

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

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**Board Meeting  
34274 State Highway 16  
Woodland, CA 95695  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
3:00 P.M.**

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**REVISED AGENDA**

3:00	1. <u>Call Meeting to Order and Open forum (Limited to five minutes):</u> Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances, opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items
3:03	2. <u>Consideration:</u> 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. <u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u> a) <u>Consideration:</u> Adoption of the December 9 Regular Board Meeting Minutes b) <u>Consideration:</u> Adoption of <u>Resolution No. 26.01</u> to Monitor Groundwater Use During the 2026 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21483
3:10	4. <u>Presentation:</u> Update on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project
3:20	5. <u>Presentation:</u> YSGA Update
3:45	6. <u>Director's Report:</u> Report on meetings and conferences attended

3:50 7. 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

4:05 8. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request

4:10 9. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills

4:15 10. Consideration: Election of Officers for 2026

4:20 11. 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.

4:45 12. Adjourn

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I declare that the foregoing agenda was *re-posted* at the office of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA on January 6, 2026.

By:

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Kristin Sicke, General Manager

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 6, 2026

ITEM #: 3

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consideration: Adoption of December 9 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Consideration: Adoption of [Resolution No. 26.01](#) to Monitor Groundwater Use During the 2026 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21483

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATED OR  
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION  
 ACTION:  MOTION  
 RESOLUTION

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**BACKGROUND:**

**a) Consideration: Adoption of the December 9 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.

**b) Consideration: Adoption of Resolution No. 26.01 to Monitor Groundwater Use During the 2026 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21483**

After consultation with the California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, United States Bureau of Reclamation, and downstream water right holders, District staff filed a temporary permit application September 5, 2025. The District received a Temporary Permit for Diversion and Use of Water for groundwater recharge on January 6, 2026.

Similar to previous years, the 2026 permit conditions require the District to quantify groundwater extraction and use and determine that the extractions are from water stored by the District and not based on other claims of right. To facilitate the District's compliance

with the “basis of right” term, staff are requesting the Board adopt Resolution No. 26.01 authorizing the District to monitor groundwater use over time to confirm the volume of surface water diverted has been extracted and applied to irrigation during the 2026 irrigation season.

The District’s temporary water right permit can be found on the [State Water Board’s Division of Water Rights Electronic Water Rights Information Management System website](#). If of interest, Delta Hydrology Conditions can be accessed on [DWR’s website](#).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District staff recommend the Board

- a) Adopt the attached December 9 Regular Board Meeting minutes with any corrections.
- c) Adopt Resolution No. 26.01 to Monitor Groundwater Use During the 2026 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21483.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 26.01**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO MONITOR GROUNDWATER USE DURING THE 2026 IRRIGATION SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (“District”) has received a Temporary Permit for Diversion and Use of Water from the State Water Resources Control Board (Temporary Permit 21483); and

**WHEREAS**, the District will put the water diverted to underground storage under Temporary Permit 21483 to use during the 2026 irrigation season; and

**WHEREAS**, the District will allow water customers to use the groundwater stored under Temporary Permit 21483 for irrigation purposes prior to their overlying groundwater right during the 2026 irrigation season; and

**WHEREAS**, the District will utilize the existing groundwater monitoring system to observe the groundwater levels at the start of the irrigation season and observe groundwater use throughout the irrigation season to ensure the volume of surface water diverted has been extracted and applied to irrigation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District that the District will monitor groundwater use over time to confirm the volume of surface water diverted has been extracted and applied to irrigation during the 2026 irrigation season.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on January 6, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed and approved by me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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Shane Tucker, Chair

Attest:

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Kristin Sicke, Secretary



**FLOOD CONTROL &  
WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 3:00 PM**

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

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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, December 9, 2025 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. 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

**Members of the Public**

Duane Chamberlain  
Maddie Munson

**1. OPEN FORUM**

None.

**2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda**

There were no items to add to the agenda.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **a. Approval of November 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

There was no discussion on this item.

**M/S/C** approved the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Tucker, Mayer, Smith, and Barth

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

### **4. PRESENTATION: Willow Slough Watershed Collaboration Assessment**

General Manager Sicke provided background on the District's collaborative effort to develop a shared strategy to restore the ecological functions of the Willow Slough watershed to reduce flood damage, increase groundwater recharge, and restore riparian habitat. The District received a grant from the Moore Foundation to conduct a watershed collaboration assessment in the Willow Slough watershed to work with landowners to consider comprehensive solutions that include stewardship-focused land management, green infrastructure management by public agencies, and coordinated maintenance by public and private entities.

