



Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan

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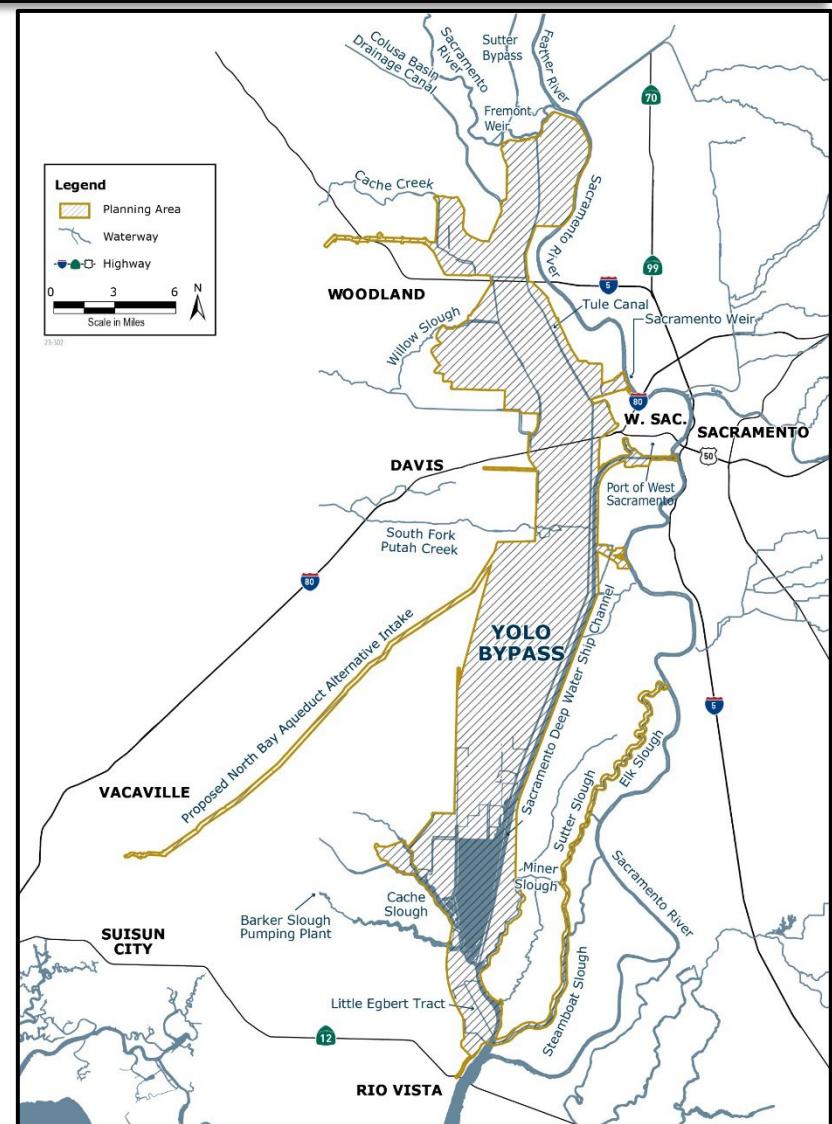
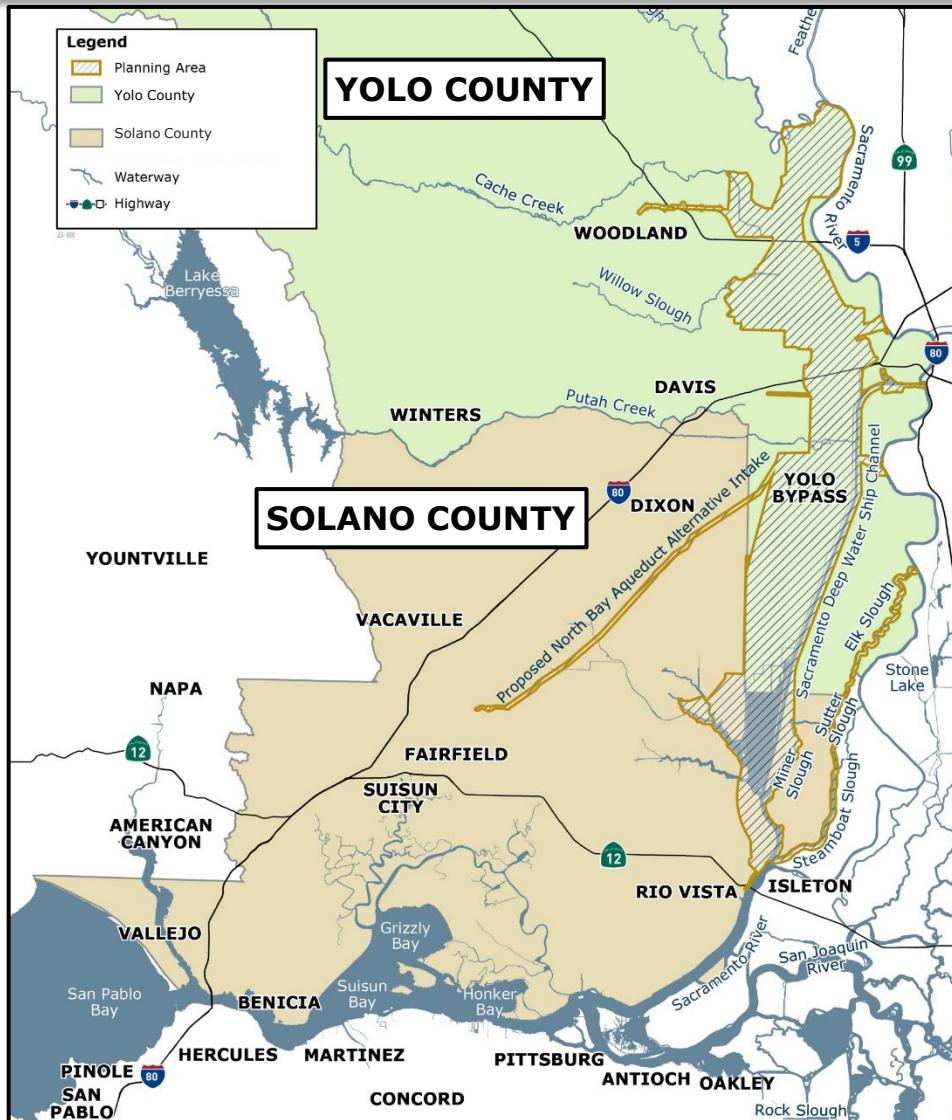
Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Region (YBCS)

