

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

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**Board Meeting  
34274 State Highway 16  
Woodland, CA 95695  
Tuesday, April 7, 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 March 3 Regular and March 24 Special Board Meetings' Minutes  
b) Consideration: Reschedule May 5 Board Meeting
- 3:08 4. Presentation: Update on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project
- 3:15 5. Presentation: Indian Valley Reservoir Hydroelectric Power Purchase Update
- 3:25 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 April 3, 2026.

By:

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Kristin Sicke, General Manager

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026

ITEM #: 3

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consideration: Adoption of March 3 Regular and March 24 Special Board Meetings' Minutes
- b) Consideration: Adoption of March 24 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

**BACKGROUND:**

**a) Consideration: Adoption of the March 3 Regular and March 24 Special Board Meetings' 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: Reschedule May 5, 2026 Board Meeting**

The May Board meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026, and needs to be rescheduled because of the 2026 Spring ACWA Conference.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District staff recommend the Board

- a) Adopt the attached March 3 Regular and March 24 Special Board Meetings' minutes with any corrections.
  
- b) District staff recommend the Board reschedule the May Board meeting to May 12, 2026.



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 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, March 3, 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, Vice Chair  
Tom Barth  
Jim Mayer  
Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager  
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager  
Elise Nunez, Administrative Assistant

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett  
Duane Chamberlain  
Adele Daily  
Mary Giovanvetti  
Geoff Klein

**1. OPEN FORUM**

None.

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

General Manager Sicke reported that subsequent to posting of the agenda, she became aware of facts and circumstances that necessitate immediate action by the Board in the form of a conference with District legal counsel to consider initiation of litigation under Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(d)(4), one potential case. Sicke requested adding the item as Item 12.

M/S/C approved adding a closed session item for conference with legal counsel to consider initiation of litigation under Government Code section 94954.5(c) and 94856.9(d)(4), one potential case.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Adoption of February 3, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

There was no discussion on this item.

**b. Adoption of January 27, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

There was no discussion on this item.

M/S/C approved Consent Agenda Item 3a and Item 3b for the March meeting.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**4. PRESENTATION: District Representatives to Committees and Various Groups**

Chair Kimball reported that each year the Board’s representation to various groups and committees is appointed by the District’s Chair. The proposed 2026 appointments were reviewed, and Kimball approved the proposed appointments for 2026.

Barrett suggested a Board member or District staff should join the Cache Creek Conservancy Watershed Stewardship Group.

**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 selected contractor for the project, Escherman Construction, is scheduled to start demolition work on March 3, 2026. Per the CDFW permitting, the District is working with a biologist to prepare a report on the results of the bird species and presence and

riparian habitat survey and proposed mitigation plan. It's anticipated that the Project will be completed on schedule before May 1, 2026. Sicke shared photos of the demolition work that has occurred and the projected weather forecast showing no indication of rain for the rest of the week.

Mayer asked if May 1 is still a feasible project completion date considering the start of work. Sicke confirmed that's correct.

## **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 the main elements of the proposed regulatory fee pathway, structure, and 5-year budget. Board members provided the following feedback to Sicke:

- Distinguish between non-irrigated vs. irrigated land for Tier 1 fee to avoid confusion. For example, irrigated pasture vs. rangeland.
- Start with the budget and costs first, then dive into the fee structure for clarity.
- Clarify that the YSGA Member Agencies, except for urban water, will no longer be paying on behalf of those within their service area once this fee structure is in place.
- Emphasize where the money is going, talk about the challenges that this will try and resolve, and the history of conjunctive management of surface water and groundwater.
- Emphasize how this will translate to keeping water available for farming, etc.

Cadaret reviewed updates related to the County's agricultural well moratorium to be discussed at the March 12 County Working Group meeting.

The following upcoming meetings were discussed:

- March 5: Hungry Hollow Projects – Field Discussion
- March 5: Cobram – Hungry Hollow Landowners Meeting
- March 11: YSGA Fee Study Public Workshop Clarksburg
- March 12: Water Rights by Eric Garner (BBK Law) – County Ag Well Moratorium Work Group; YSGA Fee Study Public Workshop Winters
- March 16: YSGA Fee Study Public Workshop Woodland
- March 17: YSGA Fee Study Public Workshop Dunnigan
- March 18: YSGA Fee Study Public Workshop Esparto
- March 19: YSGA Fee Study Public Workshop - Virtual
- March 23: YSGA Board Meeting

Cadaret provided an update on the District's Winter Recharge Program and Yolo-Zamora Recharge Project.

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

- Chair Kimball had no updates.
- Director Smith attended the *YSGA Executive Committee* and *YSGA Board of Directors* meetings and provided an overview of YSGA project implementation efforts at a meeting with Supervisor Villegas.
- Director Barth attended the *YSGA Executive Committee*, *YSGA Board of Directors*, *Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group* meetings and provided an overview of YSGA project implementation efforts at a meeting with Supervisor Villegas.
- Director Mayer attended the *NCWA Board of Directors*, *Sacramento Valley Flood Diversion Recharge Enhancement*, and *District Willow Slough Watershed Management* meetings.
- Director Tucker had no updates.

