

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

**Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, September 2, 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.
- 3:05 3. CONSENT AGENDA:
a) Consideration: Adoption of the August 5 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3:08 4. Consideration: Emergency Repairs at Indian Valley Reservoir Spillway
- 3:15 5. Presentation: Potential Expansion of the Delta Conservancy
- 3:25 6. Presentation: YSGA Update
- 3:35 7. Consideration: Adoption of the District's Draft Strategic Plan
- 4:05 8. Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended

- 4:10 9. 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
- 4:20 10. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 4:25 11. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills
- 4:30 12. 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
- 4:45 13. 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.
- 5:00 14. Adjourn

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I declare that the foregoing agenda was posted at the office of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA on August 29, 2025.

By:

Elise Nunez, Administrative Assistant

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2025

ITEM #: 3

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consideration: Adoption of August 5 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 August 5 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 August 5 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, August 5, 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, August 5, 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
Mary Kimball
Jim Mayer
Lee Smith

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager
Kim Villa, Finance Director
Elise Nunez, Administrative Assistant
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett
Dan Bonetti
Geoff Klein
Maddie Munson
Ryan Ojakian (Regional Water Authority; Agenda Item 7)
Jim Peifer (Regional Water Authority; Agenda Item 7)
David Sandino

1. OPEN FORUM

None.

2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no items to add to the agenda.

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.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of July 1, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on this item.

M/S/C approved the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Tucker, Kimball, Barth, Mayer, and Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. 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. Sicke shared that we have proceeded with Granite to complete the repairs. Lopez and Granite did an inspection of the spillway to identify where repairs are needed. February repairs need some touching up. Spillway is now at the elevation required in order to start repairs at the spillway.

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

Ayes: Directors Tucker, Kimball, Barth, Mayer, and Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. CONSIDERATION: Adopt Resolution 25.10 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll

General Manager Sicke reported that the District places the following Regular Special Assessments on the Yolo County (County) property tax roll annually:

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

M/S/C adopted Resolution 25.10 to collect charges on the tax roll for 2025/2026.

Ayes: Directors Tucker, Kimball, Barth, Mayer, and Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7. PRESENTATION: Overview of the Sacramento Regional Water Authority

General Manager Sicke introduced Jim Peifer and Ryan Ojakian from the Sacramento Regional Water Authority (RWA) to provide an overview of RWA's mission and the benefits offered to members. RWA is a JPA of 21 water purveyors and six associated members. RWA programs include water use efficiency, surface water regulation, groundwater coordination (lower Sacramento Valley), water bank (Sacramento regional water bank), advocacy, and grant acquisition and management. Policy issues of interest include Proposition 4, the *Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program*, Recharge and Groundwater Management, and Affordability.

Director Mayer asked if RWA participates in the Capitol-to-Capitol program (Cap-to-Cap). Peifer reported that he supports in organizing the effort and preparing documents related to Cap-to-Cap and that it serves as a helpful touchpoint to maintain relationships in Washington D.C. and with the federal administration. Mayer clarified that Yolo County has historically not been advocated for at the federal level and asked how RWA's participation could help Yolo County. Peifer stated that West Sacramento is the only agency in Yolo County that participates, and the District could benefit from RWA's efforts. Mayer also asked if RWA has ever taken different positions from NCWA and Peifer stated it's infrequent to take an opposite position with NCWA largely due to ongoing collaboration. Ojakian clarified that when RWA and NCWA align there could be variation and when that occurs, it's on how they support a bill where there are with different priorities based on the members' interests. Mayer asked if their current members have water rights under review from the State Water Board, and Peifer noted that many members would like to extend their water right applications, but none currently have new pending water right applications.

Kimball asked if there are other agricultural districts participating in RWA and Peifer reported that many agricultural districts participate in RWA. Ojakian clarified that at the state level, there's a tremendous opportunity to hear more from agricultural districts and what the incentives could be to support state level water goals such as recharge. Chair Tucker appreciated Peifer and Ojakian's time in presenting to the Board.

8. PRESENTATION: DWR's Draft Best Management Practices on Managing Land Subsidence.

Assistant General Manager Cadaret shared an overview on [DWR's Draft Best Management Practices on Managing Land Subsidence in California](#), the history of and current status of land subsidence in the Yolo Subbasin, and what it will mean for future updates to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Director Kimball asked about the monthly monitoring for subsidence and Cadaret clarified how monthly monitoring of water levels would be correlated to land subsidence from DWR's datasets.

9. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update

Cadaret shared updates on YSGA administration and GSP implementation progress through the SGMA Implementation Grant. The following upcoming meetings were discussed:

- August 18: Coffee Shop hours at 2pm in Winters and 3 pm in Woodland for landowners to ask questions and discuss topics of interest to them
- September 9: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting
- September 15: YSGA Board of Directors Meeting.
- August 20: CA Water Data Summit
- August 26: Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting

Grant Project Progress

- YCFC&WCD is applying for the following winter water recharge water right application:
 - Winter 2026 180-day Temporary Winter Water Right (by September 2025)
 - Winters 2027 – 2031 5-year Winter Water Right (anticipated by Summer 2026)
 - Long-term Winter Water Right (anticipated by December 2025 or sooner)
- Conducted another pilot project in the Yolo-Zamora region at Roosevelt Ranch near the Colusa Basin Drain: recharged 150 AF over 45 days
- A list of grant components (projects) updates is shown in the table below

Grant Component	Project	Deliverables	Progress	Grant Funds End Date
2. Yolo Subbasin GSP Implementation	GSP Annual Reports	2022 Annual Report	Complete	4/30/2026
		2023 Annual Report	Complete	
		2024 Annual Report	Complete	
		2025 Annual Report	Start Dec 2025	
	GSP Periodic Evaluation	Draft Periodic Evaluation	In Progress	4/30/2026
	YSGA Fee Study	Draft Fee Study Report	In Progress	4/30/2026
	Groundwater Model Enhancements	Model Enhancement TM	In Progress	4/30/2026
	Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Approach	ISW Approach TM	Start Sep 2025	4/30/2026
	Hungry Hollow Water Budget	Hungry Hollow White Paper	In Progress	4/30/2026
	Hungry Hollow On-Farm Pilot Projects			
	Hungry Hollow PMAs	GPS Subsidence Survey Report	Complete	4/30/2026
	GPS Subsidence Survey			
	Monitoring Network Enhancements			
	Outreach: Hungry Hollow North Yolo	Presentation Materials	In Progress	4/30/2026
3. YCFC&WCD Winter Recharge Program	Permit Application	Long-term Permit Application	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Implement On-Farm Recharge Pilot Projects	Executed Landowner Agreements Photos	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Hungry Hollow Canal Automation	Photos	Complete	4/30/2027
	Monitoring	Monitoring and Assessment Plan, Annual Report, Farm Field Recharge Guide	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Outreach	Presentation Materials	In Progress	4/30/2027
4. City of Winters Feasibility Studies	Recycled Water Feasibility Study	Report	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Surface Water Supply Feasibility Study	Report	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Outreach	Presentation Materials	In Progress	4/30/2027
5. Yolo-Zamora Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project	Preliminary Design/Engineering for Canal Improvements	10% Design	Complete	4/30/2027
	Feasibility Study for China Slough Rehabilitation	Feasibility Study	In Progress	4/30/2027
	100% Design/Engineering for China Slough Rehabilitation	100% Design, CEQA Docs, Permits	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Water Availability Analysis	WAA Report	Complete	4/30/2027
	Culverts, Checks, Gates	Construction Photos	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Recharge Pilot Projects	Pilot Project Report	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Monitoring	Water Conservation Report	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Outreach	Presentation Materials	In Progress	4/30/2027

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Tucker attended the *Lake County Long-Term Water Supply Agreements Committee (Lake County LTWSA Committee)*. Director Kimball attended the District's *Strategic Planning Committee* and *Personnel Committee* meetings with Director Mayer. Director Mayer attended Willow Slough Drainage Project meetings and presented at the NCWA Water Leaders meeting. Director Barth attended the *Lake County LTWSA Committee* and the July YSGA Board meeting. Director Smith attended the YSGA Executive Committee and YSGA Board meetings.

11. 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 August 5, 2025:
 1. Clear Lake is currently at 5.04 feet Rumsey, and Cache Creek Dam is releasing flows in the amount of 385 cfs
 2. Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 203,700 AF storage and releasing 257 cfs. IVR irrigation releases will reduce later this month to sweet flows over to be solely from Clear Lake.
 3. Sicke noted that the irrigation diversions started on April 18 and we're releasing 185 cfs into the West Adams Canal and 360 cfs into the Winters Canal.
 4. Sicke reviewed real-time groundwater levels for July 2025 and reviewed the updated District hydrograph for periodic monitoring wells.
 5. The Winters Canal flow constraint is no longer an issue because demand has declined; however, the District is still investigating the reason for the bottleneck that resulted in waiting lists on the Winters Canal in July
- 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:
 - ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (August 15)
 - YSGA Coffee Shop Hours (August 18)
 - Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting (August 26)
 - Sac Valley Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement Workgroup (August 27)
 - YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (August 28)
 - Central Yolo County H&H Analysis: 2nd Public Meeting (August 28)
 - State Water Board Public Hearing on Bay-Delta Plan Update (September 8-9)
 - YSGA: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Workshop (September 9)
 - Yolo Land Trust's Day in the Country (September 14)

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

None.

13. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 65220-65420 and Electronic Payment E0022-E0024.

