

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

**Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, September 1, 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 August 4 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3:08 4. Presentation: In-Canal Hydropower Update
- 3:15 5. Presentation: YSGA Update
- 3:45 6. Presentation: 2025-2027 Strategic Plan
- 4:05 7. Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended
- 4:10 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

4:20 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.

5:00 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 August 28, 2026.

By:

Kristin Sicke, General Manager

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 1, 2026

ITEM #: 3

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consideration: Adoption of August 4 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 August 4 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 August 4 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, August 4, 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, August 4, 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
Tom Barth
Jim Mayer
Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager
Geoff Klein, O&M Superintendent
Grace Olson, Intern
Benny Briggs, Intern

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett
Donald Beeman
Duane Chamberlain
JD Trebec, Yolo LAFCo
Josh Yarborough

1. OPEN FORUM

2. Assistant General Manager Erik Cadaret introduced the District's newest interns, Grace Olson and Benny Briggs, who are primarily assisting the District with YSGA technical work.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no items to add to the agenda.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of July 7 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on this item.

M/S/C approved the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Smith

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Adopt Resolution 26.06 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll

General Manager Sicke reviewed tax roll charge history and calculation considerations for 1990 East Adams annexation, 2000 Hungry Hollow annexation, 2012 Annexation, 2020 annexation, and 2023 Special Benefit Assessment area parcels. Sicke also reviewed the proposed draft 2026/2027 total tax roll property assessment and factors resulting in increased special benefit assessment value change.

Beeman and Chamberlain had questions on the special benefit assessment charges related to allowable annual increases and what they believed to have been communicated in 2023 at the start of the assessment. Sicke and Chair Kimball provided clarifying comments on the history of the District's charges and how the funds are used toward infrastructure projects. The 2023 Special Benefit Assessment allows for an annual capital improvement assessment rate increase commensurate with the change in the consumer price index, limited to 0-4%.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 26.06 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Smith

Abstain: None

6. PRESENTATION: Yolo LAFCo's 2026 Municipal Service Review

JD Trebec, the Deputy Executive Officer for the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), presented the results from the District's 2026 Municipal Service Review (MSR) & SOI Study of Surface Water and Groundwater services provided. An MSR study reviews the capacity, adequacy, infrastructure, finances, shared services, accountability structure, efficiencies, status of previous recommendations, and any new recommendations. Trebec presented the details of Yolo LAFCo's review of surface water and groundwater services provided by water agencies in Yolo County, including the District, and he summarized Yolo LAFCo's results and recommendations.

Sicke provided context on the history of the Madison drainage area and how the District took over responsibility for the Madison-Esparto Region County Service Area (MERCOSA) slough cleaning and vegetation management to support the County. The District acquired a Lake Streambed Alteration (LSA) permit from CDFW to maintain the sloughs. Sicke mentioned that Yolo LAFCo's recommendation to better account for expenses and operational activities related to MERCOSA will assist the District in evaluating whether the assessment covers the services provided. Chamberlain inquired what MERCOSA service area covers and what type of work is completed. Sicke provided context for the specific sloughs and areas that are maintained by staff under the LSA. Beeman asked which area of South Fork Willow Slough is maintained by the District and Sicke clarified which area has been cleaned and is maintained by District staff.

Kimball asked who's the lead of the floodSAFE Yolo program. Sicke shared the history of the program and which entities are involved. Kimball made the comment that Yolo LAFCo's recommendation involves City of Woodland and asked for clarification on that. Trebec provided clarification on their recommendation being based on City of Woodland being most at risk from Cache Creek flooding events.

Kimball asked what the benchmark for transparency score is. Trebec stated it's 100% and it could be evaluated differently in the future. Kimball commented 100% requires agencies to always strive for a perfect transparency score, which may be unattainable.

Sicke asked for clarification on next steps for receiving the District's responses to the Yolo LAFCo's study. Trebec provided feedback. Barth asked if the response can be used in a grand jury report and what other sources of information were used in Yolo LAFCo's study. Trebec clarified it would not be part of a grand jury report and LAFCo staff relied heavily on District staff data and reports but also relied on other publicly available data and individuals' feedback. Mayer asked if Yolo LAFCo looked at the District and Yolo County's strategic plans to determine alignment or collaboration opportunities. Trebec clarified he did and is aware of the overlapping initiatives and collaboration. Sicke asked what feedback the LAFCo Commissioners provide on the report during their July 23 meeting. Trebec and Cadaret shared their impressions from the Commission meeting, which were positive overall.

Sicke asked for clarification on the Board's preferred process for responding to Yolo LAFCo's MSR Recommendations. The Board agreed that sharing the draft responses with the Board for review via email prior to submittal was sufficient.

Barrett asked about LAFCo's review of the County and whether they can make a recommendation to the County about repurposing the mining pits. Barrett also asked what other districts are subject to MSR studies. Trebec clarified what Yolo LAFCo focuses on and how they also review services provided by the local fire districts.

7. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update

Sicke and Cadaret presented an update on YSGA activities and upcoming events. The presentation opened with a review of the July 2026 meetings, highlighting the YSGA Executive Committee

meeting on July 8, the YSGA Board meeting on July 20, and the County Board of Supervisors meeting on July 21. Cadaret provided a summary of the County Board of Supervisors meeting specifically on the Well Moratorium agenda item.

