

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

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**Board Meeting  
34274 State Highway 16  
Woodland, CA 95695  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026  
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 January 6 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
b) Consideration: Adoption of the January 27 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 3:08 4. Presentation: Potential In-Canal Hydropower Opportunity
- 3:23 5. Presentation: Update on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project
- 3:30 6. Presentation: YSGA Update

- 3:50 7. Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended
- 3:55 8. 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
- 4:10 9. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 4:15 10. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills
- 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 posted at the office of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA on January 30, 2026.

By:

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Kristin Sicke, General Manager

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 3, 2026

ITEM #: 3

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consideration: Adoption of January 6 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Consideration: Adoption of January 27 Special Board Meeting Minutes

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 January 6 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 the January 27 Special 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 January 6 Regular Board Meeting minutes with any corrections.
- b) Adopt the attached January 27 Special Board Meeting minutes with any corrections.



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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, January 6, 2026 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

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett  
Kenneth Breckinridge  
Duane Chamberlain  
Geoff Klein

**1. OPEN FORUM**

None.

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

General Manager Sicke requested adding the following item to the Consent Agenda (Item No. 3): Adoption of Resolution No. 26.01 to Monitor Groundwater Use During 2026 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21483. Director Mayer motioned and Director Smith seconded adding the requested item to the Consent Agenda.

M/S/C added Adoption of Resolution No. 26.01 to Monitor Groundwater Use During 2026 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21483 to the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Tucker, Mayer, Smith, and Barth

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

## **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a. Approval of December 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

There was no discussion on this item.

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

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: 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 siphons water under the Chickahominy Slough (also known as the Walnut Canal). This project has potential build-out capacity to deliver ~130 cfs downstream to farmers. The District plans to create all-weather access for ingress and egress during construction, which will occur during winter conditions. The District solicited bids on December 17 and the bidding process will close on January 26 with bids due at 10 a.m.. The District currently has a draft environmental permit from CDFW, which will be finalized prior to construction activities. Mitigation and restoration activities will need to be incorporated into the Project, and the District needs to hire a biologist to assist with surveying and monitoring during the Project.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for January 8 for prospective bidders to learn more about the Project and to visit the site. The District will hold a special Board meeting on January 27 to award a contractor for initiating construction by February 9. One change that has been incorporated into

the bid is that the contractor will complete demolition work to ensure there are efficiencies with construction activities. The District is aiming for a project completion date of May 1, 2026 to ensure a successful start to the 2026 irrigation season.

## **5. 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 related to the County's agricultural well moratorium to be discussed at the January 8, 2026 County Working Group meeting.

The following upcoming meetings were discussed:

- January 8: County Well Moratorium Working Group Meeting
- January 12: YSGA Board of Directors Meeting
- January 28, 29, and Feb. 11: Irrigated Lands (Yolo Sub-watershed Coalition) Workshops
- February 9: Special YSGA Board Meeting (YSGA Fee Study)
- February 19: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting

Cadaret provided an update on DWR SGMA Implementation grant funds, a possible change to the previous time extension for Components 1 and 2, and staff's plan to adapt, if changes are required. Cadaret also reviewed completed milestones and next steps for the Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group, District Recharge Program, YSGA Fee Study, GSP Periodic Evaluation, and Yolo Zamora Recharge Pilot Project.

## **6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

- Director Kimball attended the *District's Infrastructure Committee* meeting.
- Director Smith attended the *YSGA Executive Committee* and *Ad-Hoc Finance Committee* meeting, and the *District Infrastructure Committee* meeting.
- Director Barth attended the *YSGA Executive Committee* meeting and *Ad-Hoc Finance Committee* meeting. Director Barth also provided an update on the ACWA JPIA insurance report from the 2025 Fall Conference: property insurance is expected to increase by about 10% and liability is expected to increase by about 5% with Workers' Compensation Program remaining flat. The District also received the 2025 ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award honoring the District with an exceptionally low loss ratio in General Liability, Property, and Workers' Compensation programs.
- Director Mayer attended the *NCWA Board of Directors* and *Groundwater Management Task Force* meetings.
- Director Tucker attended the *County's Well Moratorium Working Group* meeting, *YSGA Ad-Hoc Finance Committee* meeting, and a meeting with County Supervisor Sheila Allen.

## **7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions: an overview of current water conditions as of January 6, 2026:
  - Clear Lake is currently at 6.22 feet Rumsey. Flood flow releases of approximately 875 cfs are currently occurring at Cache Creek Dam to comply with the Gopcevic Decree. Irrigation season entitlement starts at 3.22 feet.
  - Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 226,300 AF storage. Environmental releases of 10 cfs will continue through the winter. Total capacity in the reservoir cannot exceed 260,760 AF after October 15 and prior to March 15.
  - The anticipated weather forecast for this week of January 6 was received.
  - Groundwater level conditions as of January 6, 2026 were also reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary –an update on finances as of December 31, 2025.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – The *Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Headworks Replacement Project* is the main focus for capital jobs in addition to completing critical culvert replacements and turnouts for ensuring the system is ready for the 2026 irrigation season.
- d) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
  1. On-Farm Recharge Landowner Coordination Meeting (December 10)
  2. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (December 11)
  3. Capay Dam and Cache Creek Settling Basin Site Visit with CDFW (December 12)
  4. YSGA Finance Committee Meeting (December 12)
  5. NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (December 15)
  6. NCWA/DWR Sac Valley Flood Diversion Recharge Events Meeting (December 17)
  7. YSGA / YC DEH Coordination Meeting on Well Permitting and Land Use Planning (December 30)
- e) The following upcoming events were announced:
  1. Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Focus Areas Working Group Meeting (January 8)
  2. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (January 12)
  3. California Irrigation Institute Board of Directors Meeting (January 15)
  4. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (January 16)
  5. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (January 22)
  6. Yolo County Farm Bureau Agriculturalist of the Year (January 22)
  7. YSGA Ad-Hoc Finance Committee Meeting (January 23)
  8. California Irrigation Institute 2026 Conference (January 26-27)
  9. District Special Board of Directors Meeting (January 27)
  10. Yolo Sub-watershed Coalition (Irrigated Lands Program; Jan. 28-29, Feb. 11)
  11. ACWA Board of Directors Meeting (January 29-30)
  12. Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Focus Areas Working Group Meeting (Feb. 5)



