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## **Yolo Habitat Conservancy Wins Statewide Award of Excellence**

(Woodland, CA) - The Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)/Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP), was recently selected as the recipient of the 2020 Award of Merit for Innovation in Green Community Planning by the American Planning Association (APA) California Chapter. This is the second win for the Yolo HCP/NCCP who, earlier this year, received the Sacramento Valley APA Section Award of Excellence in the same category.

The Innovation in Green Community Planning Award honors efforts to develop sustainable communities while improving environmental quality. The Yolo HCP/NCCP is a countywide conservation approach that provides mitigation for infrastructure and development of activities identified for construction over the next 50 years in Yolo County, including Endangered Species Act permits. The Yolo HCP/NCCP coordinates improvements to maximize benefits to sensitive species as well as conserves habitat above and beyond required mitigation. In addition, the plan will result in the conservation of tens of thousands of acres of habitat benefitting 12 species while providing developers a simplified approach of mitigation through the Yolo Habitat Conservancy.

“This award shows that not only is the Conservancy an example of best practices locally, but statewide,” said Yolo County Supervisor and Chair of Yolo County Habitat Conservancy Don Saylor. “We are honored by this recognition.”

The awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 16 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. as a part of the virtual 2020 APA California Virtual Conference titled *State of Change*. For more information on the award or the 2020 APA California Chapter Virtual Conference visit: <http://www.cvent.com/events/apa-california-2020-virtual-conference/event-summary-a72fffbef9644db7b6531a5fb7a2e9e9.aspx>.

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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