362 in revenue reported includes approximately \$815 in HCP/NCCP fees that were collected and deposited into the Post-Permit Endowment Fund according to the currently approved HCP/NCCP fee fund allocation and approximately \$11,547 of interest earned. Approximately \$1,438 in expenditures reported are fees charged by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation for holding and investing the funds.

Other Revenue Fund (Fund 7235)

This fund holds Special Participating Entity Fee revenue and other funds collected by the Conservancy that do not fit into the criteria for the other fund categories. No expenditures from this fund were budgeted in the FY25/26 and none have occurred to-date. The approximately \$1,146 reported as income is interest earned.

In addition to the financial update, a work plan status update is provided (Attachment B) to provide the Board with an update on major activities identified in the FY25/26 Work Plan. Due to a lack of sufficient staffing, several items that were anticipated to begin in the first half of FY25/26 are behind schedule including the 5-year financial assessment, the preparation of pre-permit reserve system site-specific management plans, and community outreach activities. Highlights of activities that have been accomplished in the first half of FY25/26 include the writing and subsequent award of two grants, acquisition of the Lucky Land conservation easement, and the preparation of a portion of the Haller Muller Site for future VELB mitigation and riparian restoration.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A. Yolo Habitat Conservancy FY25/26 Budget vs. Actuals Financial Report

Attachment B. Yolo Habitat Conservancy FY25/26 Work Plan Status Update