## **8. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

None

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

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #64009-64021 and E167-169.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

## **10. CONSIDERATION: Election of Officers**

General Manager Sicke reviewed the Board's past policy of rotating Directors through the positions of chair and vice chair. Sicke stated that if the Board wished to continue that policy, the slate of officers for 2025 would be Directors Mary Kimball as Chair, Lee Smith as Vice Chair, and General Manager Kristin Sicke as Secretary. The Board appreciated Director Tucker serving as Chair for 2025 and welcomed Director Kimball as the new Chair for 2026.

M/S/C approved the election of Directors Mary Kimball as Chair, Lee Smith as Vice Chair, and General Manager Kristin Sicke as Secretary.

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 Kimball reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, Assistant General Manager Cadaret, and Legal Counsel Ryan Bezerra 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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Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:

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Kristin Sicke, Secretary



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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 3:15 PM**

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The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) was held at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice Chair Smith convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Mary Kimball, Chair  
Lee Smith  
Tom Barth  
Jim Mayer  
Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager  
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager  
Sal Espinoza, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor  
Mat Timothy, Irrigation Operations Worker  
Tommy Ostrowski, District Engineer (Davids Engineering)

Members of the Public

Geoff Klein

**1. OPEN FORUM**

None.

## **2. CONSIDERATION: Award Contract to Eschelman Construction Company for the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project**

Sicke reviewed pertinent information about the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project (Project) and the urgency to complete the Project before the start of the irrigation season. District staff and Davids Engineering opened the bid solicitation period on December 17, 2025 and held a pre-bid site walk on January 8, 2026. Bids were collected until January 26, 2026, when they were opened at 10 a.m. by District staff and Davids Engineering to review bids received and determine the lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder for considering awarding the contract and constructing the Project.

District Irrigation Operations Worker, Mat Timothy, is currently serving as the Project Manager for the Project and provided a brief review of updated conditions at the site: installation of an all-weather access road and a coffer dam upstream in the Winters Canal, and removal of the trees within the project area in preparation for construction activities. Sicke briefly discussed CDFW requirements related to mitigating Project impacts such as removal of the large oak tree.

Director Smith asked about the purpose of the coffer dam installation and the distinction between the contractor's proposed activities for controlling stormwater runoff during construction. Sicke and Ostrowski shared more about the District's responsibilities to control stormwater in the canal, and the contractor's responsibility to be prepared for stormwater runoff in the Chickahominy Slough and area surrounding the Project site to keep the construction site as dry as possible.

Ostrowski reviewed the bidding process and reported that 8 bids were submitted ranging from \$529,897 to \$2.14 M. The engineer's estimate for construction of the Project was approximately \$913,000. The bid review process considers cost, responsiveness, and ability to meet project responsibilities and requirements (ability to construct the proposed project). At the bid opening, each contractor's name and bid price was shared with those in attendance, and Davids Engineering assisted with ensuring all necessary criteria was met within all bids received.

Kimball asked Ostrowski what the outlier bids mean and how it's related to contractor responsiveness to the bid. Ostrowski reviewed potential reasons why outlier bids might come in low or high and how that's reviewed relative to the engineer's estimate and other bids.

Smith asked if we share the engineer's estimate as part of the bid package. Ostrowski said that the engineer's estimate is not shared ahead of time to prevent bidders from estimating higher than the actual cost to complete the project.

Director Tucker asked more about the bid review process. The team's review, in consultation with the District's Legal Counsel, found that the lowest bidder did not complete a fully responsive bid as there were irregularities. The lowest bidder failed to submit a completed acknowledgement of the Contractor's Workers' Compensation Certificate (Labor Code Section 1861) as required by Section 2.4 of the Instructions to Bidders (page 9) and submitted a blank, unmarked, and unsigned

Contractor's Workers' Compensation Certificate (Labor Code Section 1861) form. The lowest bidder also failed to submit signed acknowledgement by their Surety Provider/Surety Representative of insurance and bonding requirements as required by Section 1.8 Acknowledgement of Insurance and Bonding Requirements. The portion of Section 1.8 for acknowledgement by surety was left blank in the submitted bid.

With the determination of the lowest bidder being a non-responsive bidder, District staff recommended that the Board award a contract to the next lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder, Eschelman Construction Company, in an amount not to exceed \$1,095,382.50 for the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project.

**M/S/C** approved of conditional award of contract to Eschelman Construction Company for the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:

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Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 3, 2026

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Presentation: Potential In-Canal Hydropower Opportunity

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:**

The District is currently investigating a potential in-canal hydropower pilot project designed specifically to retrofit pre-existing infrastructure such as drops and checks within irrigation districts.

District staff will provide a brief presentation of a potential in-canal hydropower pilot project opportunity.

**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: February 3, 2026

ITEM #: 5

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 and soliciting the project for contractor bidding, as well as providing engineering services, field inspection, and biological monitoring services during construction. Staff will provide an update on the status of the project.

### 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: February 3, 2026

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

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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.