- 40-mile-long bypass that extends through portions of Solano and Yolo counties
- Federal flood management facility built in the 1930s; integral part of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project
- Evolved to also support agriculture and ecosystem restoration
- Key area of ecological significance; supports over 150 species of birds, fish, and other wildlife





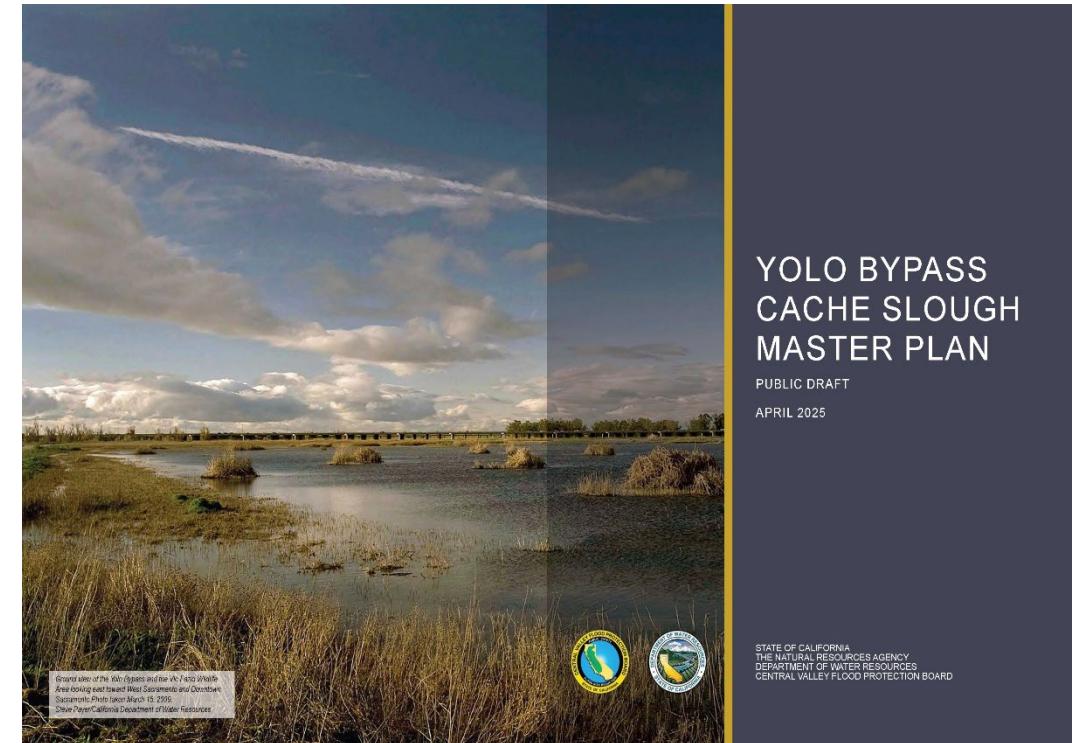
Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Planning Area