Ayes: Directors Tucker, Kimball, Barth, Mayer, and Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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, NCPA

Under negotiation: Price and terms of agreement

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

15. 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: September 2, 2025

ITEM #: 4

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: September 2, 2025

ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Presentation: Potential Expansion of the Delta Conservancy

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:

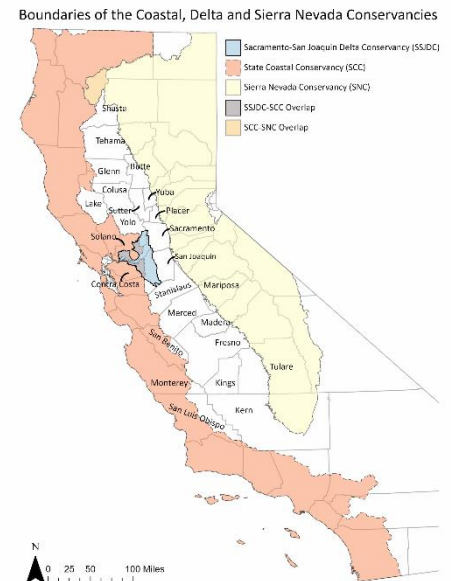
The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Delta Conservancy) is one of California's 10 state conservancies that provide vital funding and resources for projects that serve communities and protect natural resources. State conservancies support communities by connecting them to state funding for projects that protect lands and regional economies while improving environmental conditions, and by bringing partners together to solve local resource challenges. These conservancies are non-regulatory entities that are governed by boards of locally elected officials and appointees, giving voice to communities on how funding is used. Conservancy-funded projects address:

- Economic development
- Community and climate resilience
- Agricultural sustainability
- Outdoor recreation
- Watershed and ecosystem health
- Tribal collaboration
- Reducing wildfire risk

The Delta Conservancy is currently considering expanding into the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys to create a Valley Program, which could potentially incorporate all of Yolo County.

RECOMMENDATION:

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





The Valley and Delta Conservancy

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, or the Delta Conservancy, is one of California's 10 state conservancies that provide vital funding and resources for projects that serve communities and protect natural resources. State conservancies support communities by connecting them to state funding for projects that protect lands and regional economies while improving environmental conditions, and by bringing partners together to solve local resource challenges. These conservancies are non-regulatory entities that are governed by boards of locally elected officials and appointees, giving voice to communities on how funding is used. Conservancy-funded projects address multiple needs, such as:

- Economic development
- Community and climate resilience
- Agricultural sustainability
- Outdoor recreation
- Watershed and ecosystem health
- Tribal collaboration
- Reducing wildfire risk

The Delta Conservancy's mission is to lead efforts to preserve, protect, enhance, and restore the natural resources, economy, and agriculture of the Delta and Suisun Marsh through both internal programs and grant-funded projects. To achieve this mission, the Delta Conservancy collaborates with local communities, tribes, interested groups, fellow science experts, and state and federal agencies to seek creative opportunities to address challenges and progress these efforts within the Conservancy's jurisdiction.

State Conservancy Impacts

Over the past several decades, state conservancies have demonstrated how public funding benefits local projects. Since its creation in 2010, the Delta Conservancy has provided over **\$130 million** in state and federal funding for more than **140 projects** that improve recreation opportunities, drive tourism, fund locally supported restoration and climate resilience projects, and support Delta agriculture. In addition to grant-funded projects, environmental, cultural, and historical education are important to the Conservancy's overall mission. Some examples of Delta Conservancy projects include:

See reverse for additional information

- Funding 11,000 acres of Nature Based Solutions in the form of re-wetting Delta peat soils through conversion to rice agriculture or managed wetlands. This will result in 110,000 tons of avoided CO2 emissions per year.
- Funding over 50 individual farmers to adopt practices to conserve water during the height of the most recent drought.
- Providing \$2.5 million in funding to support the Delta Aquatic Center in Stockton, which will make it easier for the community to enjoy Delta waterways in human-powered watercraft, regardless of ability or means.
- Providing \$3.5 million in funding to revamp Pittsburg's Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility. The project will increase public access to the waterfront and provide economic and tourism benefits.

Other examples of state conservancy impacts include efforts by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the State Coastal Conservancy. In 2020, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy provided funding for the Connected Communities Project, a collaborative effort to improve trail access, diversify recreation in the region, and offer educational programs that include youth employment. With the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's 2022 boundary expansion into parts of Siskiyou, Trinity, and Shasta counties, several new projects were launched to support wildfire resilience, forest health, recreational opportunities, and community protection in these areas. To date, the California Coastal Conservancy has funded over 4,000 projects through programs that keep farmland and timberland in production, enhance wildlife habitat, improve water quality, and improve access to public lands.

Expanding the Delta Conservancy: The Valley and Delta Conservancy

For the past 15 years, the Delta Conservancy has provided millions in funding to support projects that advance the environmental protection and economic well-being of Delta residents. Expanding the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy boundary to include counties near the Delta in the Sacramento-San Joaquin valley would build on the Delta Conservancy's successful efforts to connect local goals with public dollars, without added regulatory burden. This expansion of the Valley and Delta Conservancy would bring the value of a state conservancy to additional communities in the region.

