



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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To: Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Members of the Board

From: Cathy Little,
Executive Director

Re: Authorize approval for Yolo Habitat Conservancy Executive Director to take necessary actions to execute a Certificate of Inclusion with Reclamation District 2035 to allow use of Yolo HCP/NCCP coverage for the Road 27 Drainage Pump Station Emergency Repairs Project

Date: May 18, 2026

REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Authorize approval for Yolo Habitat Conservancy Executive Director to take necessary actions to execute a Certificate of Inclusion with Reclamation District 2035 (RD 2035) to allow use of Yolo HCP/NCCP coverage for the Road 27 Drainage Pump Station Emergency Repairs Project.

BACKGROUND:

RD2035 is a local reclamation district that provides flood protection drainage and irrigation water to Conaway Ranch and some adjoining lands in eastern Yolo County. On February 11, 2025, RD 2035 discovered that the Road 27 Return Pump Station, located on the landside of the West Levee of the Yolo Bypass in Yolo County (Figures 1 and 2, Project Vicinity and Site Maps), had shifted several feet from its as-built position, rendering the pump station inoperable and posing a significant flood risk to the local area. To protect the integrity of the levee and downstream life and property, RD 2035 implemented emergency repairs. The project included the demolition and removal of the existing large concrete vault and pipe discharge structures, and the construction of a new concrete vault, concrete U-wall, and placement of 36" diameter steel pipelines on and within the levee.

RD 2035 is a Special District whose project is not subject to the discretionary authority of any of the Yolo HCP/NCCP member agencies, thereby making it a Special Participating Entity (SPE) if it utilizes permit coverage under the Yolo HCP/NCCP. RD2035 is currently seeking to address mitigation requirements for the emergency repairs and, at the recommendation of California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff, has submitted an SPE request to the Yolo Habitat Conservancy to mitigate for the project. To grant permit coverage to an SPE, the Conservancy must determine the requested permit coverage is available and establish a legally enforceable contract (SPE Agreement) with the SPE. The SPE Agreement binds the SPE to the relevant terms of the Yolo HCP/NCCP permits, Implementing Agreement, and Yolo HCP/NCCP. In addition to executing the SPE Agreement, the SPE entity must

submit a complete application package and complete any other steps required by the SPE Agreement. While treated as an SPE, a total of 100 acres of impacts for operations and maintenance activities conducted by local reclamation districts is already explicitly identified for coverage in the Yolo HCP/NCCP (Yolo HCP/NCCP Table 3-2). To date, a total of 8.96 acres of the allotted 100 acres has been allocated for local reclamation district operations and maintenance activities so coverage is available for this project.

A breakdown of the temporary and permanent impacts to land cover impacts is included in the table below and shown in Figure 2. Because a higher than anticipated amount of temporary take has been issued over the first several years of the Yolo HCP/NCCP program, the Yolo Habitat Conservancy has requested this project consider their temporary impacts as permanent for purposes of HCP/NCCP permit coverage, in accordance with the temporary impact policy approved by the Board in January 2023. Because the impacts will still be temporary in nature, and restored back to original condition, staff recommend waiving the buffer fee for these temporary impacts.

Table 1: Summary of Project Land Cover Impacts

Land Cover Types	Permanent Impact	Buffer Area	Temporary Impact (to be treated as Permanent Impacts for HCP/NCCP Coverage)
Ruderal with Covered Species Habitat	0.004 acres	0.16 acres	0.22 acres
Barren with Covered Species Habitat	--	0.04 acres	0.10 acres
Lacustrine and Riverine	0.04 acres	0.14 acres	0.14 acres
Cultivated Land (All Types)	--	--	1.96 acres

Because the applicant is a local entity with coverage already anticipated in the plan, SPE cost recovery charges are not required, per the SPE fee policy approved by the Board in May 2022, and the applicant will only need to pay the mitigation fees. Staff have determined that requested permit coverage is available and will not pose a significant impact on the Yolo HCP/NCCP’s coverage as long as the impacts for this project are treated as permanent impacts. Staff recommend that the Board approve this SPE coverage request, including the waiver of the buffer fee on the temporary impacts, and direct the Executive Director to issue a Certificate of Inclusion to the SPE once all necessary application steps and payments have been made.