Purpose of the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan

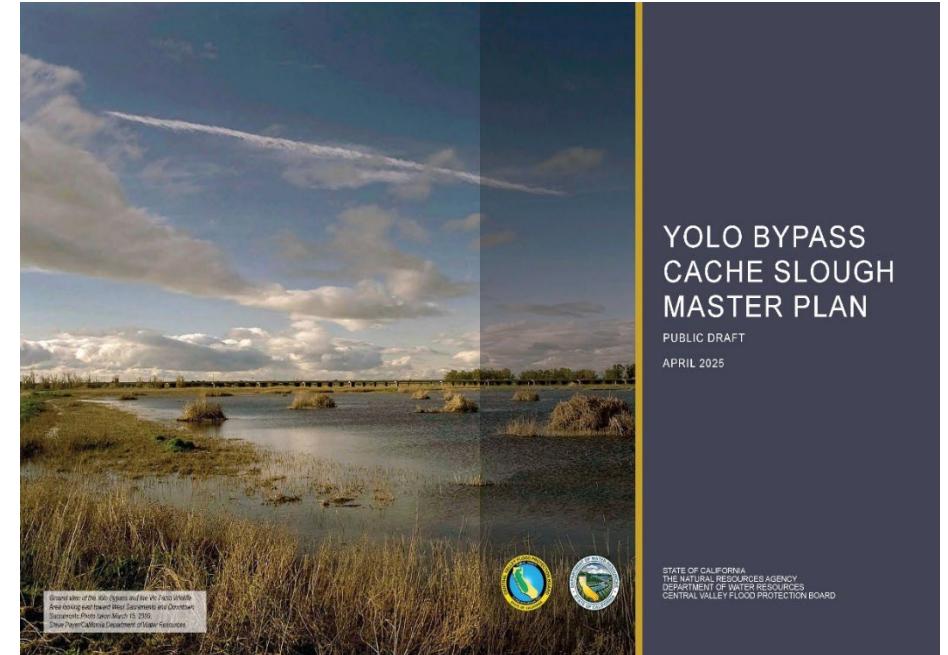
- Guide continued project planning and implementation consistent with the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and its Conservation Strategy
- Inform the [US Army Corps of Engineers \(USACE\) Yolo Bypass Comprehensive Study](#)
- Support continued efforts to advance the goals of the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership (such as discussions related to the renewal of the Partnership)





The Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan is...

- Funded by the State of California and prepared from the perspective of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)
- A foundation for more detailed feasibility and project-level planning and future actions
- A framework for collectively achieving multiple benefits within the YBCS region





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- A new era of multi-benefit collaborative planning began in 2016 when representatives of 15 agencies executed the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough (YBCS) Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Since 2016, the Partner agencies have been developing a program that encourages collaboration on regional solutions to implement landscape-level change
- Renewing the YBCS Partnership MOU is key to maintaining collaborative implementation of the YBCS Master Plan's recommendations



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“Collaboratively implement a series of integrated projects that provide multiple regional benefits.”



Flood



Habitat



Water Quality



Water Supply



Agriculture



Recreation



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The Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan

DOES:

- Provide a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis and an ecosystem baseline report
- Provide actionable recommendations, for example:
 - Formulate and regularly update an implementation planning document that defines implementation approaches and highlights the progress for achieving Partnership goals, objectives, and actions
 - Identify metrics and objectives that could be used to measure progress toward achieving desired outcomes
 - Incorporate equity, social vulnerability, community-specific needs, and considerations
 - Renew the Partnership MOU to consider changes to signatories and further development of governance structures for the region to support implementation of Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Program (Senate Bill 369, 2021)



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DOES NOT:

- Serve as a regulatory or project-level decision document
- Provide funding or permitting pathways or guarantees
- Endorse specific projects compiled as part of its development
- Provide project-level details, including impacts or recommendations on specific project actions





Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan Public Draft

Review Period:

March 31 – May 15, 2025

45-day review period for YBCS Partnership members and Tribes

April 15 - May 15, 2025

30-day review period for the public

Response to comments will accompany the final draft version scheduled for release in the fall of 2025



Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan Public Comments

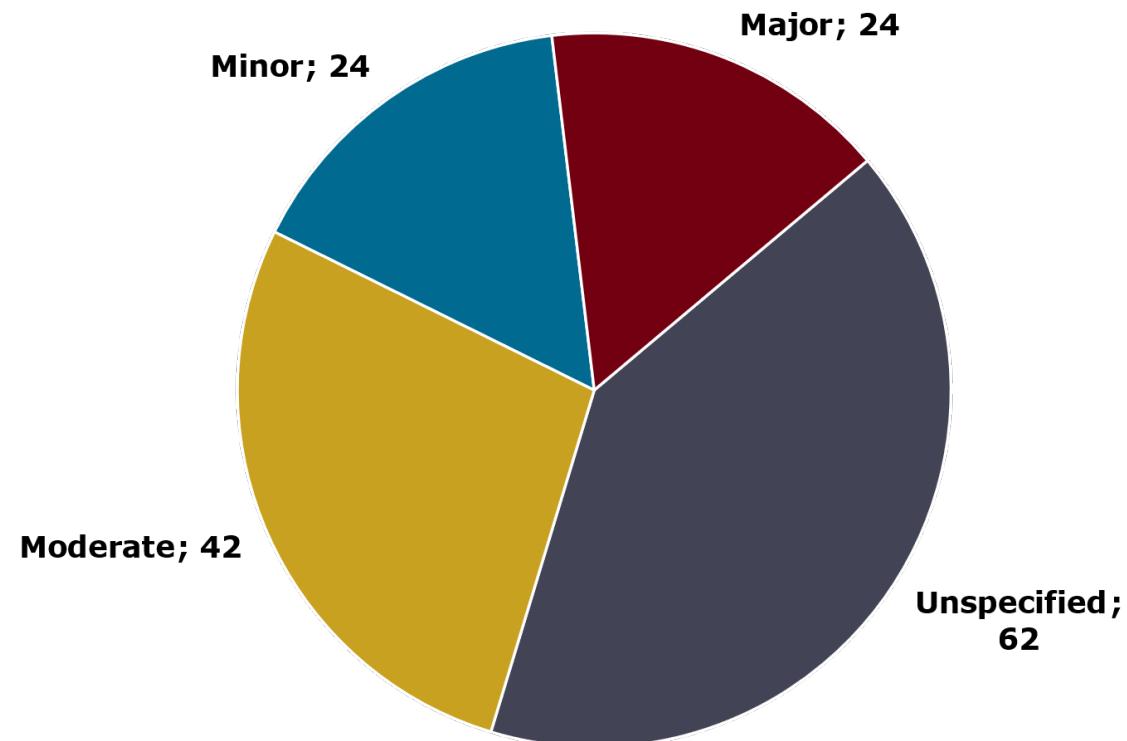
152 total public comments received from:

- American Rivers
- Delta Protection Commission
- Delta Stewardship Council
- Solano County
- Solano County Water Agency
- State Water Resources Control Board
- US Bureau of Reclamation
- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
- Yolo Basin Foundation
- Yolo County
- Yolo County Farm Bureau
- Yolo County Resource Conservation District



