Attachment B

Yolo Bypass Background

The 59,000-acre 40-mile long Yolo Bypass is a federal flood management facility located along the confluence of the Sacramento River in Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo Counties. The Yolo Bypass was built in the early 20th century as a key part of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project for crucial flood risk reduction to the entire region by conveying 80% of the Sacramento River watershed flows during floods. It is also central to a significant agricultural economy, a critical water supply delivery system, and an ecosystem of national significance.

Yolo Bypass flows enter the Cache Slough region, located primarily in Solano County, and then connect back into the Sacramento River. This major flood management feature has evolved over the last 100 years to support multiple critical water resources, irrigated agriculture, communities, and managed wetlands that comprise major land uses within the Yolo Bypass, contributing to the local economy and habitat for terrestrial species, including some listed species. Modifications to the flood system builds upon improvements



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and State investments guided through the 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and its fiveyear updates.

Purpose of the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan. YBCS Master Plan serves as a framework for collectively achieving multiple benefits within the YBCS region. The primary purpose of the YBCS Master Plan is to guide continued project planning and implementation consistent with the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) and its Conservation Strategy, the Delta Plan, the Lower Sacramento/Delta North (LSDN) Regional Flood Management Plan and Corridor Management Framework (CMF), and various local planning efforts, among many others. It also intends to inform development of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Yolo Bypass System Comprehensive Study.

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The **Yolo Bypass Partnership** is a collaboration of 16 local, state, and federal agencies formed in 2016 and formalized by SB 369 (2021) to coordinate multi-benefit planning and implementation in the Yolo Bypass and Cache Slough region. The Partnership focuses on six core pillars: flood risk reduction, habitat restoration, agricultural sustainability, water supply reliability, recreation, and economic resilience. It provides a framework for aligning agency goals, leveraging resources, and guiding strategic efforts such as the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan.

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