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Yolo Habitat Conservancy Awarded \$5M Grant

(Woodland, CA) - The Yolo Habitat Conservancy was recently awarded a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the acquisition of habitat conservation easements from willing landowners and member agencies, advancing the Conservancy's mission of conserving tens of thousands of acres of habitat in Yolo County while providing developers a simplified approach to mitigation.

"These grant funds will jump start the Conservancy's efforts to preserve into perpetuity critical habitats across the county," said Yolo County Supervisor and Chair of Yolo County Habitat Conservancy Don Saylor. "It is exciting to begin moving the mission of the Conservancy forward and furthering our partnership with member agencies as we seek to secure conservation easements to benefit the species covered by our conservation plan."

The Conservancy intends to match the U.S. Fish and Wildlife grant funds with state grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board, which will provide additional revenue for the acquisition of habitat conservation easements and further expand upon the conservation work currently underway.

"The ability to match these federal grant funds with state grant funds could potentially double or triple the value of this grant award," said City of West Sacramento Councilmember and Vice Chair of the Yolo Habitat Conservancy Martha Guerrero. "But for the Conservancy, these funds would not be available to Yolo County which further highlights the value and importance of the Conservancy."

The Yolo Habitat Conservancy is a joint powers agency comprised of the County of Yolo and the cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland, whose mission is to conserve natural and working landscapes, and the species on which they depend, by working with local communities and conservation partners to coordinate mitigation and implement regional habitat conservation. For more information, visit: <https://www.yolohabitatconservancy.org/>.

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