Local Support for the Valley and Delta Conservancy

"The Delta Conservancy has done a fantastic job of providing tangible benefits to people and nature in my county and others within the Conservancy's jurisdiction. Some of these benefits include: providing millions of dollars in funding to hundreds of projects throughout the Delta that restore ecosystems and habitats, support of Delta agriculture, increased climate resilience, and bolstering local economies through increased tourism and recreational opportunities. Expanding the conservancy to naturally adjacent areas and creating a Valley Program will build upon this record of success and allow additional needed benefits to be provided to nearby communities."

– Yolo County Supervisor Lucas Frerichs

"Since being established in 2009, the Delta Conservancy has brought significant funding to locally supported projects that address priority issues in the region. They have become a trusted funding partner, and I am proud to serve a Chair of the Conservancy Board of Directors. I welcome the opportunity to expand the Delta Conservancy boundary to include all of Sacramento County to support priority needs of our nearby communities."

– Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2025

ITEM #: 6

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:

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

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2025

ITEM #: 7

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adoption of the District's Draft Strategic Plan

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 District's Draft 2025-2027 Strategic Plan outlines the Board's vision and priorities for the next three years, serving as a practical roadmap for decision-making and staff action. It builds on the District's past success while adapting to future challenges, all with a continued focus on operational excellence and a customer-first approach. The plan centers around four key priorities: Water Supply Reliability, Highest Quality Customer Service, Highest Quality Work Force, and Environmental Stewardship. The Draft Strategic Plan is attached for review.

The District is strategically setting measurable goals and objectives to ensure forward progress towards integrated, sustainable water resources management. The District desires to model innovation by investing in automated enhancements in the delivery system to meet customer needs for an on-demand irrigation district. The District desires to improve customer service by improving the mechanism for capturing customer feedback and as a result, increasing water sales. The District desires to advance watershed stewardship within the Yolo Subbasin to preserve groundwater supplies for the future. The ultimate objective is to build on the legacy as a customer-oriented, environmentally thoughtful, conjunctive use district to support the County's vision for sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship.

Over the next three years, a major emphasis of the District's work will be in two areas: 1) protecting the District's water rights and securing long-term water supply reliability, and 2) ensuring groundwater sustainability. This Strategic Plan calls for building capacity to meet District needs in these two areas and across the four strategic priorities discussed below.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend Board adoption of the Draft 2025-2027 Strategic Plan.



STRATEGIC PLAN

2025-2027

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's (District) 2025-2027 Strategic Plan outlines the Board's vision and priorities for the next three years, serving as a practical roadmap for decision-making and staff action. It builds on the District's past success while adapting to future challenges, all with a continued focus on operational excellence and a customer-first approach. The plan centers around four key priorities – Water Supply Reliability, Highest Quality Customer Service, Highest Quality Work Force, and Environmental Stewardship – providing direction to guide our daily activities and demonstrate progress.



This Executive Summary of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's includes the District's mission, vision, strategic priorities, and goals. For additional details on the related objectives and activities, please visit the District's website at:

<https://ycfcwcd.org/stratplan>.

MISSION

The District's mission is to plan, develop, and manage the conjunctive use of the District's surface and groundwater resources to provide a safe and reliable water supply at a reasonable cost, and to sustain the socioeconomic and environmental well-being of Yolo County.

VISION

The vision of the District is to provide water supply reliability, strive for operational and administrative excellence, exemplify environmental stewardship, and promote economic vitality.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND GOALS



Water Supply Reliability

1. Water supply reliability will depend on the ability to conjunctively manage surface water and groundwater. The District is committed to enhancing water supply reliability through strategic infrastructure investments, expanded surface water use, and improved groundwater recharge. By modernizing the delivery system and prioritizing capital improvements, the District will strengthen operational efficiency and ensure long-term water availability, especially in response to climate variability and drought. Efforts will also focus on dual-source access and grower incentives to reduce groundwater dependence.

Goal: The District will expand and modernize its gray and green infrastructure to increase the use of surface water in wet years and increase groundwater recharge to ensure adequate supplies for drought resilience.



Highest Quality Customer Service

2. Building trust and responsiveness with customers is central to the District's mission. This priority focuses on improving communication, increasing transparency, and actively engaging with water users to better understand their needs. Through quarterly meetings, timely updates, and a refreshed brand and website, the District will strengthen customer relationships and foster two-way communication that supports shared success. The District's institutional knowledge and technical and administrative staff also serve and benefit the larger groundwater community.

Goal: The District will strive to understand and meet the needs and expectations of its customers.