## **8. 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 March 3, 2026:
  - Clear Lake is currently at 8.08 feet Rumsey. Flood releases of 670 cfs are occurring at Cache Creek Dam. Irrigation season entitlement starts at 3.22 feet, and full allocation of 150,000 acre-feet is achieved at 7.56 feet Rumsey.
  - Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 253,200AF of storage. Environmental releases of 10 cfs will continue through the winter. Total capacity in the reservoir cannot exceed 260,760 AF prior to March 15.
  - The anticipated weather forecast for the week of March 3 was reviewed.
  - Groundwater level conditions as of March 3, 2026 were also reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – an update on finances as of February 28, 2026.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – The *Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Headworks Replacement Project* is the 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. Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Focus Areas Working Group Meeting (February 5)
  2. YSGA Special Board of Directors Meeting (February 9)
  3. Meeting with SWB to Review Draft Long-Term Permit Application (February 10)
  4. Yolo Subwatershed Coalition for the Irrigated Lands Reg. Program (February 11)
  5. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (February 12)
  6. ACWA Vision for Our Water: Working Group Meeting (February 12 and 19)
  7. Meeting with CDFW to Review Draft Long-Term Permit Application (February 13)
  8. NCWA Watershed Stewardship Colloquium (February 17)
  9. ACWA Region 4 Board of Directors Meeting (February 18)

10. YSGA Hungry Hollow Working Group Meeting (February 19)
11. YSGA: Cattlemen's Association Meeting (February 19)
12. District Farmers' Council Meeting (February 20)
13. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (February 23)
14. NCWA/DWR Sac Valley Flood Diversions Recharge Events Meeting (February 25)
15. Willow Slough Watershed Collaboration Workshop (February 26)

e) The following upcoming events were announced:

1. NCWA Annual Meeting (March 6)
2. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (March 6)
3. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting (March 9)
4. DWR Subsidence BMP Implementation Meeting Kick-off (March 10)
5. Yolo County Farm Bureau Meeting (March 10)
6. ACWA Vision for Our Water: Working Group Meeting (March 11)
7. Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee Meeting (March 12)
8. Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Focus Areas Working Group Meeting (March 12)
9. ACWA Groundwater Committee Meeting (March 12)
10. YSGA Fee Study Workshops (March 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19 – various locations)
11. ACWA Board of Directors Meeting (March 20)
12. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (March 23)
13. YCFC&WCD Special Board of Directors Meeting (March 24)
14. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (March 27)
15. Site Visit with State Water Board: Draft Long-Term Permit Application (April 8)
16. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (April 9)
17. NCWA/DWR Sac Valley Flood Diversions Recharge Events Meeting (April 22)
18. NCWA's A Day at the Ranch Event (April 23)
19. Yolo County Board of Supervisors Groundwater Update (April 28)

## **9. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

None

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

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #64144-64156 and E229-E234.

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

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. CLOSED SESSION: Potential Litigation**

Closed session conference with legal counsel to consider initiation of litigation under Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(d)(4), one potential case.

*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.

**13. 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, March 24, 2026, 3:00 PM**

**YCFC&WCD Offices**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
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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 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Kimball convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Mary Kimball, Chair  
Lee Smith, Vice Chair  
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

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain  
Donald Beeman

**1. OPEN FORUM**

None.

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

None.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **a. Adopt Resolution 26.02 Concurring in Nomination John Pang to the California Water Insurance Fund Board**

There was no discussion on this item.

M/S/C approved Consent Agenda Item 3a for the April meeting.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **4. CONSIDERATION: Public Hearing on Proposed Adoption of 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan**

Chair Kimball opened the public hearing for the proposed adoption of the 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) at 3 pm. Kimball stated that the purpose of the hearing was to give interested parties the opportunity to present their comments to the Board concerning the AWMP and that the notice of the hearing had been published as required by law. Kimball asked if any members of the public are present to provide oral or written comments regarding the AWMP, and no comments were orally presented. Staff confirmed that no written comments were received prior to the meeting. There being no public comments to consider, the hearing was closed.

General Manager Sicke provided a presentation on the AWMP update, describing its purpose and contents, and the District's plan to comply with the requirements of SB X7-7, the Agricultural Water Management Planning Act, the Agricultural Water Measurement Regulation, and AB 1668 Water Management Planning.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 26.03 Adopting the 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **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). So far, the following has been completed since March 3, 2026:

- Installed 110 feet of pipe through slough; 80% of total pipe installed
- Siphon construction/installed is 60% completed
- Cast-in-place outlet is 10% completed
- Delivery of first box culvert segments on 3/27

Irrigation Operations Worker Timothy spoke about the field progress and showed pictures. Timothy complimented the Escherman Construction crew's communication and efficiency with work performance. The District will be able to start running water down the upper stem of the Winters Canal until the Project is complete. There is a coffer dam and subsequent check structure that are located upstream of the Project to keep the Project area dry until completion. The contractor also can pump any water that might get past the water control structures if dewatering is necessary. Because of this Project, the Walnut, Fairfield, Gibson, Willow, and University Canals will not receive water until after April 16.

Kimball asked what the outreach has been to customers to inform them how the Project is progressing and timing of irrigation deliveries. Timothy shared that larger customers impacted by the Project have been updated throughout construction and they are working around the District's construction schedule. Kimball suggested that staff reach out to all customers that are impacted by the delay.

Smith asked when water would be available for the north side of the irrigation system, downstream of West Adams Canal. Sicke and Timothy stated water will start running early April on the north side.

## **6. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

None.

## **7. CONSIDERATION – Payment of Bills**

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #65206-65216 and E257-E262.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

**9. 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: April 7, 2026

ITEM #: 4

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

INITIATED OR [ ] BOARD  
REQUESTED BY: [X] STAFF  
[ ] OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

ATTACHMENT [ ] YES [X] NO  
[ ] DIRECTION

[X] INFORMATION  
[ ] ACTION: [ ] MOTION  
[ ] RESOLUTION

**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. Escherman Construction is the construction contractor completing the project. 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: April 7, 2026

ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Presentation: Indian Valley Reservoir Hydroelectric Power Purchase 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  
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**BACKGROUND:**

District staff will provide an update on the Indian Valley Reservoir’s Hydroelectric power purchase options.

**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: April 7, 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

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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.