

**Yolo County Flood Control &
Water Conservation District**

**Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, August 5, 2025
3:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA

- 3:00 1. Call Meeting to Order and Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances, opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items
- 3:03 2. Consideration: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda
To add an item to the agenda, it must fit one of the following categories:
a) A majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or
b) A 4/5ths determination of need to take action subsequent agenda posting.
- 3:04 3. Closed Session: Bay-Delta
Closed session conference with legal counsel for existing administrative proceeding and anticipated litigation/significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) – State Water Resources Control Board Bay/Delta Plan update proceeding.
- 3:30 4. CONSENT AGENDA:
a) Consideration: Adoption of the July 1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3:33 5. Consideration: Emergency Repairs at Indian Valley Reservoir Spillway
- 3:35 6. Consideration: Adopt Resolution 25.10 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll
- 3:40 7. Presentation: Overview of the Sacramento Regional Water Authority

- 4:00 8. Presentation: DWR's Draft Best Management Practices on Managing Land Subsidence
- 4:10 9. Presentation: YSGA Update
- 4:15 10. Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended
- 4:20 11. General Manager's Report: Report regarding current general activities and projects of the District
- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions
 - b) Financial Report
 - c) Capital Improvement Program
 - d) General Activities
 - e) Upcoming Events
- 4:30 12. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 4:35 13. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills
- 4:40 14. Closed Session: Long-Term Water Supply Agreements
Closed session conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8
- Property: Long-Term Water Supply Agreements under District's Clear Lake Water Right
Agency negotiators: Tom Barth, Shane Tucker, Kristin Sicke
Negotiating parties: Lake County Sanitation District, Calpine (GPC), NCPA
Under negotiation: Price and terms of agreement
- 5:00 15. Adjourn

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By:

Elise Nunez, Administrative Assistant

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025

ITEM #: 4

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consideration: Adoption of July 1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

INITIATED OR ☐ BOARD
REQUESTED BY: ☒ STAFF
☐ OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT ☒ YES ☐ NO
☐ DIRECTION

☐ INFORMATION
☒ ACTION: ☒ MOTION
☐ RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

a) Consideration: Adoption of the July 1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to Section 54957.5 of the Brown Act, copies of the draft minutes are available to the public on the District's website and at the District office prior to their approval.

In advance of the Board meeting, staff request the Directors notify staff if a correction is needed in the draft minutes to clarify a substantial point or to correct content. Staff will make the appropriate change(s) and submit the revised draft for review to the Board and the public at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend the Board

- a) Adopt the attached July 1 Regular Board Meeting minutes with any corrections.



Y O L O C O U N T Y
FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 3:00 PM

YCFC&WCD Offices
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Tucker convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Shane Tucker, Chair
Tom Barth (Arrived at 3:02 pm)
Jim Mayer
Lee Smith

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager
Anthony Lopez, Facilities Supervisor (Attended for Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)
Elise Nunez, Administrative Assistant
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel (via phone for Items 13, 14, 15, and 16)

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain
Maddie Munson
Geoff Klein
Donald Beeman
Todd Thorner (Attended for Item 5)

1. OPEN FORUM

None.

2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

Since Director Barth was running late, Chair Tucker moved Item 4 so that there would be four Directors in attendance to continue declaration of the emergency at Indian Valley Reservoir for completing repairs to the spillway.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of June 3, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on this item.

M/S/C approved the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Kimball and Barth

Abstain: None

4. CONSIDERATION: Emergency Repairs at Indian Valley Reservoir Spillway

General Manager Sicke asked the Board to continue declaration of emergency to continue work on spillway repairs. Lopez shared that the infrastructure committee met and discussed it on June 10, and that FERC approved of the design and work activities. The District solicited five contractors. Out of the five contractors solicited, only Granite Construction submitted a proposal for \$652,860. All others either didn't submit a proposal or formally declined because it is considered a smaller project. The project is anticipated to start in July or early August once the contract is approved and executed.

Sicke shared FERC's guidance on the emergency spillway repair and a desire to select a larger contractor with more experience completing spillway repair type work.

Director Mayer asked about Lopez's impressions of working with Granite, their experience, and the price provided. Lopez shared his confidence in Granite's spillway work due to their experience with the emergency in February, and he believes the price is considered reasonable based on industry feedback.