Highest Quality Work Force

3. The District recognizes that its long-term success depends on a skilled, adaptable, and driven workforce. This priority focuses on attracting, developing, and retaining high-performing employees by fostering a culture of shared purpose, open communication, teamwork, and operational excellence. Through succession planning, cross-training, and performance tracking, the District will ensure continuity of service, institutional knowledge retention, and a workplace environment that supports both individual and organizational success.

Goal: The District will pursue operational excellence, adaptation, and continuity by developing and retaining a highly competent and engaged workforce.



Environmental Stewardship

4. As a regional leader in integrated water management, the District will advance multi-benefit projects that protect ecosystems, improve groundwater sustainability, and enhance watershed resilience. Collaborations with local, tribal, and regional partners will drive efforts in habitat restoration, flood mitigation, and climate-adaptive recharge. The District is committed to aligning its work with broader environmental goals while meeting agricultural and community needs. The District's involvement in the implementation of the Yolo Subbasin GSP will also benefit the environmental vitality of the community.

Goal: The District will serve as a steward leader of integrated watershed management to advance the economic, social, and environmental goals of Yolo County.



2025-2027 *Draft* Strategic Plan

District Overview

The District was established in 1951 by the California Legislature at the request of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. The primary purpose of this new independent special district was to monitor and report on groundwater supplies, to seek new surface water sources, and to implement an effective conjunctive management program.

The District's boundaries cover more than 200,000 acres in Yolo County, including the cities of Woodland, Davis, and Winters, and the towns of Capay, Esparto, Madison and other small communities throughout the Capay Valley. To be within the District's service area means a variety of things to the communities that the District serves. At its core, the District is an irrigation water supplier that provides water for farmers, but there is so much more to the story and mission. Residents within the service area benefit from the District's ongoing groundwater recharge and monitoring activities, the focus on effective conjunctive management of surface and groundwater supplies, and advocacy for increasing water supply and protecting water quality. The District plays a role in flood protection in the upper Cache Creek watershed, handles myriad regulatory compliance duties, and collaborates with other partners to advocate for water sustainability on a regional level.

District Purpose

Vision

The vision of the District is to provide water supply reliability, strive for operational and administrative excellence, exemplify environmental stewardship, and promote economic vitality.

Mission

The District's mission is to plan, develop, and manage the conjunctive use of the District's surface and groundwater resources to provide a safe and reliable water supply at a reasonable cost, and to sustain the socioeconomic and environmental well-being of Yolo County.

2025-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

To align with the District’s vision and mission and to achieve long-term success, the District is strategically setting measurable goals and objectives for the next three years. The District wants to ensure forward progress towards integrated, sustainable water resources management. The District desires to model innovation by investing in automated enhancements in the delivery system to meet customer needs for an on-demand irrigation district. The District desires to improve customer service by improving the mechanism for capturing customer feedback and as a result, increasing water sales. The District desires to advance watershed stewardship within the Yolo Subbasin to preserve groundwater supplies for the future. The ultimate objective is to build on the legacy as a customer-oriented, environmentally thoughtful, conjunctive use district to support the County’s vision for sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship.

Over the next three years, a major emphasis of the District’s work will be in two areas:

- 1) protecting the District’s water rights and securing long-term water supply reliability, and
- 2) ensuring groundwater sustainability.

Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program

Optimizing the use of available surface water is incredibly important to ensure long-term water supply reliability. The District intends to prioritize capital investments on strategic projects that will ensure reliable water deliveries and expand the availability of surface water supplies. The District is aligned with the state’s water and climate goals and objectives and is currently working on an alternative pathway for complying with the state’s Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan in the *Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program*. The District has proposed a creative solution for optimizing conjunctive use to meet multiple benefits in the Cache Creek and Putah Creek watersheds.

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

The District is an active member of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) and serves as the administrative and technical lead to sustainably manage water resources and plan for an uncertain future. Additionally, the District is a leader in groundwater recharge and plans to increase winter recharge activities in working with farmers in the Yolo Subbasin, and in working with partner agencies to streamline the state’s permitting process to capture and store more water underground. The District desires to continue serving a convening role in water resources planning and management in the future.

This Strategic Plan calls for building capacity to meet District needs in these two areas and across the four strategic priorities discussed below.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

To advance the vision and mission, the District will focus on the following strategic priorities over the next three years:



Water Supply Reliability

Water supply reliability will depend on the ability to conjunctively manage surface water and groundwater. The District is committed to enhancing water supply reliability through strategic infrastructure investments, expanded surface water use, and improved groundwater recharge. By modernizing the delivery system and prioritizing capital improvements, the District will strengthen operational efficiency and ensure long-term water availability, especially in response to climate variability and drought. Efforts will also focus on dual-source access and grower incentives to reduce groundwater dependence.

Highest Quality Customer Service



Building trust and responsiveness with customers is central to the District's mission. This priority focuses on improving communication, increasing transparency, and actively engaging with water users to better understand their needs. Through quarterly meetings, timely updates, and a refreshed brand and website, the District will strengthen customer relationships and foster two-way communication that supports shared success. The District's institutional knowledge and technical and administrative staff also serve and benefit the larger groundwater community.

