

Staff Report

TO: Chair and Board Members
Yolo County Habitat JPA

FROM: Maria Wong
Executive Director

DATE: June 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

1. California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition

The Coalition held its bi-annual meeting in Sacramento June 9. Coalition priorities for the coming year include advocating for state and federal funding for HCP/NCCP programs and creating linkages to other programs that build capacity and leverage existing funding sources (i.e. sustainable communities programs and climate action plans). A second business meeting is being planned this fall in Southern California. A copy of the bi-partisan congressional letter supporting continued funding for the Cooperative Endangered Species Act Fund is attached.

2. Kerr-Koontz Conservation Easement

A meeting to resolve outstanding issues related to the conservation easement is scheduled for June 16. DFG will resume their review of the easement for consistency with the JPA-DFG easement template subsequent to that meeting.

3. Delta Plan

Four of the Delta County HCP/NCCP agencies, including the JPA, submitted written comments on the Third Draft Delta Plan (see attached letter). The Fourth Draft Delta Plan, released June 14, was unresponsive to the concerns expressed in the letter. Staff will continue to work with the Delta Stewardship Council on issues identified in the comment letter.

4. Delta Conservancy. The JPA has been selected to represent the Delta county HCP/NCCP plans on the Conservancy's Ecosystem Restoration workgroup. This group meets once a month and will sunset at the end of this year.