

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

**Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, August 4, 2026
3:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA

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| 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
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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 July 7 Regular Board Meeting Minutes |
| 3:08 | 4. <u>Consideration:</u> Adopt Resolution 26.06 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll |
| 3:20 | 5. <u>Presentation:</u> Yolo LAFCo's 2026 Municipal Service Review |
| 3:35 | 6. <u>Presentation:</u> YSGA Update |
| 3:55 | 7. <u>Director's Report:</u> Report on meetings and conferences attended |
| 4:00 | 8. <u>General Manager's Report:</u> 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 9. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request

4:25 10. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills

4:30 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.

4:50 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 July 31, 2026.

By:

Kristin Sicke, General Manager

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2026

ITEM #: 3

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consideration: Adoption of July 7 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 July 7 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 July 7 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, July 7, 2026, 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, July 7, 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

Members of the Public

Anusha Kashyap
Bashar Allathkani
Catherine Portman
Duane Chamberlain
Greta Gledhill
Helen Dahlke
Jim Barrett
Kirsten Ondris
Maddie Munson

1. OPEN FORUM

None.

2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of June 2 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on this item.

M/S/C approved the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Smith, Barth, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

4. CONSIDERATION: Indian Valley Reservoir Hydroelectric Power Purchase Update

General Manager Sicke provided an update on the Indian Valley Hydroelectric Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) negotiation. Sicke provided an overview of the Indian Valley Hydropower Facility (Facility), previous PPA arrangements, and the history of exploring other potential power purchase arrangements. Sicke reviewed Valley Clean Energy's proposed new PPA terms, along with the power production variability, and related capital project improvements at the Facility.

Director Mayer inquired about the difference between the old contract and new contract relative to purchase price variability and if there's an escalator. Sicke explained that we have a fixed rate that's higher than before, which does not vary based on time of day; however, there is no escalator. The rate is competitive with PG&E's Renewable Market Adjusting Tariff (ReMAT) Program

Vice Chair Smith inquired on the exit clause for economic or operational viability. Sicke said the clause does cover exiting the PPA if, for example, the purchase price is not enough to offset capital infrastructure improvements or operation of the Facility regardless of power generation.

Chair Kimball asked for clarification of the revenue comparison of the historical PPA purchase price versus the proposed PPA purchase price and Sicke expanded on the comparison table.

Director Tucker pointed out that the ongoing projects at the Facility are not necessarily related to generating hydropower and are more related to dam safety.

Vice Chair Smith asked when the District should evaluate the cost feasibility of generating hydropower at the Facility. The Board requested staff to initiate an evaluation on the cost and barriers of FERC regulatory compliance in comparison to hydropower revenue generation. Sicke reported that she would work with staff to have a future Board update the process for completing an evaluation and comparison study.

Sicke reported the staff recommendation was to authorize the General Manager to contract with the VCEA for a PPA from August 1, 2026 to September 30, 2041, the agenda report inaccurately stated July 31, 2041.

M/S/C authorized the General Manager to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement with the Valley Clean Energy.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. PRESENTATION: Cache Creek Watershed and Putah Creek Watershed Water Quality Investigations

General Manager Sicke provided background information on the groundwater recharge program that the District has historically done and the proposed Healthy Rivers and Landscapes project.

General Manager Sicke introduced UC Davis's Dr. Helen Dahlke and doctoral candidate Kirsten Ondris to present research that was recently completed to characterize surface water quality in the upper Cache Creek watershed. Ondris started with posing the research motivation question: "How might distributed groundwater recharge impact groundwater quality?" along with two additional research questions specific to the upper Cache Creek watershed: 1) "Can Cache Creek water quality be characterized with historical data?" and 2) "How does Cache Creek source water vary seasonally, and what drives differences?" Ondris showed the study area map of the upper Cache Creek watershed. Ondris reviewed the water quality constituents of interest which included Boron, electrical conductivity (EC), and sediment (TSS/Turbidity). Ondris reviewed the results for each constituent detailing the differences across the watershed and the influences of source water quality at Capay Dam, including the seasonality of flow. Ondris concluded by sharing the results and how they relate to the management context.

