



**YUBA-SUTTER
HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN/
NATURAL COMMUNITIES
CONSERVATION PLAN**



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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE YUBA-SUTTER NCCP/HCP ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different): _____

DAYTIME PHONE NO.: _____ EVENING PHONE NO.: _____

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: _____

SECTOR YOU REPRESENT: _____

(see attached information sheet for a list)

Each member of the Advisory Committee will represent one of a variety of sectors in Yuba and Sutter Counties with interests in the outcomes of the NCCP/HCP planning process. Please refer to the attached information sheet for details on the roles and responsibilities of committee members, and for membership criteria. Please state your qualifications, including how you meet the membership criteria, and your reasons for wishing to serve on the committee. If you prefer to be considered only as an alternate, please so indicate. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THAT I MEET THE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA, AND THAT, IF APPOINTED, I COMMIT TO ATTENDING MEETINGS AND FULFILLING THE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTMENT.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Sutter County Clerk of the Board
1160 Civic Center Boulevard
Yuba City, CA 95993
Phone: (530) 822-7106
FAX: (530) 822-7103

YUBA-SUTTER NCCP/HCP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Overview

Yuba County and Sutter County are seeking applications from persons interested in serving on an Advisory Committee for the Yuba-Sutter Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP). The Advisory Committee is being created to solicit input from individuals and organizations with a specific interest in the lands, resources, activities, communities, businesses, and other concerns potentially affected by the NCCP/HCP. The committee will function as a standing advisory body for the duration of the NCCP/HCP planning process and will be structured to ensure that a well-balanced variety of views are represented. The planning process began in February 2004 and is expected to continue for approximately three years. All Advisory Committee meetings will be open to the public, will be noticed according to public meeting requirements, and will occur during regular non-business hours Monday through Friday. Specific dates and times will be determined by the committee once it is formed.

Committee Composition

The committee will represent sectors of Yuba and Sutter counties with interests in the outcomes of the NCCP/HCP planning process. Examples of such sectors include, but are not limited to:

- general public
- municipalities in Yuba and Sutter counties
- special districts in Yuba and Sutter counties
- tribes
- landowners
- agricultural interests
- environmental organizations
- real estate development
- mining interests
- open space/preservation advocates
- business community
- recreational interests
- utilities

Twelve members and 12 alternates will be appointed jointly by the two county boards of supervisors. Each member will represent one sector, and one alternative representing the same sector will be appointed for each member.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Advisory Committee's role is to: (1) provide input from the interested public on the issues addressed in the NCCP/HCP and the details of the conservations program; (2) review and comment on the reports produced as part of the planning process; (3) provide a forum for other members of the public to receive information about and provide input on the planning process and plan; and (4) forward its recommendations and comments on the draft NCCP/HCP to the NCCP/HCP Working Group and agency decision makers. The Working Group consists of representatives from Sutter County, Yuba County, Caltrans, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, and California Department of Fish and Game. The agencies that must act to approve the NCCP/HCP are the two counties, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA Fisheries, and California Department of Fish and Game.

Members

Committee members will have the following responsibilities:

- Advise the Working Group and agency decision makers about NCCP/HCP issues and components (including conservation strategies and alternatives), implementation, and economics and financing strategies.
- Thoroughly review studies and reports prepared during the planning process on land uses, biological resources, conservation strategies, economics, and financing strategies.
- Inform, educate, and involve their constituencies through frequent contact.
- Synthesize input from their constituencies and effectively represent their viewpoints and interests.
- Seek to understand the perspectives and interests of other stakeholders.
- Work within the Advisory Committee cooperatively to resolve conflicts and to seek common ground.
- Attend Advisory Committee meetings until completion of the project.

Alternates

An alternate will serve in place of the member when the member is unable to fulfill his or her duties. When serving in place of a member, the alternate will have the responsibilities listed above. Alternates will receive the same notices and materials as members.

Membership Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify as a committee member or alternate:

- Have the ability to represent agriculture, environment, land development, landowners, business, recreation/tourism, municipal/public entities, or other stakeholders.
- Be able to meet all of the responsibilities listed above.
- Possess an interest in, or specific knowledge of, issues directly related to the focus of their sector or group. Such topics could include, but are not limited to:
 - Threatened or endangered species
 - Open space planning and preservation
 - Cultivated agriculture
 - Municipal governments
 - Public facilities and utilities
 - Agricultural economics
 - Ranching practices
 - Real estate development/land use
 - Public finance
 - Mining
- Live in, own or rent land, or represent an organization with offices or a significant interest in Yuba or Sutter counties.
- Commit to working toward completion of the NCCP/HCP.
- Demonstrate a genuine desire and ability to collaborate with others who may have competing interests or opposing viewpoints.
- Be able to attend committee meetings.
- Make a commitment to represent the views and interests of their stakeholder constituencies over their own personal opinions.
- Bring unique knowledge and skills to the NCCP/HCP planning process.

For more information regarding the Yuba-Sutter NCCP/HCP and the Advisory Committee, please visit www.yubasutternccp.org.