Cadaret provided a status report on SGMA grant funded projects, reviewing key deliverables and milestones across multiple components:

- Subbasin Grant Projects (Component 2): Progress updates were provided on the YSGA Fee Study, Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group projects and white paper, and the preparation for the 2027 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation.
- District Recharge Projects (Component 3): Progress updates on the submission status of the long-term permit application, the 180-day temporary permit application, and the ongoing preparation for the 5-year permit. Planning efforts for the winter 2027 season were also discussed.
- City of Winters (Component 4): Progress updates on the City of Winters surface water availability and recycled water feasibility project.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Chair Kimball had nothing to report.
- Director Barth attended the *YSGA Executive Committee and Board of Directors* meetings and *City of Woodland Extension of Services to Clark Pacific* related meetings (Woodland's November 2026 election on Measure Z).
- Director Mayer attended the Willow Slough Watershed Field Visit at Cottonwood Slough and NCWA related meetings (*NCWA Executive Committee* and *NCWA Conservation Task Force*, along with a collaboration meeting with Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) and Metropolitan Water District (MWD). The August *NCWA Board meeting* will be hosted at Bullseye Farms in Woodland on August 5. Mayer also provided an update on Assembly Bill 2026.
- Director Tucker attended the District's *July Farmers Council* meeting and *County Ag Well Moratorium Working Group* meeting.

9. 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 August 4, 2026:
 - Clear Lake is currently at 4.21 feet Rumsey. Cache Creek Dam irrigation releases are approximately 285 cfs. District has full allocation for this irrigation season and started irrigation releases on April 3.
 - Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at ~220,000 AF of storage. Indian Valley Reservoir irrigation releases are 245 cfs for irrigation with both hydropower units operating.
 - Diverting 265 cfs into the Winters Canal and 185 cfs into the West Adams Canal.
 - Sicke shared 2026 Top 20 crops signed up.
 - Groundwater level conditions as of August 4 were also reviewed.

- Sicke reviewed 2026 water sales through July 31 (~76,000 AF sold) and noted water sales for each month have been slightly lower (~5,000 AF) than the previous two years, and a bit higher (~10,000 AF) than 2023.

Beeman and Chamberlain asked about when the irrigation season is projected to end and when Solano Decree allows irrigation releases. Sicke shared that the Solano Decree allows for irrigation releases from Clea Lake through the end of October . Sicke shared that irrigation demand typically drives the end of irrigation season date and that this would be discussed with customers at the next Farmers Council meeting.

- b) Financial Report Summary – Sicke provided an update on the District’s finances as of July 31, which is three months into Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Sicke also reviewed other updates related to financials, including staffing, grants, and the current audit of Fiscal Year 2025/2026.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – O&M Superintendent Klein provided updates on capital projects for West Adams Canal. Chamberlain asked about possible solutions and project alternatives for the West Adams Canal seepage issues. Klein clarified that other options and project alternatives are being explored.

Sicke provided updates on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Headgate Replacement Project, the Willow Slough Watershed collaboration effort and project site visit at Harlan Family Ranch and Cottonwood Slough, and the District’s Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) project. Since there was not much time left, Sicke promised a more focused discussion on the District’s Strategic Plan at the September meeting.

- d) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
 - Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Working Group Meeting (July 2)
 - YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (July 8)
 - ACWA Groundwater Task Force Meeting (July 9)
 - Cottonwood Slough Site Visit (Willow Slough Watershed Collab. Effort) (July 14)
 - District 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 Meeting (July 31)
- e) The following upcoming events were announced:
 - YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (*tentatively scheduled for August 11*)
 - Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Working Group Meeting (August 12)

- ACWA Groundwater Committee Meeting (August 20)
- Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting (August 25)
- Groundwater Recharge Basins: Southern California Site Visits (September 8-9)
- Yolo Land Trust A Day in the Country (September 13)
- NCWA Water Stewardship Colloquium MWD Visit (September 15-16)
- YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (September 21)
- GRA Western Groundwater Congress (September 28 - 30)
- ACWA Region 4 Tour: Putah Creek HRL Program (November 4)
- ACWA Fall Conference (December 1-3)

10. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

11. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #65449-65407 & 65454 & E421-425.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Smith

Abstain: None

12. 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 item and that there was nothing to report.

13. 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: September 1, 2026

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Presentation: In-Canal Hydropower 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:

The District is participating in an 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 update on the installation of an in-canal hydropower unit.

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: September 1, 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

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: September 1, 2026

ITEM #: 6

SUBJECT: Presentation: 2025-2027 Strategic Plan

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:

The [District's 2025-2027 Strategic Plan](#) outlines the Board's vision and priorities, serving as a practical roadmap for decision-making and staff action. It builds on the District's past success while adapting to future challenges, all with a continued focus on operational excellence and a customer-first approach. The plan centers around four key priorities: Water Supply Reliability, Highest Quality Customer Service, Operational Excellence, and Watershed Stewardship.

The District has strategically set measurable goals and objectives to ensure forward progress towards integrated, sustainable water resources management. The ultimate objective is to build on the legacy as a customer-oriented, environmentally thoughtful, conjunctive use district to support the County's vision for sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship.

A major emphasis of the District's work from now until December 31, 2027 will be in two areas: 1) protecting the District's water rights and securing long-term water supply reliability, and 2) ensuring groundwater sustainability. This Strategic Plan calls for building capacity to meet District needs in these two areas and across the four strategic priorities mentioned above.

District staff will provide an update on [Strategic Plan goals and objectives](#).

RECOMMENDATION:

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.