Beeman asked about the terms of the contract and if they can raise the price. Sicke and Lopez shared that the contract would have a not-to-exceed value unique to the work that must be completed as reported on the 2018 spillway assessment map.

Chamberlain inquired about the total area that needs repairing. Anthony said that he has not totaled the area, but that there are large patches for repair, which he can view in more detail on the 2018 spillway assessment map. Chamberlain and Klein asked what the process entails for patching the cracks and spalls. Director Tucker appreciated comments and feedback from District customers since investments in aging infrastructure will become more prominent in the District's future.

Director Smith asked Lopez about his level of confidence to complete the repair on time and on budget and Lopez stated that he is confident that the repair will be completed before the October rainy season.

M/S/C approved a continuation of the emergency for completing repairs to the Indian Valley Reservoir spillway.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Authorization of Entering into Consulting Services Agreement with JTN Energy, LLC

General Manager Sicke shared the District's history with a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Valley Clean Energy (VCE) for Indian Valley Reservoir Hydroelectric Facility. The VCE PPA is expiring in August and the District requested assistance of Todd Thorner with JTN Energy to evaluate whether there is a more desirable PPA arrangement for the future. Thorner reviewed his work experience in the energy sector, JTN's recent work history, and the potential PPA that the District could enter into once the VCE PPA is terminated. Thorner also shared the trends in energy prices and purchasing terms that may be more favorable to the District for revenue generation. Lastly, Thorner reviewed the consulting services agreement provided by JTN, which ties JTN's compensation and success to whether the District's goals are achieved.

Director Tucker asked for clarification on the Board's consideration, and Sicke clarified that the Board would only be considering JTN's consulting services agreement to assist the District with finding an optimal buyer and potential PPA and that a PPA would come back to the Board of approval.

Sicke asked Thorner to further explain the State's clean energy goals that impact power buyers' incentives to purchase hydropower generated energy versus other clean energy options such as solar or wind. Sicke asked Thorner to further clarify JTN's contract compensation and Thorner stated that if the District's hydropower generation is zero in one year, JTN would not receive payment, but if the District generates hydropower in another year, JTN receives a small percentage as commission.

Director Tucker asked Thorner to clarify the liquidated damages portion in JTN's contract. Thorner clarified the terms and how it relates to the District versus private power generators.

Director Barth requested clarification on the term of JTN's contract for consulting services. Thorner clarified how that language in the contract works if the District does not use JTN to sign a PPA in the future.

M/S/C authorized the General Manager to enter into Consulting Services Agreement with JTN Energy, LLC.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

6. CONSIDERATION: Authorization of Entering into an Agreement with CDM Smith for Initiating CEQA Process for Long-Term Winter Water Right

General Manager Sicke shared background on the long-term winter water right application and CEQA requirements. The long-term winter water right application fee to the State Water Board is \$778,800 and the District's application will request for diversions of up to 100,000 AF from Cache Creek at the Capay Diversion Dam. This water right would allow the District to recharge the aquifer between the months of November and April using the canal system, farmers' fields, and future dedicated recharge ponds adjacent to the canal system. In addition, the District is planning to bank diverted water in the aquifer for future extraction during drought periods to enhance fish flows in Putah Creek as part of the *Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program* proposal. Sicke shared the scope of work that will be completed by CDM Smith for \$360,000 to initiate the CEQA process by completing a water quality evaluation and developing a robust water quality monitoring framework. This first phase of initiating CEQA and working with CDM Smith will be reimbursed by the DWR SGMA Implementation Grant.

Director Smith asked about the funding to support this effort and the total expected costs. Sicke clarified the approach to take the CEQA process step by step to help keep costs reasonable and to allow the District flexibility to pivot if something changes down the road.

Chamberlain asked about how this ties into some of the ponds. Sicke and Cadaret shared what the District is currently doing to connect one of the ponds and what other ponds are considered for connecting to the District's conveyance system. Chamberlain asked about the *Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program* proposal and Sicke provided a brief overview.

Director Tucker asked what would happen if we didn't apply for this water right. Sicke shared the severe implications that would occur related to groundwater overdraft and land subsidence if the District did not apply for a long-term winter water right. Sicke also shared the importance of the water right for the *Healthy and Rivers Landscapes Program* proposal to be accepted by the State Water Board in a future revision to the Bay-Delta Plan.