Highest Quality Work Force



The District recognizes that its long-term success depends on a skilled, adaptable, and driven workforce. This priority focuses on attracting, developing, and retaining high-performing employees by fostering a culture of shared purpose, open communication, teamwork, and operational excellence. Through succession planning, cross-training, and performance tracking, the District will ensure continuity of service, institutional knowledge retention, and a workplace environment that supports both the District and the YSGA's success.

Environmental Stewardship



As a regional leader in integrated water management, the District will advance multi-benefit projects that protect ecosystems, improve groundwater sustainability, and enhance watershed resilience. Collaborations with local, tribal, and regional partners will drive efforts in habitat restoration, flood mitigation, and climate-adaptive recharge. The District is committed to aligning its work with broader environmental goals while meeting agricultural and community needs. The District's involvement in the implementation of the Yolo Subbasin GSP will also benefit the environmental vitality of the community.

Goals, Objectives, and Supporting Activities

A goal is assigned to each strategic priority, and goals will be achieved by completing activities and meeting defined objectives.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY: WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY

Goal 1. The District will expand and modernize its gray and green infrastructure to increase the use of surface water in wet years and increase groundwater recharge to ensure adequate supplies for drought resilience.

Objective 1. Develop a Capital Implementation Progress and Improvement Plan (CIPIP) to plan, prioritize, execute, track, and implement capital projects.

Activities:

- Document the system for planning, prioritizing, and implementing capital projects
- Incorporate prioritized projects into the annual budget planning process
- Capture the status of capital assets annually and create a transparent process for communicating the status of project implementation to customers
- Develop and adopt a financing strategy to support capital improvement projects

Objective 2. Increase surface water deliveries by enhancing capacity, increasing system reliability, and identifying potential conveyance opportunities.

Activities:

- Plan for and prioritize capital improvements that increase capacity in the conveyance system and reduce bottlenecks and waiting lists
- Install automated trash screens at optimal locations and increase native vegetation in the canals to reduce aquatic weeds and stabilize the banks
- Install automated gates to ensure consistent and reliable water deliveries
- Expand the conveyance system to increase acreage with dual water sources
- Plan for and explore ways to engage growers and consider surface water incentives
- Collect and analyze surface water quality data and compare groundwater quality

Objective 3. Implement groundwater recharge strategies and projects to advance the goals of groundwater sustainability, increase drought reserves, and alleviate flooding.

Activities:

- Plan for and prioritize off-season capital projects to optimize canal conveyance opportunities and days of winter water recharge in the canal system
- Plan for and prioritize the development of recharge projects by conducting investigations to identify suitable recharge basin sites to alleviate flooding, increase recharge capacity, and fully utilize the District's future long-term winter water right
- Plan for and incentivize on-farm recharge opportunities by entering into landowner agreements and developing a comprehensive water delivery and monitoring plan
- Continue to investigate implementation of the *Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Initiative*

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY: HIGHEST QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Goal 2. The District will strive to understand and meet the needs and expectations of its customers.

Objective 1. Increase transparency to ensure the District is adapting to changing conditions and customer needs.

Activities:

- Frequently engage with customers to improve operations and to understand what customers are doing to improve operations (at Farmers Council meetings and related partner forums)
- Host quarterly Farmers' Council meetings, receive feedback from customers, and integrate quarterly Ambassador Reports in monthly Board meetings
- Post frequent summary reports to the website on the status of District finances, capital projects, and staff changes
- Publish quarterly GM Newsletters with updates on water conditions, capital jobs, and financial status of the District

Objective 2. Mature customer engagement and feedback mechanisms.

Activities:

- Clearly articulate the District's strategies and activities and roles and responsibilities in the County, including those of the YSGA
- Document and showcase leading edge innovations or infrastructure improvement/management practices among customers
- Integrate new communication tools and constantly strive to improve customer service and ensure robust communication on progress towards strategic priorities and goals



STRATEGIC PRIORITY: HIGHEST QUALITY WORK FORCE

Goal 3. The District will pursue operational excellence, adaptation, and continuity by developing and retaining a highly competent and engaged workforce.

Objective 1. Develop employees to build organizational capacity.

Activities

- Create a culture of employee empowerment that results in ownership, accountability, and constant improvement
- Facilitate meetings/workshops requesting staff feedback for ways to enhance efficiency
- Improve organizational structure and modify skillset and compensation structure
- Assess staff professional development needs and interests and invest in training and support as needed
- Consider the long-term administrative and technical needs of the YSGA

Objective 2. Develop and implement a continuity plan to ensure reliable service.

Activities

- Identify staff with critical responsibilities and institutional knowledge that are planning retirement in the next three years
- Define hiring timeline to allow overlap and training with key staff and ensure a seamless transition
- Crosstrain staff for redundancy
- Develop SOPs

Objective 3. Develop ways to measure operational effectiveness and communicate findings/metrics to customers.

