

SERCAL AND CNGA *present*

A Confluence of Perspectives and Experience *Habitat Restoration in California's Central Valley*

29 April - 1 May at the Lake Natoma Inn on the American River in Folsom

Plenary Speakers

The Yolo Wildlife Area: A Restored Treasure, a Balanced Solution

Robin Kulakow Executive Director, Yolo Basin Foundation and
Dave Feliz Manager, Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area



Robin Kulakow is the founding Executive Director of the Yolo Basin Foundation. Ms. Kulakow's vision, resource management background, and partnership building skills enabled her to facilitate the creation of Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, an effort that began in 1989. She organized the Yolo Basin Working Group in 1990 and continued to manage it for seven years as the agreements for creating the Wildlife Area were negotiated. She serves as a community and state resource for information

on habitat restoration, flood control, and stakeholder concerns throughout the Yolo Basin. Robin has a Bachelor's degree in soil science from UC Berkeley and a Master of Administration degree from the UC Davis Graduate School of Management. She is the recipient of numerous state and local awards recognizing her commitment to the environment.

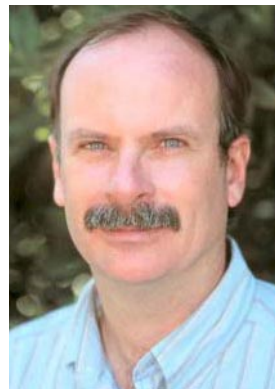


Dave Feliz has been the manager of the Yolo Wildlife Area for over 10 years. He began his 25 year career with Fish and Game working on fish and invertebrates in the San Francisco Bay and Delta, and for the last 20 years has been working on Wildlife Areas. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University. Dave appreciates the opportunities that Yolo

offers to creatively restore and manage historic wetlands for a variety of species and to provide outdoor educational and recreational opportunities for the public.

An Academic View of the Past and Future of Grassland Restoration in California

Truman P. Young, Department of Plant Sciences,
University of California, Davis



Truman Young is a Professor in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis. He was born and raised in Colorado. His wife Lynne Isbell is a primatologist, and his son Peter is starting high school. He has been carrying out research in California since 1996 and in East Africa since 1977. Studying grasslands (rangelands) on both

continents, his research emphasizes restoration ecology and biodiversity conservation in human-dominated environments. He continues to be a student of the amazing restoration practitioners in northern California.

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