

Staff Memorandum

TO: Chair and Board Members
Yolo County Habitat JPA

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SUBJECT: Staff update on the Yolo Natural Heritage Program

Status update on JPA Activities

- HCP plan preparation
 - JPA and wildlife agencies continue to meet regularly on open issues related to internal working draft Chapters 4 (*Impact Assessment and Estimated Level of Take*) and Chapter 5 (*Conservation Strategy*). The Biological Working group will meet in February to consider recommended changes to the NHP species lists.
 - Internal working draft Chapters 6 (*Implementation Structure*) and 7 (*Implementation Costs and Funding Sources*) are being revised in response to agency comments received to date.
 - A revised project milestone schedule is attached to this memo.

- EIS/EIR
 - 45-day scoping period on the environmental document ended December 5.
 - ICF is preparing a scoping report.
 - Work on the EIS/EIR will resume after the wildlife agencies and JPA have reached agreement on the draft conservation strategy.

Delta Issues

- Delta Stewardship Council: *Delta Plan draft EIR* comments due Feb. 2.

Staff near term focus

- JPA Board confirmation of Key Policy Areas
- Completion of internal working draft HCP/NCCP document by March 2012