Figure 1: Location Map

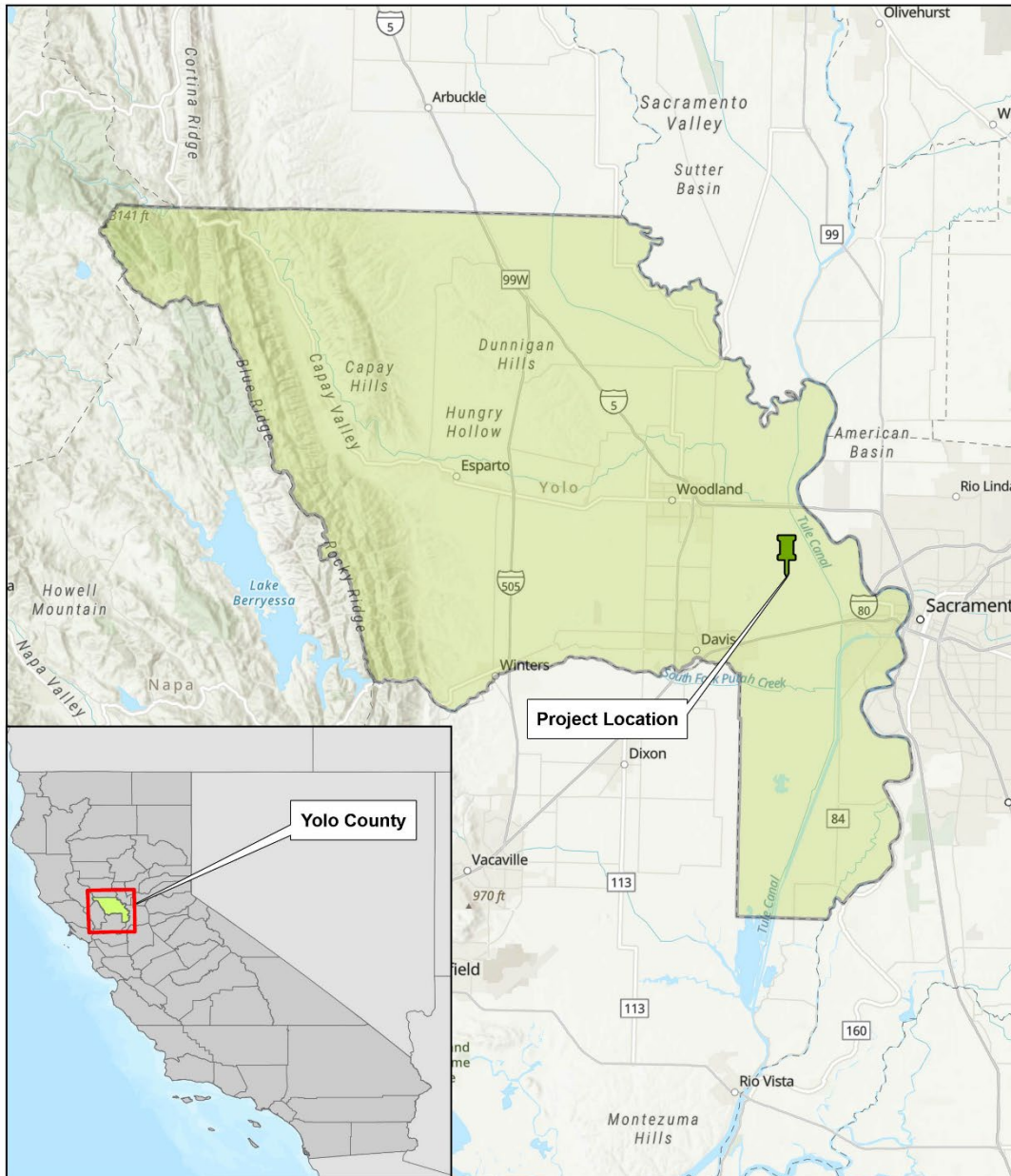


FIGURE 1
PROJECT VICINITY
ROAD 27 DRAINAGE PUMP STATION - EMERGENCY REPAIRS PROJECT
PHASE I AND PHASE II
YOLO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 2025