Director Smith noted that if you amortized the \$2M over 50 years, it comes out to be \$4/AF annually, which makes a lot of sense to invest in the water right now to recharge the water and ensure available groundwater in the future.

Barrett asked about the possibility for winter recharge for conservation measures. Cadaret explained the work going into the application to explore opportunities for recharge and conservation.

M/S/C authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with CDM Smith to initiate the CEQA process for a long-term winter water recharge permit in an amount not to exceed \$360,000.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

7. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution No. 25.09 Waiving Public Bidding for Indian Valley Reservoir Hydroelectric Facility Hydroelectric Substation Capacitor Voltage Transformers Replacement Project

Facilities Supervisor Lopez provided an overview of the Indian Valley Reservoir Hydroelectric Substation. Currently, all four Capacitor Voltage Transformers (CVTs) at the Hydroelectric Substation have failed and it is necessary to replace them to protect the District's power system. The replacement of the CVTs also includes upgrading the control panel, replacing protection relays and short-circuit relays, and upgrading the oil circuit breaker. GS Engineering, LLC assisted the District in identifying a qualified contractor, TW Power Line Construction, LLC to complete the work. TW Power Line Construction proposed the first phase of the project for replacing the CVTs can be completed for \$273,610.

Beeman asked about TW Power Line's proposal and Lopez shared what was included and how the proposed expense is aligned with market value.

M/S/C approved adoption of Resolution No 25.09 Waiving Public Bidding for Indian Valley Reservoir Hydroelectric Substation Capacitor Voltage Transformers Replacement Project and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with TW Power Line Construction, LLC.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

8. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update

Assistant General Manager Cadaret shared updates on YSGA administration and GSP implementation progress through the SGMA Implementation Grant. The following was presented:

- Upcoming meetings: YSGA Board Meeting (July 21). YSGA staff also mentioned they are working on planning a Yolo-Zamora Landowner meeting and Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group meeting in August. In addition, YSGA staff will be kicking off initiation of the North Yolo Management Area Public Advisory Committee in

August/September. Other related meetings include CAFF's Sustainable Groundwater Panel (July 16).

- To date, approximately \$2.33M of SGMA Implementation Grant funds have been expended. It was also noted that Component 1 and 2 funds need to be fully expended by April 2026 and Components 3, 4, 5, and 6 must be spent by April 2027. YSGA staff will be submitting a grant agreement amendment to DWR for review to request an extension of time for each component.
- YSGA staff have started the YSGA Fee Study with Hansford Economic Consulting and started work with Consero Solutions to assist with outreach related to Hungry Hollow and North Yolo outreach and engagement grant-funded projects.
- MBK Engineers has drafted the water availability analysis for the District's long-term permit application for winter recharge. Winter water diversions under the temporary permit occurred in January and February in the amount of approximately 4,400 acre-feet. District staff are working to file a long-term water right application in July. Preliminary analysis of potential recharge opportunities beyond recharging the canal include 90,000 acres with potential for on-farm recharge that are connected to the canal system and over 700 acres of potential sites for construction of dedicated recharge basins. In addition, the 180-day temporary permit would be filed for winter 2026 by September and the 5-year permit would be filed by October which would allow the District to conduct recharge without having to file additional 180-day temporary permits for winter 2027 - 2030. The District is working with landowners to prepare for 2026 on-farm recharge opportunities.
- The Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group met on June 26 and had a productive workshop to discuss data, project and management action concepts, prioritization criteria, and development of a charter to advance proactive water management in the Hungry Hollow area. Future workshops are planned for August and October.

Director Smith asked if the District Board has had previous discussions to consider selling water for the purpose of recharge. Sicke and Cadaret shared background information on what has been discussed and what is being considered.