Director Mayer asked about the Boron and EC data. Ondris shared additional insights on the streamflow and timing components related to concentration variability.

Directors Smith and Barth asked about flow contributions of Bear Creek during November and December and how it relates to Boron and EC concentrations. Ondris and Dahlke clarified how to interpret the data shown on the charts.

Director Tucker asked about the standard deviation of Boron concentrations in wet years, noting the standard deviation is almost half of the average number and asked if during wet years, the relationship holds up or if the concentrations are being driven by flow variability. Ondris and Dahlke stated it could be a few different factors, including the monthly differences in concentration and standard deviation.

Barth asked if this presentation would cover the surface water application for recharge impacts groundwater quality. Dahlke described her general understanding of surface water recharge

application and impacts to groundwater quality and suggested that Ondris could continue to investigate that in the future for the District, if desired.

Chamberlain stated his concerns about the impact of Boron on overall tree health.

General Manager Sicke introduced Greta Gledhill and Anusha Kashyap with CDM Smith and the Water Quality Evaluation and Monitoring Plan they developed related to producing CEQA documentation for the District's long-term winter water right permit. Kashyap first reviewed the groundwater quality analysis that was completed with all available groundwater quality data. Kashyap showed a map of the average Boron concentration for all wells within the District's service area (including lands in the Yolo Zamora region), how the results generally correlate to the flood plain soil types found within the area, and a table summarizing the Boron results. Kashyap showed a map of the average nitrate concentration for all wells within the District's service area and a table summarizing the results. Kashyap also shared key takeaways based on the Boron results. Kashyap then transitioned to discuss the Putah Creek water quality analysis. Kashyap reviewed the flow restoration options that were analyzed relative to the District's proposed Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) flow commitments for Putah Creek. Kashyap shared the results of the mass balance analysis and the key takeaways. Kashyap then transitioned to share the proposed draft monitoring plan starting with reviewing data gaps. Kashyap shared the proposed groundwater and surface water monitoring related to the District's groundwater recharge efforts and HRL proposal. Kashyap reviewed next steps for preparing and completing an Environmental Impact Report (if decided by the Board) for the long-term water right permit and HRL process.

Director Barth shared his thoughts on Cache Creek seepage possibly related to Boron distribution shown on map.

Barrett asked what's considered the depth of the shallow zone. Kashyap stated it's generally within 200 feet; however, it may vary throughout the study area.

Directors Smith and Tucker suggested looking at municipal well zone testing data to refine water quality interpretations.

Director Tucker asked about the wells near the University Ditch. Kashyap noted there's additional data that needs to be incorporated.

Director Barth asked about the data that feeds into a CEQA analysis and do we have a sense of the source of water and standards we would want to have to meet based on existing regulations. Sicke noted that algae blooms, mercury, and nitrate are what the state regulators suggested specific to the HRL proposal (*since the meeting occurred, Sicke corrected herself in reporting to the Board that the state regulators are only requiring an analysis on algae blooms, nitrate, and boron*).

6. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update

Assistant General Manager Cadaret shared updates on YSGA administration starting with highlights from recent YSGA meetings and reviewed upcoming meetings:

- July 8: YSGA Executive Committee Meeting
- July 20: YSGA Board Meeting
- July 21: County Board of Supervisors Meeting (Well Moratorium on Agenda)
- Provided July 2, 2026 County Well Moratorium Working Group meeting highlights

Cadaret provided an update on the following SGMA Implementation Grant projects

Subbasin Grant Projects (Component 2)

- Update on YSGA Fee Study
- Update on Hungry Hollow
- Update on 2027 GSP Periodic Evaluation
- Reviewed Component 2 Deliverables status

District Recharge Projects (Component 3)

- Update on long-term permit application submission and 180-day temporary permit application. and 5-year permit application preparation
- Update on winter 2026 recharge results outreach and planning for winter 2027
- Reviewed Component 3 Deliverables status

