

## How to Complete & Return Your Assessment Ballot

- All ballots must be received by the close of the Public Hearing at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, at Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695.
- As per state law, any ballots returned unmarked, unsigned or after the close of the Public Hearing cannot be accepted and will not be counted. Ballots must be original (no photocopies), and not damaged or torn.
- If you lose your ballot, need a replacement ballot, or wish to change your vote, call the Assessment Hotline at (530) 661-8020.
- Joint owners of property may split their ballot in proportion to their ownership percentage. If you would like to split your ballot, please request replacement ballots by calling the Assessment Hotline at (530) 661-8020. Written documentation of ownership shares will be required.

## Complete Your Ballot

- 1** Cast your vote by marking an "X" in the box next to "Yes" or "No"
- 2** Print and sign your name
- 3** Date your ballot

## Return Your Ballot

- 4** Place your entire ballot in the postage-paid return envelope
- 5** Return all ballots in one of the following ways:
  - a) By mail. Send to Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA, 95695
  - b) By hand. Deliver to Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA, 95695
  - c) By hand. Deliver to the Public Hearing at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, at Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

**IMPORTANT!** Do not tear off any portion of the ballot or it will not be accepted.



Assessment ballots will be counted after the close of the March 7 Public Hearing. Each property's assessment ballot is weighted by the amount of the proposed assessment (e.g. \$1 = 1 vote). The assessment will not be imposed if the weighted vote against the assessment is greater than the weighted vote in favor. The results will be announced by Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Board of Directors following verification of the results.

## Attend the Community Meeting and Public Hearing

### Community Meeting

**6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 1**  
Yolo County Fairgrounds  
John Rogers Hall  
1250 Gum Avenue  
Woodland, CA 95776

### Public Hearing

**6 p.m., Tuesday, March 7**  
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District  
34274 State Highway 16  
Woodland, CA 95695



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## About the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) was created in 1951 to plan, develop and manage conjunctive water use for 200,000 acres in Yolo County. Today, the District operates and maintains a system of two reservoirs, three dams, 160 miles of canals and laterals, and a small hydroelectric plant to deliver irrigation water and provide groundwater recharge benefits to more than 100,000 acres of productive farmland.

The Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's Board of Directors are appointed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. The Board meets at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month at the District office, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA.

## Board of Directors

**Tom Barth**  
**Mary Kimball**  
**Jim Mayer**  
**Shane Tucker**  
**Erik Vink**



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## Phase I: Revenue Stabilization Program Proposed Assessment for Capital Improvements

# Official Notice & Ballot Information Guide

## Questions?

Website: [www.ycfcwcd.org](http://www.ycfcwcd.org)

Email: [watercosts@ycfcwcd.org](mailto:watercosts@ycfcwcd.org)

Hotline: **530-661-8020**

## Visit our website for additional info:

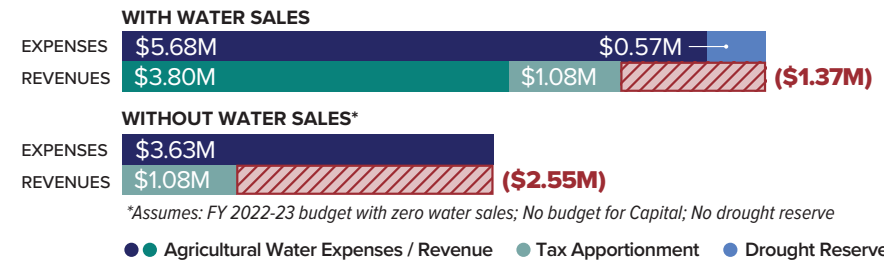
- Detailed Assessment District boundary maps
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Capital Improvement Project information



## District's Multi-Year Budget Deficit is Expected to Grow

During the past two fiscal years, the District has experienced a \$4.6 million budget shortfall. This is primarily due to the drought, inflation and increasing regulatory costs. Even with average water sales, the District is projecting an FY 2023-24 budget shortfall of \$1.37 million, but it could as much as \$2.55 million with another dry year. Bottom line: the District's current and future ability to deliver surface water supplies are at risk.

### Projected FY 2023-24 Budget Deficit



Most of the District's operating revenues (60%) are from annual water sales (water rates). Thus, annual revenues are extremely variable. The District's water sales are low or nonexistent during dry and drought years, resulting in a substantial budget deficit. This leads to deferred maintenance on the system, eliminates funds for emergency repairs and regulatory compliance, and reduces long-term water system reliability. Without reliable, sustainable funding, the District cannot invest in system improvements and modernization to increase efficiencies, decrease long-term maintenance costs, and meet regulatory requirements.

## District Services Require Reliable, Sustainable Revenues

The District's Board of Directors is proposing a three-phased Revenue Stabilization Program to ensure water delivery system reliability and resiliency (see "Proposed Revenue Stabilization Program" box, in blue). An additional goal is to diversify revenues in an equitable manner, since surface water customers aren't the only ones who benefit from District services.

### Phase I: Proposed Property Assessment

The Phase I property assessment will provide reliable, sustainable funding for a portion of the District's capital improvements for the Capay Diversion Dam, along with the downstream irrigation transmission and distribution system. Services are grouped into two categories:

**Service Category 1 - Infrastructure Availability:** These projects support long-term reliability of the system to ensure agricultural water supply is available to all agricultural properties within the District that currently or can reasonably receive water from the system now or in the future. These projects include major capital replacement and modernization of the Capay Diversion Dam, flumes, siphons, spills, sloughs, and related infrastructure required to ensure water availability.

**Service Category 2 - Routine Capital Improvement:** These projects and activities ensure long-term, reliable operations of the system to deliver water to agricultural properties within the District that currently or can reasonably receive water from the system now or in the future. These projects include routine capital replacement and repairs to canals, gates & turnouts, checks & backups, drains, bridges, culverts, and crossings.

Most agricultural properties within the proposed assessment district benefit from one or both services, depending upon their connection status (see "How Proposed Assessments are Calculated").

## How Proposed Assessments Are Calculated

Only properties that benefit from Infrastructure Availability and/or Routine Capital Improvement services can be assessed, as per CA Proposition 218 law. Each property's assessment will differ, depending upon the following factors:

### Parcel Type & Size

Agricultural properties, calculated as 80% of the gross acreage (as per the Yolo County Assessor)

### Connection Status

**Currently Connected:** Properties that have access to water from the canal/slough system via a turnout or other facility

**Potentially Connected:** Properties that currently lack access to water because they don't have a turnout or other distribution facility, but are located adjacent to or within reasonable proximity to the canal/slough system

### Benefit

Currently Connected properties benefit from both Infrastructure Availability and/or Routine Capital Improvement services. Potentially Connected properties only benefit from Infrastructure Availability services.

## Proposed Revenue Stabilization Program

Phase I January 2023	Property assessment for all properties that receive, or have the potential to receive, surface water to fund a portion of the District's capital improvement costs. The assessment will generate approximately \$952,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24, if approved by property owners.
Phase II March 2023	5-year water rate increase to adequately fund operations, maintenance, regulatory compliance projects, critical repairs, and system improvements. It would also restore the capital improvement fund and establish a drought reserve. If the Phase I property assessment is approved by property owners, the District will propose lower rate increases than if the assessment is not approved.
Phase III (By 2026)	Groundwater fee to lower Phase II water rates and balance the revenue sources. This is a future action to be coordinated with the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.