Chamberlain asked about what's being done to address concerns voiced by landowners in Hungry Hollow. Cadaret shared the work completed leading up to the June 26 workshop where the water budget and potential projects and management actions were reviewed.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Tucker attended the *Lake County Long-Term Water Supply Agreements Committee (WSA Committee)* and coordinated with the *Personnel Committee* regarding the General Manager's performance evaluation. Director Mayer attended NCWA/DWR's Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement group, District *Personnel Committee* meeting regarding the General Manager's performance evaluation, and NCWA Water Leaders Program. Director Barth attended the *Lake WSA Committee*. Director Smith attended the YSGA Executive Committee meeting, Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group meeting, and a District *Infrastructure Committee* meeting.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions: Sicke provided an overview of current water conditions as of July 1, 2025:
 1. Clear Lake is currently at 6.35 feet Rumsey, and Cache Creek Dam is releasing flows in the amount of 460 cfs
 2. Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 227,900 AF storage and releasing 360 cfs.
 3. Sicke noted that the irrigation diversions started on April 18 and we're releasing 250 cfs into the West Adams Canal and 430 cfs into the Winters Canal.
 4. Sicke reviewed real-time groundwater levels for June 2025 and reviewed the updated District hydrograph for periodic monitoring wells.
 5. The Winters Canal is currently experiencing a flow constraint, and the District is investigating the issue.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Sicke provided an update on irrigation season water sales and FY budget to date.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – Provided updates on the planning and construction activities related to capital projects, what has currently been completed to date, and what's anticipated to be completed at the end of the irrigation season.
- d) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
- e) The following upcoming events were announced:
 - NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (July 7)
 - YSGA: Coordination with Yolo County on Well Permitting Update (July 10)
 - ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (July 11)
 - CII Board Meeting (July 15)
 - District Farmers Council Meeting (July 15)
 - CAFF's Groundwater Panel (July 16)
 - YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (July 21)
 - Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting: Well Permitting Update (July 22)
 - Yolo County Regional Resilience Collaborative (YCRRC) Workshop #1 (July 24)
 - Sac Valley Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement Workgroup (August 27)
 - YSGA: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Workshop (August TBD)
 - YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (August 28)
 - Central Yolo County H&H Analysis: 2nd Public Meeting (August 28)
 - Yolo Land Trust's Day in the Country (September 14)

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

None.

12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 64911-64924 and Electronic Payment E000000008.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

Abstain: None

13. CLOSED SESSION: Long-Term Water Supply Agreements

Closed session conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8

Property: Long-Term Water Supply Agreements under District's Clear Lake Water Right

Agency negotiators: Tom Barth, Shane Tucker, Kristin Sicke

Negotiating parties: Lake County Sanitation District, Calpine, NCPA

Under negotiation: Price and terms of agreement

Closed Session Report: Chair Tucker reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, and Legal Counsel Bezerra participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

14. CLOSED SESSION: Bay-Delta

Closed session conference with legal counsel for existing administrative proceeding and anticipated litigation/significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) – State Water Resources Control Board Bay/Delta Plan update proceeding.

Closed Session Report: Chair Tucker reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, and Legal Counsel Bezerra participated in the discussion and that there was nothing to report.

15. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54954.5(e) and 54957)

Title: General Manager

Closed Session Report: Chair Tucker reported that the Directors and General Manager Sicke participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

16. CLOSED SESSION: Labor Negotiations (Government Code § 54957.6)

District Representative(s): Director Mayer (Director Kimball was absent)

Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

Closed Session Report: Chair Tucker reported that the Directors participated in the closed session item. Labor Negotiator Representative Mayer provided a review of the June meeting with Director Kimball and General Manager Sicke and in recognition of the General Manager's 2024

accomplishments, the Labor Negotiator Representatives requested the Board of Directors consider a merit increase to the General Manager's salary in the amount of \$26,376. This merit increase is tied to the completion of General Manager Sicke's 2023 Goals discussed at the June 6, 2023 Board meeting, which included a \$15,000 performance-based increase. Along with a \$11,376 increase to account for data compiled in the 2023-2025 regional salary survey of irrigation districts in the Central Valley.

Additionally, the Labor Negotiator Representatives requested the Board of Directors consider providing the General Manager with a performance-based bonus at the end of Fiscal Year 25/26 with the accomplishment of developing and implementing the 9-Month Roadmap for Building District Capacity. Specifically, the hiring of new staff to move District initiatives forward in a timely manner.

