

**Yolo Natural Heritage Program  
Steering Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
August 23, 2010**

**Note:** *“The policy in preparing meeting summaries is to produce a record of discussion by all participants. Statements do not necessarily reflect the views of the YNHP Steering Advisory Committee or the JPA Board of Directors.”*

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by John Hopkins

**2. Introductions and Welcome**

All those present introduced themselves, including Paul Cylinder, SAIC, who introduced Steve Kohlmann.

*Attendees:*

**Steering Committee Members**

Steve Greco, UC Davis  
Glen Holstein, California Native Plant Society  
John Hopkins, Institute for Ecological Health  
Vinton Hawkins, Sierra Holdings  
Kent Lang, Yolo County Landowner  
Yvonne LeMaitre, Yolo County Farm Bureau  
Stefan Lorenzato, Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District  
Chad Roberts, Yolo Audubon Society  
Denise Sagara, Yolo County Farm Bureau  
Jeannette Wrynski, Yolo Resource Conservation District

**JPA Member Agency Staff and Liaisons**

Bruce Boyd, City of Davis  
David Shpak, City of West Sacramento

**JPA Staff**

Maria Wong, Executive Director  
Kate Montieth, Assistant to the Director

**Interested Parties**

Charles Tyson, Yolo County landowner  
Kathryn Tyson, Yolo County landowner

**3. Approval of agenda order**

Approved, with the removal of item 4, Approval of August 9, 2010 Draft Meeting Summary, due to its unavailability.

## 5. Presentation and discussion regarding draft Monitoring and Research Plan

### SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

Paul Cylinder gave a brief overview of the draft plan, noting that this document says what needs to be included in a Monitoring and Research Plan, but there is little specific detail yet. This document will help the Implementing Entity prepare for future monitoring and research activities.

Clarified “incidental take” permit as an authorization for unintentional killing or disturbance of threatened or endangered species, as a result of approved modification of the landscape. Take is usually assessed in regional plans through the estimated loss of habitat acres. Normal crop rotation is not considered as take, although a baseline survey should be conducted to assist in monitoring, so that if a significant population change occurs over time, mitigation measures can be considered. Some of those mitigating measures might include financial incentives for farmers to continue to plant crops that benefit threatened species.

Frequency of monitoring will depend on the landscape being assessed, (e.g. agricultural lands on a yearly basis).

### Suggestions included:

- The narrative in section 5.8.8, Analysis of Monitoring Data, be moved to section 5.8.10, Database Development and Maintenance
- Reorganize parts of the chapter for greater clarity
- Assemble several of the bulleted lists in the chapter into a table
- Better definition of section headings through the use of fonts and bolding
- Edit for redundancy
- Clarify the levels and intention of research
- Include natural communities as well as species in monitoring plan
- Acknowledge that the term *invasive* includes more than vegetation

## 7. Summary and Next Steps

Participants were encouraged to email the consultants with their concerns. The next meeting will be Monday, September 13, at 5:00 p.m. in West Sacramento. Biological Working Group will work on setting a meeting date.

## 8. SAC Announcements and Updates

Maria announced that she met with planners from the cities within the county to discuss how to include the JPA in future planning processes. Toward that end she is working on a workshop/field trip for the JPA Board Members.

Maria announced that the Yolo Natural Heritage exhibit at the Yolo County Fair was well received by fair goers and that website information was distributed to all who stopped by. She also thanked Charles and Kathryn Tyson for their assistance in the booth.

John Hopkins announced the eighth annual Habitat Conservation workshop will be Tuesday, November 16, 2010, in Vacaville

Jeanette Wrynski announced the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Hoes Down festival will be Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Stefan Lorenzato announced that construction on the Capay Dam is scheduled to begin September 15.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.