Activities

- Explore existing models for tracking metrics for operational effectiveness
- Build performance metrics for the District and communicate to customers

STAFF VALUES

Staff defined these values to drive their support of the District and to provide excellent customer service.

- Accountability
- Confidentiality
- Dependability
- Professionalism
- Engagement
- Flexibility
- Initiative
- Productivity
- Safety Minded
- Teamwork



STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Goal 4. The District will serve as a steward leader of integrated watershed management to advance the economic, social, and environmental goals of Yolo County.

Objective 1. Coordinate strategic planning and project implementation with the YSGA to implement the GSP and ensure sustainable groundwater management.

Activities:

- Explore annual Board-level discussion of priorities and challenges
- Serve a convening role to engage the community in broader water resources management initiatives

Objective 2. Work with partner agencies and the community to find multi-benefit solutions to habitat enhancement, flood mitigation, and groundwater recharge.

Activities:

- Partner with the County to build on the Willow Slough Watershed Management Plan and complete an integrated drainage analysis (Hydrologic and Hydraulics Study) for optimizing conveyance of drainage flows in the canals and sloughs and enhancing groundwater recharge
- Partner with Yolo RCD and Cache Creek Conservancy for habitat improvement
- Partner with landowners and NRCS for continuing to promote in-lieu recharge

Objective 3. Be prepared and committed to responding to challenges with multiple agencies to solve water-related issues.

Activities:

- Serve as the leader for conjunctive management in the western part of Yolo County
- Build and maintain strong relationships and engage with key partners while continuing to participate in regional forums and town hall meetings
- Partner with the County OES to assist with dry well inspections and confirmation for water deliveries (if financial reciprocity)
- Collaborate and coordinate with other surface water providers to strategically consider viable surface water conveyance to groundwater-dependent regions
- Partner with Yolo County, YSGA, SCWA, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, and UCD to implement Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Initiative

APPENDIX

Strategic Planning Methodology

Why the District is developing a Strategic Plan: the District desires to sustain the agricultural community and environmental well-being of Yolo County by optimizing conjunctive use.

The District engaged the services of Morrison & Co. to facilitate the District's first strategic planning process in 2024. In partnership with the Strategic Planning Committee, Board of Directors, and District staff, Morrison & Co. reviewed the District's vision and mission and completed customer interviews, partner agency surveys, a staff workshop, and a Board workshop.

Morrison & Co. interviewed 12 District customers to solicit feedback on the District's strengths and weaknesses, the biggest challenges or opportunities, and ways in which the District can best support its customers and Yolo County agriculture. Additionally, agency partners were requested to complete a survey identifying the District's challenges, strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities, and ways in which the District can best support the agency partners and Yolo County agriculture. Customer interviews and partner surveys provided insights into recent District improvements and areas where further progress is needed to strengthen credibility and demonstrate success.

Morrison & Co. facilitated a staff workshop to request feedback from all District staff on how the District and management can better support staff and encourage personal growth and fulfillment. Additionally, staff provided feedback on the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities of the District, along with their thoughts on where the District should be focused over the next four years. District management is committed to empowering staff to achieve operational and administrative excellence.

Lastly, Morrison & Co. facilitated a Board workshop with the Board of Directors and executive staff to review the District's mission and vision, and the major themes that resulted from the interviews, surveys, and staff workshop. During the workshop there was an opportunity for brainstorming priorities and sequencing priorities into the future to allow the District to move from "short-term stable with long-term challenges" towards something better by working on the two primary objectives:

- 1) Creating and executing a sustainable financial strategy to ensure long-term system dependability for customers.
- 2) Strategically allocating resources to infrastructure projects to guarantee a reliable water supply.

Draft Goals, Objectives, and Activities for the District's 2025-2027 Strategic Plan

Strategic Priority: Water Supply Reliability

Goal: The District will expand and modernize its gray and green infrastructure to increase the use of surface water in wet years and increase groundwater recharge to provide adequate supplies during droughts.

SMART Objective 1

By April 2026, develop and implement a Capital Implementation Progress and Improvement Plan (CIPIP) that prioritizes infrastructure projects, details the integration process into annual budgets, and includes a 5-year capital forecast and financing strategy.

- Define evaluation and prioritization criteria for capital projects – Q2 2025
- Prioritize infrastructure projects – Q3 2025
- Integrate prioritized projects into FY2027 budget – Q1 2026
- Develop and approve 5-year capital expenditure forecast – Q1 2026
- Present and adopt CIPIP with financing strategy – Q2 2026

SMART Objective 2

By the end of 2027, increase surface water delivery capacity by 10%, reduce wait times by 15%, and expand dual-source access to 1,000 additional acres.

