

**Staff Report**

TO: Chair and Board Members  
Yolo County Habitat JPA

FROM: Maria Wong  
Executive Director

DATE: July 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

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**1. Public outreach**

Public outreach activities planned for the months of July, August and September include a booth at the Yolo County Fair (August 17-21) and presentations to various community groups in advance of public scoping sessions this fall.

**2. Update on federal budget process**

FWS programs contribute to the costs of planning and implementing HCPs. The House Appropriations Committee has completed its marked up of the Fiscal 2012 Department of Interior appropriations bill, which includes the FWS budget. As expected, the House recommends severe cuts both from the prior year budget and to the President's FY12 recommended budget. The Statewide HCP Coalition continues to advocate for a reasonable level of funding for these programs as the budget process moves to the Senate. Specific recommendations that affect the NHP include the following:

Land Acquisition Fund: The Committee recommends \$11,047,000 for land acquisition, \$43,843,000 below the fiscal year 2011 enacted level and \$128,953,000 below the President's budget request.

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund: The Committee recommends \$2,854,000 for the CESCOF, \$57,026,000 below the fiscal year 2011 enacted level and \$97,146,000 below the President's budget request.

The full Committee report is available at:

[http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/FY\\_2012\\_INTERIOR\\_FULL\\_COMMITTEE\\_REP\\_ORIGINAL.pdf](http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/FY_2012_INTERIOR_FULL_COMMITTEE_REP_ORIGINAL.pdf)