



Yolo HCP/NCCP Permitting Process



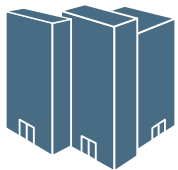
Background

The Yolo Habitat Conservancy has prepared the Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (Yolo HCP/NCCP). The Yolo HCP/NCCP is a countywide conservation plan to provide Endangered Species Act permits and associated mitigation for infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) and development activities (e.g. agricultural facilities, housing, and commercial buildings) identified for construction over the next 50 years in Yolo County. The Yolo HCP/NCCP will coordinate mitigation to maximize benefits to species, as well as conserve habitat above and beyond required mitigation for 12 identified species. The plan strikes a sensible balance between natural resource conservation and economic growth in the region.

Streamlined Endangered Species Permitting

The Yolo HCP/NCCP will replace a project-by-project mitigation process characterized by uncertainties associated with timing, costs, and litigation. This will provide an economic benefit to public agencies and other projects in the form of streamlined Endangered Species Act permitting.

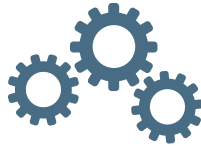
Covered Activity Categories



Urban projects and activities



Rural projects and activities



Public/private operations and maintenance



Conservation strategy implementation



Neighboring landowner agreements

The Yolo HCP/NCCP details existing land use conditions and land use plans in Yolo County to help identify projects and activities that will have effects on covered species and natural communities. As a result of the Yolo HCP/NCCP, the Conservancy will obtain incidental take authorization from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for these covered activities.

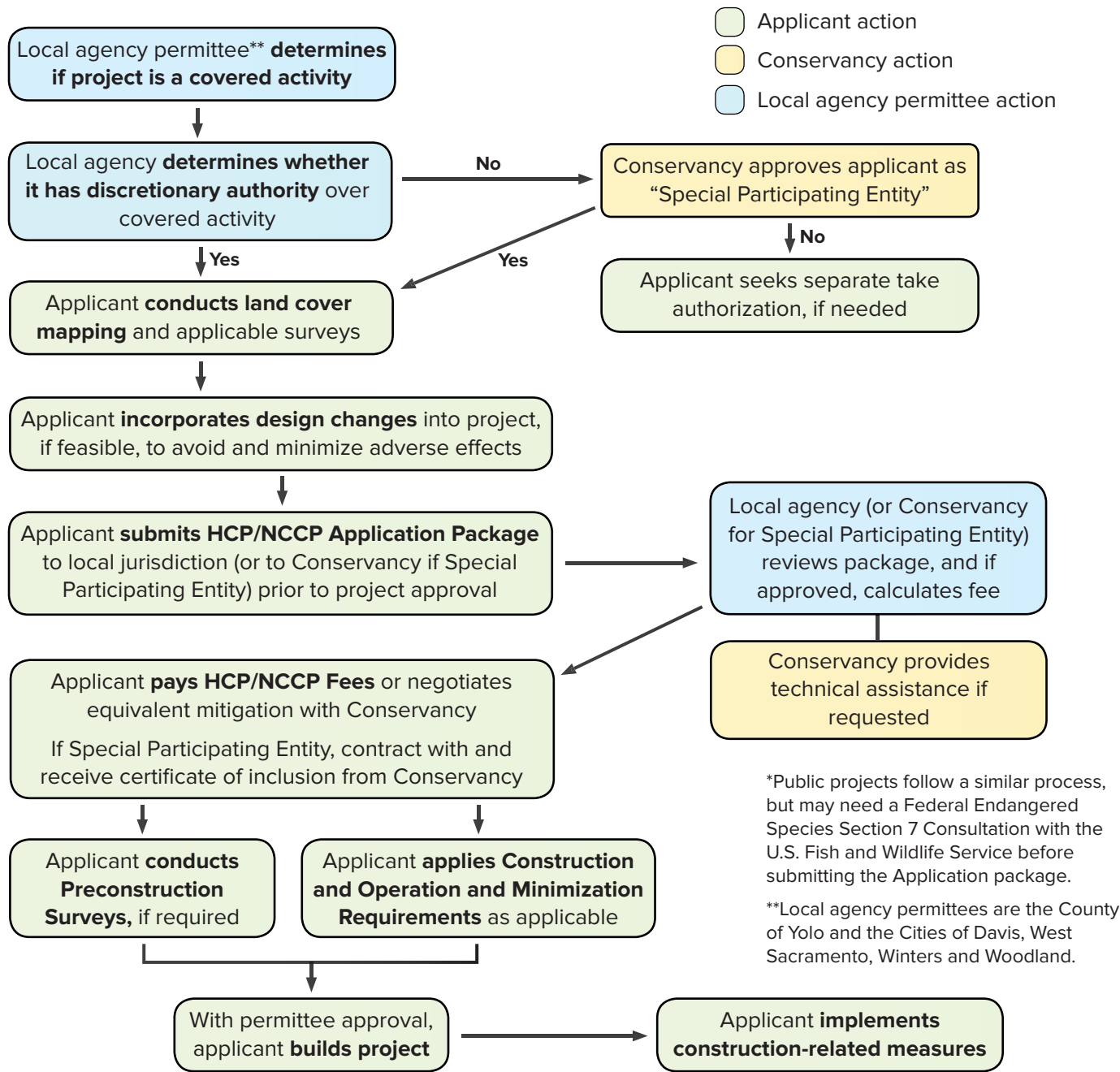
Avoidance and Minimization Measures

The Yolo HCP/NCCP requires project proponents to implement Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs) to avoid and minimize take of covered species and impacts on habitat. The AMMs provide predictable and consistent requirements for project proponents. Local agency permittees will evaluate projects to ensure project proponents incorporate all applicable AMMs.

Visit yolohabitatconservancy.org/documents and read Chapter 4.3 "Avoidance and Minimization Measures" for the full descriptions of the AMMs.



Process for Project Approval under the Yolo HCP/NCCP for Private Projects* Covered by Plan and Special Participating Entities



HCP/NCCP Application Package

1. Project Application Form
2. Project Description, vicinity map and detail map
3. Land cover mapping and planning-level surveys
4. Verification of land cover impacts
5. Avoidance and minimization measure plan
6. HCP/NCCP fees or equivalent mitigation

Special Participating Entities

Special Participating Entities are agencies or individuals not subject to the jurisdiction of the local agency permittees that conduct projects within the Plan Area that may affect listed species and require take authorization from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Such organizations may include school districts, water districts, transportation agencies, local park districts, other utility districts, or individuals with activities that may result in take but that do not require a discretionary permit.