

*Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum*  
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Undersecretary Karen Scarborough  
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Chair, Bay Delta Conservation Plan  
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Dear Ms. Scarborough,

Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum members continue to seek constructive dialog between Yolo Bypass stakeholders and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan staff and Steering Committee. Forum members are encouraged that the Steering Committee has committed to meeting with Yolo Bypass (Bypass) stakeholders to discuss conservation measures proposed for the Bypass and Cache Slough.

The Delta Protection Commission and the Yolo Basin Foundation are co-sponsors of the *Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum* (Planning Forum), a group of 27 member stakeholders including representatives from local Delta governments, state and federal agencies, private managed habitat landowners, local and regional water districts and agencies, reclamation districts, conservation groups, vector control and emergency service providers, and other locally affected interests. This group is funded by the Department of Fish and Game to discuss land and water management in the southern portion of the Bypass and North Delta.

In addition to the Planning Forum, the *Yolo Bypass Working Group* (Working Group), formed in 1997 continues to meet and provide a venue for much of the Bypass. The Planning Forum was formed out of the Working Group in a deliberate effort to address unique challenges in the downstream portion of the Bypass.

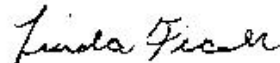
The Working Group and the Planning Forum represent an existing, comprehensive set of stakeholders who have been the consistent engaged voices of the Bypass for many years. Working with these individuals is essential. Planning Forum members expect nothing less than full, equivalent participation in a BDCP-specific issues workgroup. The Planning Forum document, "Local Impacts From Habitat Conversion And Delta Infrastructure Projects And Suggested Solutions" (previously submitted to the Steering Committee) should be utilized as a basis for initial discussions of the BDCP-specific issues workgroup. In addition, Working Group and Planning Forum members expect direct, timely, and frequent communication about that process and other BDCP discussions about the Bypass.

For more information on the Planning Forum, please visit [www.yolobypass.net](http://www.yolobypass.net). Please also feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



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