Kearns and West was hired to assist the District in completing the assessment. Interviews were conducted with over 14 landowners/organizations to better understand the current and historical state of the watershed and what could be done in the future. Over eight challenges were identified and a definition of the shared understanding of the problem was drafted.

Sicke shared maps showing historical maps of flood-prone areas and land use changes within the Willow Slough watershed. The Rolling Acres community was identified as in an area that periodically floods. Sicke also shared more on the water and land management priorities that came out of the interviews and the interest to collaboratively develop a solution. The interviewees highlighted criteria for success such as ensuring multi-benefit projects are prioritized to address flood control, groundwater recharge, soil health, and habitat. The interviewees provided feedback on opportunities for the future, which included effective policy and land use planning, urging structural reforms to permitting, funding, and governance that create obstacles to operational capacity, wildlife habitat, and agricultural productivity. Sicke shared next steps and highlighted a future workshop in February.

Director Mayer shared more about the history of the project, possible funding vehicles, and possible expansion of the scope of the project to gain economies of scale by tying it with groundwater recharge and other management activities within the area. Almost every person interviewed echoed that surface water should be used when available, even flood water. There was a lot of appetite for further engagement to find cost-effective solutions. There's a greater sense of urgency to move this forward. Future funding may go towards implementation and setting this up for Proposition 4 funding. Mayer said there's a lot of potential to look at the data and how these

multiple activities and solutions come together to manage surface water more holistically. Mayer asked if Director Kimball and Center for Land-Based Learning would be open to presenting on the history of their projects within the Willow Slough watershed and what progress has been made over the years.

Director Kimball highlighted the importance of the study that was completed in the past and how it was foundational for Yolo RCD projects over the past several decades. Kimball suggested including Yolo RCD in the February workshop would also be beneficial given all their experience in slough maintenance and improvement projects. Kimball asked whether Yolo Habitat Conservancy could partner in this effort as well. Sicke stated that it wasn't clear what County staff were involved in the Yolo Habitat Conservancy, but that she would follow up on that. Kimball seconded Smith's suggestion and observations. We can show time history and benefits from the various projects over the 30 years within the Willow Slough watershed that Yolo RCD and Center for Land-Based Learning worked on.

Chair Tucker inquired about which County staff and Board Supervisors attended the interview with Kearns and West. Sicke shared that the District coordinated with Supervisor Frerichs and Division of Public Works during the assessment and to schedule a future workshop.

Director Barth asked how landowners could help with vegetation management. Sicke shared that the District has been coordinating with the County to see if it's feasible to apply for a programmatic permit to cover a larger area and facilitate the paperwork and permitting process for a landowner to have clearance to maintain slough stretches on their property.

Director Smith suggested that landowners may be interested in supporting cleaning of the sloughs. Smith stated that there are noticeable differences in runoff and flooding issues between lands that use cover cropping and are maintaining vegetation in the sloughs versus not.

## **5. PRESENTATION: Update on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project**

General Manager Sicke provided updates on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project (Project). The Project will replace a failing 60-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) that goes underneath the Chickahominy Slough. The District will be ensuring all weather road accessibility for the Project. Staff have reviewed the Engineer's 90% design detail, which incorporates water control into the scope of work at an additional cost. The estimated Project cost is approximately \$850k to \$1.25M and the Project is expected to start on February 9 and to be completed by May 1, 2026.

Director Smith asked more about the potential for this project to lead to adding more connections to surface water customers. Sicke stated that there is additional capacity available downstream of the Project and that there is potential to incorporate additional customers that are currently solely using groundwater. Smith asked about contractors who can do this work. Sicke listed potential

candidates, and reviewed the bid advertising process, which includes posting to the Valley Contractor's Exchange.

Directors Mayer and Tucker both asked about how rain may impact the project construction window. Sicke shared more about the total working days that may be needed to complete the project and how rain may impact the project completion timeline.

## **6. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update**

General Manager Sicke and Assistant General Manager Cadaret shared updates on YSGA administration and GSP implementation progress through the SGMA Implementation Grant.

Sicke reviewed updates on Board of Supervisors meetings related to the County's agricultural well moratorium.

The following upcoming meetings were discussed:

- December 11: YSGA Executive Committee Meeting
- December 12: YSGA Finance Committee Meeting
- January 8: County Well Moratorium Working Group Meeting
- January 12: YSGA Board of Directors Meeting
- January 28, 29, and February 11: Irrigated Lands Workshops
- February TBD: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting

Cadaret reviewed milestones and next steps for the Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group, YSGA fee study, and GSP Periodic Evaluation; reviewed updates on District recharge program; and reviewed updates on Yolo-Zamora Recharge Pilot Project.

