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Yolo supervisors hear static over radio tower; decision put off until September

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The fate of a proposed 365-foot tall tower designed to increase the reach of local radio programming is stuck in governmental limbo, with the county's Board of Supervisors granting an appeal that will continue the decision until their Sept. 14 meeting.

Controversy over the project first began back on May 13, when the Yolo County Planning Commission unanimously supported a proposal from Results Radio, a Santa Rosa-based company, to construct the new tower on the current site of the county landfill.

During the Planning Commission's public hearing on the matter, representatives from the Conaway Preservation Group spoke in opposition of the project, claiming that the new tower would increase the probability of "bird strikes" and therefore pose a threat to migrating species in the area.

Following the Planning Commission's approval, Conaway filed an appeal, requesting a 30-day extension to study the project's effect on migratory bird species in the area.

During Tuesday's public hearing regarding whether or not to uphold the appeal, Tovey Giezentanner, a spokesman for the Conaway Preservation Group, outlined several points of contention regarding the project's potential effects on the "Pacific Flyway" a major migratory route for birds that cuts straight through California's central valley.

"In the initial study ... the Pacific Flyway is not mentioned at all," Giezentanner said. "This project does occur within a well defined flight path, and it does occur along a large

watercourse."

Since filing their appeal, Conaway has been joined by the local Sierra Club, Tuleyome and California Waterfowl in their opposition of the project.

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