17. CONSIDERATION: Consider Merit Increase to General Manager Salary

M/S/C approved a merit increase to the General Manager's salary in the amount of \$26,376 and accepted the General Manager's 2025 Goals for consideration of performance-based compensation at the May 5, 2026 Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Shane Tucker, Chair

ATTEST:

Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025

ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Consideration: Emergency Spillway Repairs at Indian Valley Reservoir

INITIATED OR ☐ BOARD
REQUESTED BY: ☒ STAFF
☐ OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT ☐ YES ☒ NO
☐ DIRECTION

☐ INFORMATION
☒ ACTION: ☒ MOTION
☐ RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

In early February 2025, the District released water through Indian Valley Dam's spillway as a flood-control operation and quickly identified that the concrete on a small portion of the spillway had delaminated. Working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD), the District immediately repaired that portion of the spillway under emergency contracts executed by the District's General Manager under authority delegated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors declared an emergency at the special Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

In implementing the emergency repair, District staff identified other areas on the spillway where the concrete has begun to delaminate or appears to be at a significant risk of delaminating. To ensure the continued reliability of the spillway's concrete, the District needs to repair the other areas of the spillway that present a significant risk of delamination as soon as possible and before the next rainy season. Indian Valley Reservoir's watershed has experienced several wet or very wet water years in the last 10 years, including 2017, 2019, 2023 and 2025. Moreover, water year 2025 involved a very wet November, so there can be significant inflows to Indian Valley Reservoir early in the rainy season. The District therefore needs to repair areas on Indian Valley Dam's spillway that present a significant risk of delamination as soon as possible.

This situation presents a need for the District to contract for, and implement, the necessary repairs to the spillway's concrete more quickly than can be done through standard public contract bidding. Contracting for the repairs without that bidding therefore is authorized by Public Contract Code sections 21203 and 22050. To ensure that the repairs are done in the most cost-effective way possible given the situation, the General Manager intends to solicit three bids for the repairs.

Based on these considerations, the Board of Directors declared an emergency at its March 4, 2025 meeting. The above conditions continue to exist and constitute an emergency, and the District continues to need to contract on an emergency basis to complete the necessary repairs to Indian Valley Dam's spillway by the next rainy season. Under Government Code section 22050, to maintain this authority, the Board of Directors must declare the continuing emergency by a four-fifths vote at each regularly scheduled meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff request that the Board of Directors declare the continuation of an emergency for completing repairs to delaminated concrete or concrete at risk of delaminating on the Indian Valley spillway.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025

ITEM #: 6

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adopt Resolution 25.10 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll

INITIATED OR ☐ BOARD
REQUESTED BY: ☒ STAFF
☐ OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Kimberly Villa
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT ☒ YES ☐ NO
☐ DIRECTION

☐ INFORMATION
☒ ACTION: ☐ MOTION
☒ RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

The District is placing the following Regular Special Assessments on the Yolo County (County) property tax roll for Fiscal Year 2025/2026:

1. 1990 East Adams Area Assessment District (Code 54620)
2. 2000 Hungry Hollow Area Assessment District (Code 54621)
3. 2012 Annexation Special Assessment District (Code 54623)
4. 2020 Annexation Special Assessment District (Code 54624)
5. 2023 Special Benefit Assessment (Code 54625)

As part of the Special Assessments' process, the County is requesting the Board adopt a formal resolution that acknowledges the collection of these charges on the County's property tax roll for 2025/2026. The 2025/2026 assessments by special assessment district are available upon request.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend the Board adopt Resolution 25.10 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll.

RESOLUTION NO. 25.10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REQUESTING COLLECTION OF CHARGES ON TAX ROLL

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) requests the County of Yolo (County) collect on the County tax roll certain charges which have been imposed pursuant to Sections 28 and 29 of the District Act, found on the [District's website](#); and

WHEREAS, the County has required as a condition of the collection of said charges that the District warrant the legality of said charges and defend and indemnify the County from any challenge to the legality thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District that:

1. The Audit-Controller of Yolo County has requested to attach for collection on the County tax rolls those taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges, attached hereto.
2. The District warrants and represents that the taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges imposed by the District and being requested to be collected by Yolo County comply with all requirements of state law, including but not limited to Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218).
3. The District releases and discharges County, and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages, causes of action, and judgments, in any manner arising out of the collection by County of any taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges on behalf of the District.
4. The District agrees to and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees (the "Indemnified Parties") from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs and expenses, damages, causes of action, and judgments, in any manner arising out of collection by County of any of the District's said taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges requested to be collected by County for the District, or in any manner arising out of the District's establishment and imposition of said taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges. The District agrees that, in the event a judgment is entered in a court of law against any of the Indemnified Parties as a result of collection of one of the District's taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges, the County may offset the amount of the judgment from any other monies collected by County on behalf of the District, including property taxes.
5. The District agrees that its officers, agents, and employees will cooperate with the County in answering questions referred to the District by the County from any person concerning the District's taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges, and that the District will not refer such persons to County officers and employees for response.