## **7. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Director Tucker attended *County Well Moratorium Working Group* meetings. Director Kimball had no updates. Director Barth attended the *YSGA Executive Committee* meeting, *YSGA Board Meeting*, *YSGA Fee Study* related meetings, *YSGA Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group* meeting, and *Cobram-Hungry Hollow Landowner* meeting. Director Smith attended *YSGA Executive Committee* meeting, *YSGA Board* meeting, *YSGA Fee Study* related meetings, and an interview for the *Willow Slough Watershed Collaboration Project*. Director Mayer attended *Willow Slough Watershed Collaboration Project* meetings.

## **8. 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 December 9, 2025:
  - Clear Lake is currently at 2.91 feet Rumsey. Leakage of approximately 4 cfs at Cache Creek Dam. Irrigation season entitlement starts at 3.22 feet.

- Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 194,800 AF storage. Environmental releases of 10 cfs will continue through the winter. Total capacity in reservoir cannot exceed 260,760 AF prior to March 15.
- The draft summary of the 2025 irrigation season was provided
  - Total Reservoir Releases ~ 197,000 AF
    - Clear Lake ~111,000 AF
    - Indian Valley Reservoir ~ 86,000 AF
  - IVR Hydropower ~11,200 MWh
  - Total Capay Dam Diversions ~ 160,000 AF
  - April – October Sales ~ 118,000 AF (including Capay Valley deliveries)
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- b) Financial Report Summary – Finance Director Villa provided an update on irrigation season water sales and FY budget to date was provided. Capital improvement funds are at ~\$2.10M
- c) Capital Improvement Program – Sicke reviewed major CIP projects for the off-season: winters canal liner improvements, automated gate installations, Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Headworks Replacement Project, and multi-phased electrical upgrade at Indian Valley Reservoir.
- 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:
  1. On-Farm Recharge Landowner Coordination Meetings (December 10 and 18)
  2. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (December 11)
  3. YSGA Finance Committee Meeting (December 12)
  4. NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (December 15)
  5. NCWA/DWR Sac Valley Flood Diversion Recharge Events Meeting (December 17)
  6. Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Focus Areas Working Group Meeting (January 8)
  7. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (January 12)
  8. Yolo County Farm Bureau Agriculturalist of the Year (January 22)
  9. California Irrigation Institute Conference (January 26-27)
  10. Yolo Subwatershed Coalition for Irrigated Lands Reg. Program (Jan. 28-29, Feb. 11)
  11. ACWA Board of Directors Meeting (January 29-30)

## **9. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chair Tucker requested that the District have a future agenda item regarding Yolo County's incorporation into the Delta Conservancy boundary. Director Mayer provided context for the legislative process underway for revising the Delta Conservancy boundary and offered to work with staff to provide a future Board report.

## **10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #63940-63954 and E-142-148.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

## **11. 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 Assistant General Manager Cadaret participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Shane Tucker, Chair

ATTEST:

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Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 6, 2026

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Presentation: Update on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project

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

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**BACKGROUND:**

The District is planning to replace a failing 60" siphon that connects Winters Canal in the southwest portion of the canal system and runs underneath Chickahominy Slough. As part of replacing the siphon, the District will also be replacing the concrete inlet and outlet connected to the Winters Canal at this location, along with upgrading the gate that drops water into the heading of the Walnut Canal (also known as Chickahominy Slough) for irrigation deliveries to the east. Downstream of the project location there is approximately 130 cfs of water delivery capacity and demand in the Winters and Walnut Canals. The District is prioritizing the project for completion prior to the 2026 irrigation season.

Davids Engineering is assisting the District with engineering the project and soliciting the project for contractor bidding. Staff will provide an update on the anticipated project scope, cost, and schedule.

**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: January 6, 2026

ITEM #: 5

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

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**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: January 6, 2026

ITEM #: 10

SUBJECT: Consideration: Election of Officers for 2026

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATED OR  
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION  
 ACTION:  MOTION  
 RESOLUTION

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**BACKGROUND:**

Every January the Board elects the Chair and Vice Chair, its officers for the upcoming year. The Secretary to the Board is the District's Secretary/General Manager.

It has been the policy of the Board to rotate Directors through the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. If the Board wishes to continue that policy, the officers of the Board of Directors for 2026 would be as follows:

Chair:  
Secretary:

Mary Kimball  
Kristin Sicke

Vice Chair: Lee Smith

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District staff recommend the Board continue the policy of the Board to rotate Directors through the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.