

Proposal for Membership Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum

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Background: Member of Glide-In Ranch Waterfowl Club (Yolo Bypass), Retired fisheries specialist from Department of Fish and Game (DFG).

37 years with DFG as a fisheries biologist working specifically on Bay-Delta fisheries. Worked with and supervised fisheries specialists in the DFG. One of the original authors of the 1992 report that recommended listing Delta Smelt for protection. Very familiar with Delta issues

Education: BA, UC Berkeley-Wildlife Conservation, MA UC Berkeley- Zoology.

1. Reason for proposed addition: The Lower Yolo Bypass Stakeholder Feasibility Assessment (2005, Center for Collaborative Policy [CCP]) recommended that “Two to Three land owner spokespersons from the individual properties located between Liberty Island and the Yolo Wildlife Area” should be included in the proposed stakeholder group. The Planning Forum currently has two of those geographic positions filled (Mound Farms, and Yolo Ranch). The intent of these proposed memberships was to represent the private landowner / land managers located between publicly owned lands. This proportion of land owner representatives has adjusted significantly since representation of Yolo Ranch is now held by Westlands Water District and Metropolitan Water District; both water agencies that do not fill the same stakeholder niche as originally intended.

2. Benefits to the project: The CCP facilitator has expressed repeatedly to the Planning Forum that an additional private land owner membership needs to be identified and filled to provide equity in the Forum process. Potential impacts to private land owners between the DFG Yolo Wildlife Area and the Yolo Ranch / Liberty Island area are real and must be accommodated in the Planning Forum’s discussions. Selby Mohr of Mound Farms represents a single family owned and operated hunting club, different than the several membership-based hunting clubs also located in the Lower Yolo Bypass. The addition of a member of Glide-In Ranch, one of the oldest and largest of the hunting clubs in the Lower Bypass is an effective step to ensure that the perspectives of clubs operating as business partnerships are honored and considered.

3. Potential implications / challenges to the project. An additional member will broaden the perspectives to be considered by the Forum. This may add additional time to discussions and additional complexity to consensus efforts.

Membership Committee Criteria: Facilitator Analysis

- Does the proposed member occupy a niche not currently filled by the existing Planning Forum membership?
- **Yes**
- Can the proposed member show that they are reasonably and directly affected by the actions of the Planning Forum? - **Yes**
- Is the proposed member willing to commit the resources and time necessary to be an active participant in all the Planning Forum’s work? - **Yes**
- Is the proposed member willing to accept existing Planning Forum recommendations with the understanding that previously agreed to items will not be revisited based on his or her interests? - **Yes**