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## Yolo County Supervisors Receive the Vic Fazio Legacy Award

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo Basin Foundation honored Yolo County Supervisors Oscar Villegas, Jim Provenza, and Gary Sandy, along with County Counsel Phil Pogledich and staff members Elisa Sabatini and Alex Tengolics, as the first recipients of the Vic Fazio Legacy Award at this year’s annual [Bucks for Ducks](#) event, held on October 9 at the El Macero Country Club.

Along with the Wildlife Area, the award is named after former Congressman Vic Fazio, who passed away in March 2022. Fazio represented California in Congress from 1979 to 1999. As a congressman, he advocated setting aside as a wildlife refuge the area below the I-80 overpass between Davis and Sacramento. His efforts led to the establishment of the Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area, dedicated in 1997 by then-President Bill Clinton.

This area, often called the “Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area,” is stewarded by the Yolo Basin Foundation. The County has worked collaboratively with the Foundation over the past decade, resulting in over \$12M in grant funds from various state and federal agencies to implement projects that improve drainage, expand access, and enhance the visitor experience.



(Pictured l-r: Phil Pogledich, Yolo County Counsel; Petrea Marchand, President, Consero Solutions; 4<sup>th</sup> district County Supervisor, Jim Provenza; 3<sup>rd</sup> district County Supervisor Gary Sandy; Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County Natural Resources Manager)

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