6. The District agrees to pay such reasonable and ordinary charges as the County may prescribe to recoup its costs in placing on the tax rolls and collecting the taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges, as provided by Government Code Sections 29304 and 51800.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on August 5, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Signed by me after its passage this 5th day of August 2025.

Shane Tucker, Chair

ATTEST:

Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025

ITEM #: 7

SUBJECT: Presentation: Overview of the Sacramento Regional Water Authority

INITIATED OR ☐ BOARD
REQUESTED BY: ☒ STAFF
☐ OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT ☒ YES ☐ NO
☐ DIRECTION

☒ INFORMATION
☐ ACTION: ☐ MOTION
☐ RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

The Sacramento Regional Water Authority (RWA) is a joint powers authority representing 22 water providers and 6 affiliated organizations in the Sacramento region. Its mission is to promote collaboration, ensure reliable and sustainable water supplies, and advocate for sound water policies at the regional, state, and federal levels.

During the meeting, Executive Director Jim Peifer will provide an overview of RWA's mission, along with the regional collaboration and advocacy work they provide for RWA members.

RECOMMENDATION:

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.



March 5, 2025

Brett Ewart, Chair
Michael Saunders, Vice Chair

Ms. Kristin Sicke
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
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Members

California American Water
Carmichael Water District
Citrus Heights Water District
Del Paso Manor Water District
El Dorado Irrigation District
Elk Grove Water District
Fair Oaks Water District
Folsom, City of
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District
Golden State Water Company
Lincoln, City of
Nevada Irrigation District
Orange Vale Water Company
Placer County Water Agency
Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Roseville, City of
Sacramento, City of
Sacramento County Water Agency
Sacramento Suburban Water District
San Juan Water District
West Sacramento, City of
Yuba City, City of

Associates

County of Placer
El Dorado County Water Agency
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Yuba Water Agency

Subject: Associate Membership with the Regional Water Authority

Dear Ms. Sicke,

I am writing to extend an invitation to the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFCWCD) to consider joining the Regional Water Authority (RWA) as an associate member. Yolo County and the American River regions are widely recognized as statewide leaders in water management through the successful development of sustainable water supplies and natural resource stewardship programs. By joining together, I believe our regions can increase our effectiveness by providing broader regional benefits, opportunities to further engage in statewide advocacy, and contribute further to the planning, development, and management of water resources. These benefits aid in our region's ability to provide a safe and reliable water supply to sustain the environmental and socioeconomic well-being of our communities.

Who is the Regional Water Authority: The RWA is comprised of 22 member agencies and six associate member agencies that include Sierra foothills agencies as well as agencies in the Sacramento Valley. Collectively, these members manage water resources to provide safe drinking water, flood control, power generation, and wastewater treatment and reclamation. Jointly, these agencies are experiencing a host of interconnected challenges in the form of increasing threats from wildfire, flood, drought, and environmental degradation. Additionally, these agencies face future regulatory pressures to increase water use efficiency and provide increased water for delta outflows. In short, RWA member agencies are frontline responders to the changes in climate California is experiencing where addressing the expected loss of snowpack and the ramifications is a primary challenge. This is a challenge that can be solved within the region through improved connection and coordination between the upper and lower watershed that would benefit all of California.

RWA has a similar perspective on water management: RWA members have a long history of advancing conjunctive use and environmental stewardship. This aligns with the YCFCWCD mission "to plan, develop, and manage the conjunctive use of its surface and groundwater resources to provide a safe and reliable water supply, at a reasonable cost, to sustain and the socio-economic and environmental well-being of Yolo County." Much of RWA focus over the last quarter century has been on the advancement of conjunctive use and the Water Forum co-equal goals of water supply reliability and environmental preservation. The challenges and solutions to these shared objectives are similar.

Similar solutions to challenges and the potential to expand on those successes: Within RWA, the conjunctive use program in the American River watershed has significantly increased groundwater levels in the region over the last 20 years. Like Yolo County, RWA is seen as a leader in the management of groundwater consistent with the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). RWA staff play key roles in working with the Legislature, Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGM office staff, and through the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) on influencing future groundwater policy and addressing existing SGMA implementation challenges and concerns. Yolo County's talented groundwater experienced staff working through the RWA would further benefit from this relationship. Today there are several ways in which an enhanced relationship could advance shared priorities.

