

**Staff Report**

TO: Chair and Board Members  
Yolo County Habitat JPA

FROM: Maria Wong  
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SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

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**1. BDCP Update**

BDCP continues to move forward at a rapid pace. The BDCP draft chapter addressing terrestrial species has been released. JPA staff is reviewing the information and will submit formal comments by the end of June, and will advise the Board of any conflicts or concerns at the July meeting.

**2. Status Update on EIR/EIS**

The EIR/EIS process reached an important milestone with the completion of the draft background chapters. The project is on schedule and within budget.

**3. Public outreach**

The NHP is featured on this year's Yolo County State Fair exhibit. The JPA's contribution was underwritten with funds from the 2007 section 6 planning grant allocated to public outreach. Additional funding support comes from the Yolo Farm Bureau, the Yolo County Visitors Bureau, local businesses, and private donations.

**4. Prop 84/NCCP funding**

Proposition 84 authorized \$90M to assist in the development and implementation of NCCPs. SB 8, part of the water legislation package signed into law in 2009, appropriated \$24M of those funds for Delta NCCPs. The Yolo NHP is eligible to apply for grants from both fund sources (the original Prop 84 funds and the \$24M from SB 8). Retaining the \$24M for use by Delta counties has come under fire by various groups struggling to resolve the state budget crisis. Yolo County, along with the other Delta Counties, has taken the lead in preserving the funds for their original intended use. JPA staff is working closely with county staff on this issue.

**5. California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition**

The CHCPC held its second annual business meeting in May. The Coalition is made up of agencies, businesses and NGO's with an interest in promoting HCP and NCCP planning. The JPA's continued participation in the Coalition is an effective and efficient way to pursue the JPA's legislative platform and to advocate for issues that are important to the JPA. This year's business meeting focused on HCP funding at the federal level, Prop 84 funding for NCCPs, and how to integrate NCCPs into California's climate change strategy.

