

**Important Information
on Proposed Property
Assessment and
Water Rates**

**Community
Information Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.
January 11, 2023**

Yolo County Fairgrounds
John Rogers Hall
1250 Gum Avenue,
Woodland

34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695-9371



YOLO COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

Phase III: Groundwater Charge

WHY	Equitably account and charge for groundwater benefits
WHO	Properties that benefit from in-lieu, passive, active groundwater recharge
WHEN	Future action, in coordination with Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
HOW	TBD
SUMMARY	The third phase will include a groundwater fee that will be used to offset water rates. The combination of the three phases will ensure that all properties that benefit from the District services are paying toward its costs.

Proposed Revenue Stabilization Program Schedule

At its meeting on January 3, 2023, the District's Board of Directors will consider whether to send property assessment ballots to affected properties. The balloting period will last 45 days and end with a public hearing and ballot tabulation in March. Immediately following that public hearing, the District's Board of Directors will receive the ballot tabulation results and consider sending the appropriate water rate increase notices to all current and potential water customers. Water customers will have 45 days to submit a written protest to the proposed water rate increases, and the District will close the protest period with another public hearing. The third phase will likely occur sometime in the next three years. Any resulting groundwater charge would be used to offset water rates.



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Revenue Stabilization Program

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Questions?

Please attend our community meeting, visit our website at www.ycfcwcd.org, and/or contact us at **(530) 661-8020**, or watercosts@ycfcwcd.org.

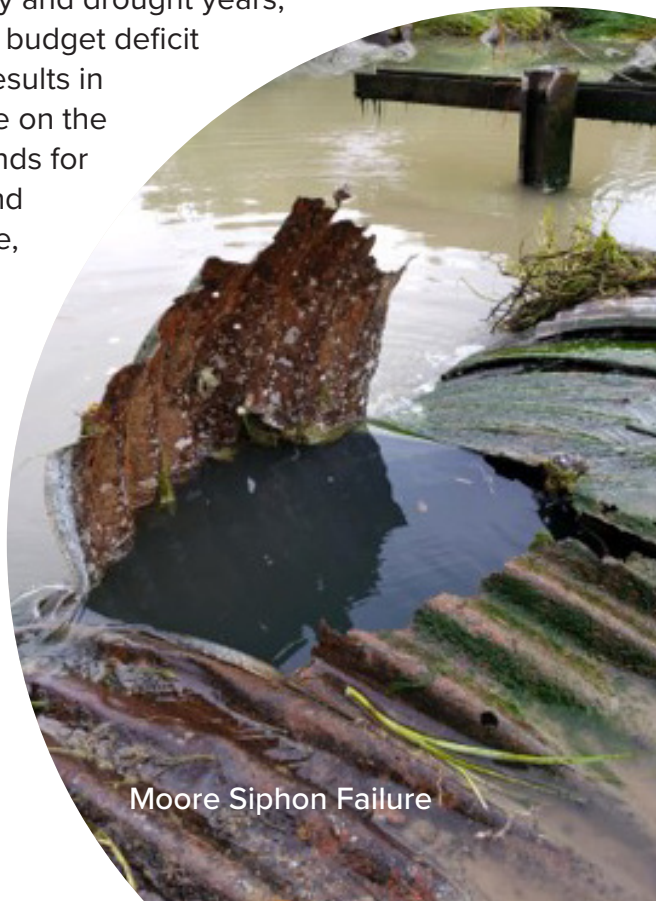
Revenue Stabilization Program

About the 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.

District's Revenues Aren't Reliable or Sustainable

Most of the District's operating revenues (60%) are from annual water sales (water rates). As such, annual revenues are extremely variable. Water sales are low or nonexistent during dry and drought years, creating a substantial budget deficit for the District. This results in deferred maintenance on the system, eliminates funds for emergency repairs and regulatory compliance, and reduces long-term water system reliability. Without adequate funding, the District cannot invest in system modernization that would increase efficiencies and lower long-term maintenance costs.

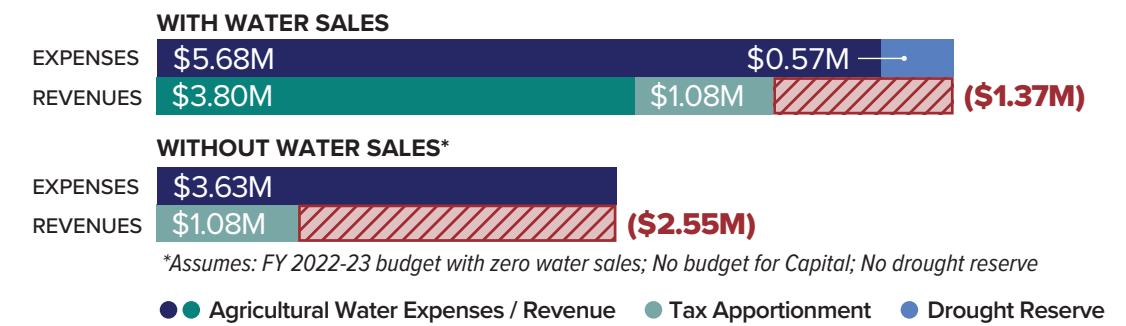


Moore Siphon Failure



2019 Moore Siphon Emergency Repair and Replacement

Projected FY 2023-24 Budget Deficit



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. Projecting average water sales for FY 2023-24 results in the District facing a \$1.37 million budget shortfall. Projecting a dry year will result in a budget shortfall of \$2.55 million. Bottom line: the District's current and future ability to deliver surface water supplies and provide benefits to the groundwater aquifer are at risk.

District Must Diversify Revenues for Reliable & Sustainable Service

The District's Board of Directors is considering a three-phased revenue stabilization program to ensure water delivery system reliability and resiliency in the near and long-term. An additional goal is to diversify revenues in an equitable manner, since surface water customers are not the only ones who benefit from the District's services.

PHASE	WHY	WHO	WHEN	HOW	SUMMARY
Phase I Property Assessment	Reliable source of revenue to cover a portion of the District's capital improvement costs	Properties with the ability/potential to receive water	January-March 2023	Ballot by mail. Only owners of properties that currently receive, or have the potential to receive, surface water will receive ballots. Ballots must be returned within the 45-day balloting period.	The first phase would result in a modest assessment on all properties that receive, or have the potential to receive, surface water. This would provide a limited, but sustainable source of annual revenues to cover some capital improvement costs.
Phase II Water Rate Increase (5-year)	Address inflation, cover portion of fixed costs, and ensure reserves for critical repairs/system improvements	Volumetric water deliveries	March-May 2023	A water rate notice will be sent to all existing and potential water customers. Water customers will have 45 days to submit a written protest.	The second phase would include an increase to water rates to adequately fund water delivery services, to include operations, maintenance, regulatory compliance projects, critical repairs, and system improvements. It would also restore capital funds and establish a responsible drought reserve. If the Phase I property assessment is approved by property owners, the District would propose lower rate increases than if the assessment is not approved.

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