

Staff Report

TO: Chair and Board Members
Yolo County Habitat JPA

FROM: Maria Wong
Executive Director

DATE: October 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

1. EIS-EIR

Official notices regarding preparation of the draft EIS-EIR are scheduled for publication October 21. The Notice of Intent (NEPA) will be published in the Federal Register. The Notice of Preparation (CEQA) will be published in the Sacramento Bee, the Davis Enterprise, and the Woodland Democrat. Publication of the notices starts the 45-day scoping period on the environmental document. A public scoping meeting has been scheduled for November 7 in West Sacramento. Two identical sessions will be offered: one at 1-3 pm and one at 6-8 pm. A new EIS-EIR portal will be available on the NHP website beginning October 21.

2. Section 6 grant awards

Despite a lingering economic downturn California HCPs fared well in this year's round of Section 6 awards, receiving \$24,977,271 of the \$53M award in 2011. Grant awards fund planning, land acquisition, and recovery efforts.