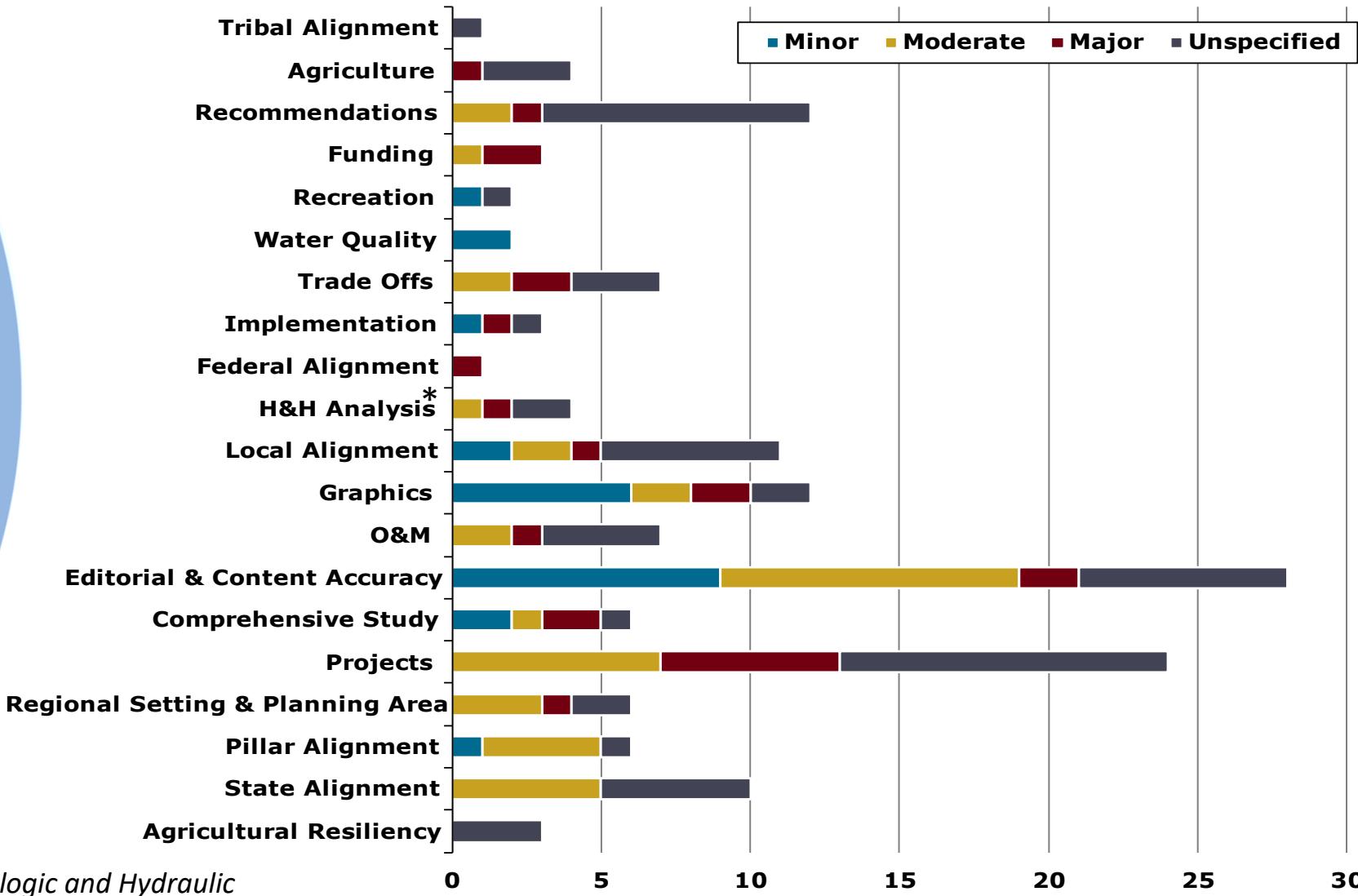
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- Comments received on the Public Draft have been compiled and organized based on severity (shown below) as well as a range of themes being developed





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* Hydrologic and Hydraulic



Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan Comments

- Solano County submitted comments on multiple draft documents, most recently on the public draft
- DWR and CVFPB are incorporating additional edits in response to comments provided by Solano County (and others), including agricultural sustainability comments provided on the Partnership and Public Drafts
- DWR and CVFPB anticipate additional edits in response to the comments provided by Solano County on the public draft
- DWR and CVFPB met with Solano County representatives during the planning process to clarify and address their comments and plan to meet again after the edits are complete
- DWR is considering linking comment letters to the online version of the final draft Master Plan



Development of the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan

Jan - June 2024

- Admin Draft and appendices
- Partnership and Tribal Engagement
- CVFPB Workshop

July - Dec 2024

- CVFPB Workshop (2)
- Focused Review Sessions
- Tribal Engagement

Jan - June 2025

- Partnership Engagement
- CVFPB Presentation
- Public Draft Review - Closed May 15, 2025

July - Sept 2025

- Revise Draft
- Additional Engagement with Partnership and Others
- Focused Briefings
- CVFPB Presentation
- Final Draft



CEQA and YBCS Master Plan

CVFPB – CEQA Lead Agency

- Notice of preparation and scoping
- Inform landowners, Tribes, and interested parties
- Determine the need for a program-level Environmental Impact Report

CEQA Findings

- The YBCS Master Plan is not a regulatory document and has no significant environmental impact; therefore, it is not subject to CEQA requirements





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Next Steps

- Meet with public reviewers as needed to clarify comments, provide insight and discuss revisions
- YBCS Partnership Organizing Committee meeting – July 28, 2025
- Presentations to Partnership agencies upon request
- Revise and release final draft Master Plan in fall 2025



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Thank you