- Complete system bottleneck assessment – Q2 2026
- Conduct customer outreach and education campaign – Q3 2026
- Launch pilot surface water incentive program – Q4 2026
- Acquire an easement and complete 10% design for a regulating reservoir – Q1 2027
- Complete canal enhancements, install 10 automated gates, and define the schedule for constructing a regulating reservoir – Q3 2027
- Expand canal system to reach 1,000 additional acres – Q4 2027

SMART Objective 3

By the end of 2027, implement 2 off-season recharge projects, identify and prepare 2 recharge basin sites, and execute 5 on-farm recharge landowner agreements.

- Identify and design 2 recharge projects – Q2 2026

- Complete site selection and prep for 2 recharge basins – Q2 2027
- Finalize 5 landowner agreements for on-farm recharge – Q3 2027
- Launch monitoring plan and reporting system – Q4 2027

Strategic Priority: Highest Quality Customer Service

Goal: The District will strive to understand and meet the needs and expectations of customers.

SMART Objective 1

Starting Q1 2025, host quarterly Farmers' Council meetings, publish GM newsletters and website updates quarterly, and include customer feedback summaries in monthly board reports.

- Schedule and host Farmers' Council meetings every quarter – Beginning Q1 2025
- Publish GM newsletters with water and project updates – Quarterly starting Q1 2025
- Post updates and project news on District website and social media – Ongoing, every quarter
- Summarize customer feedback from meetings – Monthly, starting Q1 2026
- Include customer reports in Board meeting packets – Monthly, starting Q1 2026

SMART Objective 2

By January 2026, complete a rebranding effort, update website, and publish at least 1 customer-led innovations or infrastructure improvements.

- Use Strategic Planning feedback to inform rebranding – Q3 2025
- Finalize and approve new brand identity – Q4 2025
- Update District website with rebranding and new content – Q1 2026
- Collect and document 1 case study of customer innovations – Q2 2026
- Highlight innovations in newsletters and online – Q2-Q3 2026

Strategic Priority: Highest Quality Workforce

Goal: The District will pursue operational excellence, adaptation and continuity by developing and retaining a highly competent and engaged workforce.

SMART Objective 1

By Q4 2026, conduct workforce skills and needs assessment, and provide professional development support to at least 25% of staff annually.

- Conduct staff survey to assess development needs – Q1 2026
- Develop an annual professional development plan – Q2 2026
- Enroll 25% of staff in training or development activities – Q3 2026
- Track participation and report outcomes annually – Starting Q4 2026

SMART Objective 2

By mid-2026, cross-train 2 staff in mission-critical roles, develop 3 SOPs, and identify retirements to allow for hiring and overlap with key personnel.

- Identify mission-critical roles and retirement risk – Q4 2025
- Develop succession plan and cross-training schedule – Q1 2026
- Complete cross-training for 3 staff – Q2 2026
- Draft and finalize 5 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) – Q2 2026
- Initiate hiring and training overlap for key roles – As needed, starting Q1 2026

SMART Objective 3

By March 2027, develop internal performance metrics and share annual operational effectiveness reports with customers via the District's website and newsletter.

- Review best practices for operational metrics – Q1 2026
- Identify 5–10 key performance indicators (KPIs) – Q3 2026
- Develop reporting template and tracking system – Q4 2026
- Publish performance summaries annually – Beginning Q1 2027

Strategic Priority: Environmental Stewardship

Goal: The District will serve as a steward leader of integrated watershed management to advance the economic, social, and environmental goals of Yolo County.

SMART Objective 1

By Q1 2027, explore opportunities for coordination with the YSGA, and convene a groundwater workshop in partnership with the YSGA.

- Host a Board-level discussion – Q2 2026
- Schedule a groundwater-related workshop with the YSGA for – Q2 2026
- Host a Groundwater Workshop with the YSGA – Q1 2027

SMART Objective 2

By the end of 2027, complete one 1 integrated drainage study with Yolo County and initiate at least 2 multi-benefit recharge or habitat projects with Yolo RCD or Cache Creek Conservancy.

- Initiate drainage study planning with Yolo County – Q1 2026
- Finalize study and recommendations – Q4 2027
- Plan and initiate 2 recharge/habitat projects – Q2 2027
- Develop MOUs with partner agencies – Q1 2027

SMART Objective 3

Participate in at least 4 regional water forums annually and collaborate with 3 or more agencies (e.g., UCD, SCWA, Yocha Dehe) to implement watershed management and emergency response strategies.

- Schedule attendance at 4 regional forums per year – Annually
- Identify and maintain relationships with at least 3 partner agencies – Ongoing
- Support implementation of Healthy Rivers & Landscapes Initiative – Ongoing
- Report collaboration activities in annual Board update – Annually

SMART Objective 4

By 2027, collaborate with landowners and secure at least 1 NRCS partnership grant for a groundwater recharge basin.

- Coordinate grant application with NRCS – Q2 2026
- Partner with YSGA for regional project planning – Ongoing through 2027