



SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN

DELTA CONSERVANCY

A California State Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY ADOPTING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FOR THE YOLO BYPASS WILDLIFE AREA HABITAT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AMENDMENT.

Whereas, the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project ("Project") is a project being implemented by Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to improve water management and drainage for the Yolo Bypass; and

Whereas, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is the lead agency pursuant to CEQA (Public Res. Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR § 15000 et seq.); and

Whereas, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife prepared an Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to CEQA to analyze all potential adverse environmental impacts of the project; and

Whereas, the Delta Conservancy, as a responsible agency, made findings based on the MND/IS (Delta Conservancy Board Resolution 2018-01) before voting to fund the Project; and

Whereas, the Delta Conservancy awarded funding to the project on July 27, 2022, and executed a grant agreement with Ducks Unlimited effective March 26, 2023; and

Whereas, Ducks Unlimited Inc. requested an amendment to the grant agreement to forgo construction of a cross-canal pump station and instead install passive structures to drain water; and

Whereas, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife prepared an Addendum to the IS/MND (Public Res. Code § 15164(b)), to analyze potential adverse environmental impacts of the project change, determined that no additional impacts would result from the amendment, and filed a Notice of Determination; and

Whereas, the Delta Conservancy must, therefore, as a responsible agency, make certain findings prior to its approval of an amendment for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY AS FOLLOWS:

- a. The Delta Conservancy has, in its independent judgment, reviewed and considered the previously certified MND and the Addendum, which are incorporated herein by reference, and finds, as to those potential impacts within the Board's powers and authorities as a responsible agency, that the documents contain a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the Project's potential impacts and that mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Project that avoid and/or substantially lessen any of the potentially significant effects of the Project.

- b. The Board further finds that no additional feasible mitigation measures within the Board's authority are necessary to reduce the environmental impacts of the project to less than significant levels and that no additional environmental review is required.
- c. The Delta Conservancy hereby authorizes and directs staff to file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse.
- d. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings for this Resolution are located on the Delta Conservancy's website.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY BOARD THIS JANUARY 28, 2026.

VOTE

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

Pat Hume, Board Chair

Supporting Documentation

- CDFW Lead Agency Notice of Determination for CEQA Addendum:
<https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2017122001/8>
- CDFW Lead Agency Addendum to the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration: See Agenda Item 7.4