City of Winters Projects (Component 4)

- Reviewed Component 4 Deliverables status

Dunnigan Water District Projects (Component 6)

- Reviewed Component 6 Deliverables status

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Chair Kimball had nothing to report.
- Vice Chair Smith attended the *June County Well Moratorium Working Group* and *Supervisor Frerich and Barajas Western Yolo Agriculture Roundtable* meetings; *YSGA Executive Committee*, *Yolo-Zamora Recharge Projects*, and *Demand Management Framework Development* meetings.
- Director Barth attended the *YSGA Executive Committee* and *Demand Management Framework Development* meeting, and the District's *Finance Committee* meeting to discuss potential annexation of the Yolo-Zamora area.
- Director Mayer attended a lot of NCWA meetings and provided a brief update on the status of [Assembly Bill 2026](#).
- Director Tucker attended the *June County Well Moratorium Working Group* and *Supervisor Frerich and Barajas Western Yolo Agriculture Roundtable* meetings, and the District's *Finance Committee* meeting to discuss potential annexation of the Yolo-Zamora area.

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 July 7, 2026:

- Clear Lake is currently at 5.25 feet Rumsey. Cache Creek Dam irrigation releases are approximately 510 cfs. District has full allocation for this irrigation season and started irrigation releases on April 3.
- Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at ~237,000 AF of storage. Indian Valley Reservoir irrigation releases are 243 cfs for irrigation with both hydropower units operating.
- Diverting 330 cfs into the Winters Canal and 200 cfs into the West Adams Canal.
- Groundwater level conditions as of July 7 were also reviewed.
- Sicke reviewed 2026 water sales through June 30 (~49,000 AF sold) and noted water sales for each month have been slightly lower than last year.

Chamberlain asked how long the irrigation season will last. Sicke stated it is potentially until early October; however, it will be primarily driven by demand.

Munson asked what the drought component is for the water rate. Sicke stated it's around \$15 per AF.

- b) Financial Report Summary – Sicke provided an update on the District's finances as of June 30, which is two months into Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Sicke also reviewed other updates related to financials, including staffing, grants, audit, and LAFCo MSR.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – Sicke provided updates on capital projects and potential for Yolo-Zamora annexation project area.

Director Tucker shared his thoughts on consideration items related to annexation policy updates and evaluating costs. Director Barth also clarified that the District is considering starting off treating these lands as out-of-District customers to assess if annexation is needed. Director Smith noted that field visit and discussions this week highlighted important considerations for the District to consider in assessing updates to the annexation policy.

- d) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
 - NCWA Colloquium in DC (June 8-10)
 - YSGA Meeting with John Fawcett to Discuss Ag Well Permitting Process (June 9)
 - ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (June 12 and 22)
 - YSGA TAC and EC Meetings (June 16)
 - Yolo-Zamora Landowner Meeting to Discuss Potential Annexation (June 17)
 - YSGA Coordination Meeting with TNC (June 22)
 - Testify on AB 2026 at Senate Committees (June 23 and July 1)
 - Western Yolo Ag Roundtable (June 24)
 - Meeting with VCE to Discuss IVR PPA (June 25)
 - Meeting with Yolo LAFCo (July 1)
 - Yolo County Ag Well Working Group Meeting (July 2)
 - ACWA Groundwater Task Force Meeting (July 2)

- e) The following upcoming events were announced:
- YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (July 8)
 - ACWA Groundwater Task Force Meeting (July 9)
 - Cottonwood Slough Site Visit (Willow Slough Watershed Collab. Effort) (July 14)
 - Farmers Council Meeting (July 15)
 - YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (July 20)
 - ACWA Projects of Statewide Significance Task Force Meeting (July 21)
 - Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting (July 21)
 - Yolo LAFCo Meeting (July 23)
 - ACWA Board of Directors Workshop (July 30-31)

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 65404-65407 & 65410 & E383-386.

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 and General Manager Sicke 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.

Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:

Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2026

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adopt Resolution 26.06 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll

INITIATED OR ☐ BOARD
REQUESTED BY: ☒ STAFF
☐ OTHER _____

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

ATTACHMENT ☒ YES ☐ NO
☐ DIRECTION

☐ INFORMATION
☒ ACTION: ☐ MOTION
☒ RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

The District is placing the following Regular Special Assessments on the Yolo County (County) property tax roll for Fiscal Year 2026/2027:

1. 1990 East Adams Area Assessment District (Code 54620)
2. 2000 Hungry Hollow Area Assessment District (Code 54621)
3. 2012 Annexation Special Assessment District (Code 54623)
4. 2020 Annexation Special Assessment District (Code 54624)
5. 2023 Special Benefit Assessment (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 2026/2027. The 2026/2027 assessments by special assessment district are available upon request.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend the Board adopt Resolution 26.06 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll.

RESOLUTION NO. 26.06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REQUESTING COLLECTION OF CHARGES ON TAX ROLL

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) requests the County of Yolo (County) collect on the County tax roll certain charges which have been imposed pursuant to Sections 28 and 29 of the District Act, found on the [District's website](#); and

WHEREAS, the County has required as a condition of the collection of said charges that the District warrant the legality of said charges and defend and indemnify the County from any challenge to the legality thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District that:

1. The Audit-Controller of Yolo County has requested to attach for collection on the County tax rolls those taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges, attached hereto.
2. The District warrants and represents that the taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges imposed by the District and being requested to be collected by Yolo County comply with all requirements of state law, including but not limited to Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218).
3. The District releases and discharges County, and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages, causes of action, and judgments, in any manner arising out of the collection by County of any taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges on behalf of the District.
4. The District agrees to and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees (the "Indemnified Parties") from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs and expenses, damages, causes of action, and judgments, in any manner arising out of collection by County of any of the District's said taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges requested to be collected by County for the District, or in any manner arising out of the District's establishment and imposition of said taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges. The District agrees that, in the event a judgment is entered in a court of law against any of the Indemnified Parties as a result of collection of one of the District's taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges, the County may offset the amount of the judgment from any other monies collected by County on behalf of the District, including property taxes.
5. The District agrees that its officers, agents, and employees will cooperate with the County in answering questions referred to the District by the County from any person concerning the District's taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges, and that the District will not refer such persons to County officers and employees for response.

6. The District agrees to pay such reasonable and ordinary charges as the County may prescribe to recoup its costs in placing on the tax rolls and collecting the taxes, assessments, fees, and/or charges, as provided by Government Code Sections 29304 and 51800.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on August 4, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Signed by me after its passage this 4th day of August 2026.

Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:

Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2026

ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Presentation: Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Municipal Service Review

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:

Under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg (CKH) Act, Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCo's) are legally required to complete or update a Municipal Service Review (MSR) every five years. The purpose of a MSR is to provide a comprehensive inventory and analysis of the services provided by local municipalities, service areas, and special districts. A MSR evaluates the structure and operation of the local municipalities, service areas, and special districts and discusses possible areas for improvement and coordination. The MSR is intended to provide information and analysis to support a sphere of influence update.

Yolo LAFCo adopted the MSR for the District on July 23, 2026 and a copy of the adopted report is available at www.yololafco.org (under the "Studies" tab). The report finds that the District is performing its responsibilities very well, and there are the following recommendations:

1. Improve the accounting for the Madison drainage area funds to determine if the tax revenue is sufficient to cover services or not. This data would inform whether to pursue Prop. 218 to increase funding or to triage services.
2. Continue to collaborate with Yolo County and the City of Woodland to evaluate funding options to revitalize and sustain the floodSAFE Yolo program. Consider additional partners, such as the Cities of Davis and Winters, Esparto CSD and other affected parties to address regional drainage and flooding concerns for central Yolo County.
3. Continue to add website content as needed to improve its 75% score per the latest website transparency scorecard found at <https://www.yololafco.org/yolo-local-government-website-transparency-scorecards>.

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: August 4, 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

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.