

Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum
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March 31st, 2009

Undersecretary Karen Scarborough
Resources Agency
Chair, Bay Delta Conservation Plan
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Scarborough,

The Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum (Planning Forum) would like to meet with you on April 17th, 2009 immediately following the BDCP Steering Committee meeting to discuss potential impacts of and alternatives to the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Conservation Measures. This meeting will run from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.

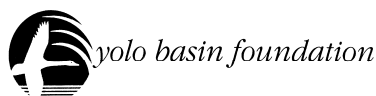
Planning Forum members include local Delta governments, state and federal agencies, reclamation districts, private landowners, conservation groups and other locally affected stakeholders. These stakeholders are concerned about the potential BDCP impacts on flood management, wildlife habitat, farming, and other beneficial uses of the Bypass and adjacent lands.

The Planning Forum has unique knowledge of the Yolo Bypass and offers to be a constructive partner in the BDCP process. We believe there can be mutual gains through such a partnership, and persistent and costly obstacles can be avoided.

Our goal is to develop creative alternatives that will avoid or minimize adverse impacts of the BDCP on the Bypass, yet allow the BDCP to meet its' goals. This first meeting between you and members of the Planning Forum will strive to:

- Outline key challenges in the BDCP Process from the Planning Forum perspective.
- Discuss opportunities to reconcile Planning Forum concerns with BDCP concerns, and develop answers to the following questions:
 - Where are there areas of agreement between Planning Forum members and BDCP Principals?
 - Where are the disagreements? What level of disagreement is there?
 - What are the immediate next steps needed to reconcile these disagreements?

In closing, we see a need for constructive dialog between the Planning Forum, you, and your staff. We believe that such dialog must include BDCP leadership and would be more constructive than members of the Planning Forum



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commenting on BDCP proposals through normal public venues. This meeting is intended to develop a process for the meaningful inclusion of the Planning Forum's concerns in the ongoing development of the Conservation Measures.

For more information on the Planning Forum, please visit www.yolobypass.net. We look forward to seeing you on April 17th.

Sincerely,

Members of the Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum

Reclamation District (RD) 536
RD 2068 and 2098
RD 501

RD 2060 and Hastings Island Land Company
RD 2093 and Trust for Public Land
RD 999

Wildlands Inc.

Westlands Water District

Mound Farms

Department of Fish and Game (DFG)–Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area

DFG – Bay-Delta Program

Yolo County Natural Heritage Program

Solano County Water Agency / Solano HCP

Department of Water Resources, Division of Environmental Services

Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Solano County

Metropolitan Water District

North Delta Water Agency

East Davis County and No Man's Land Fire Protection Districts

Sacramento – Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District

Yolo County

City of Rio Vista

Co-sponsor – Yolo Basin Foundation

Co-Sponsor – Delta Protection Commission

Glide-In Ranch

Gilbert Cosio

Mike Hardesty

Neil Hamilton/Tom

Hester

Jack Kuechler

Erik Vink

Bob Webber

Brian Monaghan

Jason Peltier

Selby Mohr

Dave Feliz

Brad Burkholder

Maria Wong

David Okita

Barbara McDonnell

Butch Hodgkins

Kathy Barnes-Jones

Tom Philp

Melinda Terry

Rose Conroy

Joel Buettner

Julia McIver

Jan Vick

Robin Kulakow

Linda Fiack

Don Stevens

cc:

BDCP Steering Committee

BDCP Management Team