



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			
3. YCFC&WCD Winter Recharge Program	Monitoring Network Enhancements	Update website and WRID, GDE Survey Report	In Progress	4/30/2026
	Outreach: Hungry Hollow North Yolo	Presentation Materials	In Progress	4/30/2026
	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
4. City of Winters Feasibility Studies	Monitoring	Monitoring and Assessment Plan, Annual Report, Farm Field Recharge Guide	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Outreach	Presentation Materials	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Recycled Water Feasibility Study	Report	In Progress	4/30/2027
	Surface Water Supply Feasibility Study	Report	In Progress	4/30/2027
5. Yolo-Zamora Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project	Outreach	Presentation Materials	In Progress	4/30/2027
	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 Outreach	Water Conservation Report 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

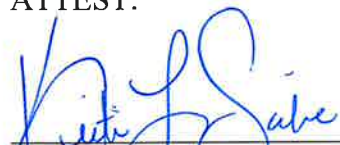
Closed Session Report: Chair Tucker reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, Assistant General Manager Cadaret, and Legal Counsel Bezerra participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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


Shane Tucker, Chair

ATTEST:


Kristin Sicke, Secretary

