

Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum Membership List

No stakeholder group is completely inclusive. Time, budget, and size considerations mandate that a stakeholder group must be a representative and manageable cross-section of interests rather than a comprehensive collection of all parties. The Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum represents an appropriate cross-section of directly affected landowner and advocacy stakeholders, and directly involved (through statute, guidance, and policy) government stakeholders. These stakeholders will be most directly affected by resource management decisions in the Lower Bypass. The table below presents Planning Forum Members (Members) and membership rationale. These Members have been invited to participate by the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) and the Yolo Basin Foundation (Foundation) using neutral process design advice from the California State University Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy.

Stakeholder Organizations and Representatives	Rationale
Reclamation Districts (RD): 999, <i>Bob Webber</i> , 501, <i>Neil Hamilton/Tom Hester</i> , 536, <i>Gilbert Cosio</i> , 2068 and 2098, <i>Mike Hardesty</i> , 2084, <i>Tovey Giezentanner</i>	Private agricultural landowners in districts directly adjacent to the Lower Bypass and sharing adjacent Yolo Bypass Flood Control Project (FCP) and restricted height levees.
Hastings Tract, <i>Jack Keuchler</i>	Sole ownership island supporting agricultural production and upland bird species hunting. Also includes an FCP levee to protect the island from Bypass flows.
Trust for Public Land, <i>Erik Vink</i>	Primary landowner in RD 2093 (Liberty Island) which flooded in the mid-late 1990's due to levee breaches. Purchased in late 1990s with Federal funding; intended to be a part of the proposed US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), North Delta National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge was not approved and the island has been maintained in private ownership, largely by the Trust for Public Land
Wildlands Inc., <i>Brian Monaghan</i>	Private landowner of upper northeast corner of Liberty Island. General corporate mission is to conduct for profit restoration of habitats. Intending to create / restore their portion of Liberty Island into tidal wetland habitat
Westlands Water District (WWD), <i>Jason Peltier</i>	Owner of Yolo Ranch, located immediately upstream of Liberty Island. Intending to create / restore tidal wetland habitat on half or more of their property.
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), <i>Tom Philp</i>	Partner with WWD on Yolo Ranch activities.
Mound Farms, <i>Selby Mohr</i>	Private land holding adjacent to Liberty Island and Yolo Ranch. Property is managed for agriculture throughout the year, except during hunting season when part of it is flooded for privately managed freshwater wetlands and is used for waterfowl hunting by a family partnership.
DFG – Yolo Wildlife Area, <i>Dave Feliz</i>	Largest single landowner in the Bypass. Creates the upstream boundary of the proposed Lower Bypass Project Area. The Wildlife Area provides refugia for migratory waterfowl, which potentially impacts private hunting clubs and partnerships located between the Wildlife Area and Liberty Island / Yolo Ranch restoration areas.
DFG – Bay-Delta Program / Region 3, <i>Brad Burkholder</i>	Lead implementing agency for the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program, State resource trustee and regulator for special status species and streambed alterations, signatory to the Delta Fisheries Agreement, State resource manager and regulator for game species and related

	recreation (e.g. angling, hunting) land manager in the Lower Bypass. Coordinator with Federal agencies responsible for Delta special status species protection (USFWS and National Marine Fisheries Service)
US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), <i>Brad Hubbard</i>	Principal landowner of Prospect Island.
Port of Sacramento, <i>Tom Scheeler</i>	Manager of the Deep Water Ship Channel which is part of the Bypass FCP. Minority landowner on Prospect Island.
Yolo County Natural Heritage Program, <i>Maria Wong</i>	Multi-jurisdiction Joint Powers Agency developing a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) for all of Yolo County
Solano County Water Agency, <i>David Okita</i>	Managers of the North Bay Aqueduct. Managers of the Solano County HCP / NCCP.
Solano County, <i>Kathy Barnes-Jones</i>	Part of the Lower Bypass is located in unincorporated Solano County (excluding the City of Rio Vista). Solano County will play a role assessing local impacts of proposed projects and the consistency of proposed projects with other County conditions and policies. Representatives will also coordinate with emergency service providers that are often called on to respond to conditions in the Lower Bypass.
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City of Rio Vista, <i>Jan Vick</i>	The City of Rio Vista is at the downstream end of the project area and is adjacent to Cache Slough, the river channel that the Lower Bypass flows to. It is an incorporated jurisdiction and is the only population center in the project area.
US Army Corps of Engineers, <i>Brooke Schlenker</i>	Landowner of Little Holland Tract, a flooded parcel east of Liberty Island. Also the Federal trustee for wetlands regulation and certification, and flood conveyance through the FCP
Central Valley Flood Protection Board / Department of Water Resources (DWR), Division of Flood Management, <i>Butch Hodgkins</i>	Regulator for any projects that might encroach on the FCP. Agency responsible for statewide flood management. Manager of the Central Valley Flood Protection Planning process.
DWR – Division of Environmental Services, <i>Barbara McDonnell</i>	Coordinates the environmental mitigation, documentation, monitoring and reporting responsibilities needed to operate and complete the State Water Project (including water quality) and support the implementation of the CALFED. Signatory to the Delta Fisheries Agreement
North Delta Water Agency, <i>Melinda Terry</i>	Administrator of settlement contract with DWR protecting water rights and supplies for historic North Delta water users
City of Davis / No Man's Land Fire District, <i>Rose Conroy</i>	Principal first responder for emergency service scenarios in the Lower Yolo Bypass.
Sacramento -Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District / Solano County Mosquito Abatement District, <i>Joel Buettner</i>	Principal agencies responsible for vector control and management in the Lower Bypass. The districts engage with land managers to establish control options including best management practices.

Recreation: Recreation opportunities are numerous in the Lower Yolo Bypass and include: upland and waterfowl hunting, motorized and non-motorized boating, angling, outdoor education, photography, birdwatching, wind and kite surfing, water skiing, and several others. These opportunities are too many to be represented by individual advocates. Therefore, the Co-sponsors (Commission and Foundation) and DFG (through its management of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area and partnerships with California Waterfowl Association, and Ducks Unlimited) are tasked with representing recreational opportunities in discussions, and to proactively ensure that recreation advocates are aware of Planning Forum meetings.