Groundwater Policies and Establishment of Banks: There is widespread and growing agreement that moving more water into the ground in wet conditions is necessary to improve the ability to manage dry conditions. In essence, conjunctive use is the path forward on a statewide basis. However, at the local level state policies have at best not provided sufficient incentives to advancing groundwater recharge or at worst have discouraged groundwater recharge. Highlighting the experiences that YCFCWCD and RWA have had and the ability to create appropriate groundwater recharge incentives through the establishment of water banks can be jointly beneficial.

Lower Sacramento Valley Coalition: There are significant recharge opportunities in the lower Sacramento Valley. Possibly on a scale that exists nowhere else in the state. There is an opportunity and need for the lower Sacramento Valley to be leaders in advancing recharge that benefits the sustainability of the region but also can provide statewide benefits.

State Legislative and State Agency Advocacy: Enhancing relationships and understanding of the challenges state policies have created in the State Legislature would be mutually beneficial. RWA brings strong relationships with the members that represent the urban core and those could be enhanced through the representation and experiences that YCFCWCD has. RWA has successfully sponsored groundwater legislation in the past and has been a leader in groundwater recharge advocacy in the Legislature in recent years.

YCFCWCD and RWA have strong relationships with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Office (SGMO): The more SGMO can see our shared objectives and challenges the better we can collectively enhance their ability to be our best advocate. Having a formal relationship would help us show SGMO our shared successes and the biggest barriers to further successes.

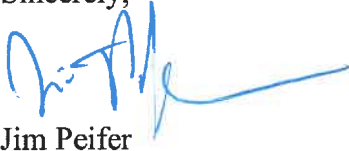
Benefits of RWA Membership: RWA has been very successful at receiving state and federal funding for its members' resilience work. If YCFCWCD were to join the RWA, the RWA would work to enhance options for state and federal funding available to YCFCWCD. Moreover, we would leverage our advocacy resources to garner policy support from the State and Federal government and improve funding opportunities to the Yolo County portion of our region to improve water supply resilience.

Member Dues: The RWA's policies allow new members to enjoy a 50 percent reduction in dues for their first year, and a 25 percent reduction in their second year, provided the new member remains an RWA member for three years. The regular annual dues for YCFCWCD would be \$7,211 based on YCFCWCD's operating budget for FY 23/24. The first year's dues would be \$3,605.

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We invite you to consider becoming an associate member of the RWA and look forward to any questions you may have about us. Please do not hesitate to call me directly (916) 847-7589.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Peifer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Peifer
Executive Director

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025

ITEM #: 8

SUBJECT: Presentation: DWR's Draft Best Management Practices on Managing Land Subsidence

INITIATED OR ☐ BOARD
REQUESTED BY: ☒ STAFF
☐ OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Erik Cadaret
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT ☐ YES ☒ NO
☐ DIRECTION

☒ INFORMATION
☐ ACTION: ☐ MOTION
☐ RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

On July 24, 2025, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released a [draft Best Management Practices \(BMP\) document](#) for public comment that will help local water agencies address land subsidence, support groundwater reliant communities, and help meet objectives set by the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#) (SGMA) to avoid or minimize current and future impacts of subsidence. Once finalized following public review, the document will serve as a guide for groundwater managers on the basics of subsidence, how to best manage it, and available technical assistance.

DWR is accepting public comments on the draft until September 22, 2025. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to submit comments and attend upcoming in-person meetings held in Delano, Clovis, and Willows. These meetings will include an overview of the draft document and serve as a venue to ask questions and provide public comments.

District staff will provide a brief overview of the Land Subsidence BMP and how YSGA staff are evaluating land subsidence in the Yolo Subbasin.

RECOMMENDATION:

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

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AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025

ITEM #: 9

SUBJECT: Presentation: Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Update

INITIATED OR ☐ BOARD
REQUESTED BY: ☒ STAFF
☐ OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT ☐ YES ☒ NO
☐ DIRECTION

☒ INFORMATION
☐ ACTION: ☐ MOTION
☐ RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

District staff and the Board's representatives to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) will provide an update on the YSGA's activities, including SGMA implementation grant projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

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