

Annual Report 2015-2016

Yolo County Resource Conservation District



The Yolo County Resource Conservation District (YCRCD) serves over 650,000 acres, including diverse agricultural operations, rangeland, public open space, and developed areas and municipalities. The YCRCD has accomplished a number of successes in improving water quality, addressing water conservation issues in urban and rural areas, preserving and restoring habitat, and developing new ways of achieving conservation goals. The YCRCD uses a model of cooperation and voluntary action instead of regulation to solve complex local, regional, and statewide issues. Our activities of the past year all bear some stamp of collaboration or partnership, which has been critical to their success. Our major projects and programs that have furthered YCRCD's goal of promoting voluntary land stewardship in Yolo County include:

CACHE CREEK NATURE PRESERVE

Collaboration with Cache Creek Conservancy to actively restore 44 acres of critical riparian habitat along Cache Creek.

CITY OF WOODLAND STORMWATER PONDS

Native grassland and riparian planning and management for the East Regional and Storz Pond stormwater detention facilities.

NORTH DAVIS RIPARIAN GREENBELT CORRIDOR

Implementation and management of 17 acres of native grassland and valley riparian habitat in an ag-urban greenbelt corridor.

PG&E UPPER DRY CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

Management and monitoring of native grasslands and creek restoration for biodiversity and wildlife habitat objectives on a 32-acre property near Winters.

UCD ARBORETUM PUTAH CREEK PARKWAY

Vegetation planning and management of restoration on a 3.5-acre remnant on the north fork channel of Putah Creek near downtown Davis.

WATER CONSERVATION WORKSHOP SERIES

Coordination of 4 workshops for the City of Woodland.

WESTSIDE SACRAMENTO IRWMP

Administration and coordination for the implementation of the Westside Sacramento Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

YOLO BYPASS WILDLIFE AREA

Ag lease management services for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, including conservation planning in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area.

YOLO CREEK AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Planning and management of on-farm restoration and habitat conservation projects in Yolo County's agricultural community, in partnership with the Center for Land-Based Learning and Putah Creek Council.



Yolo County RCD staff preparing for a pollinator and wildlife hedgerow planting.

HIGHLIGHT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Over 50 acres of riparian habitat planned and implemented,
- 6,283 feet of pollinator and wildlife hedgerows planned and implemented,
- 970 trees and shrubs planted,
- 17,888 native grassland plugs planted,
- Two 1-acre farm ponds monitored for native Sacramento perch,
- 10 songbird boxes installed,
- Four workshops for over 200 members of the public,
- One technical workshop for walnut and almond growers,
- 12 community volunteer days with Putah Creek Council,
- Two UCD Restoration Ecology course field days, and
- 14 SLEWS field days with five local high schools (Esparto, Davis, Grant Union, Sacramento and Woodland).

Yolo County Resource Conservation District acts as a central hub for conservation, connecting our community and individuals with the technical, financial and educational resources they need.

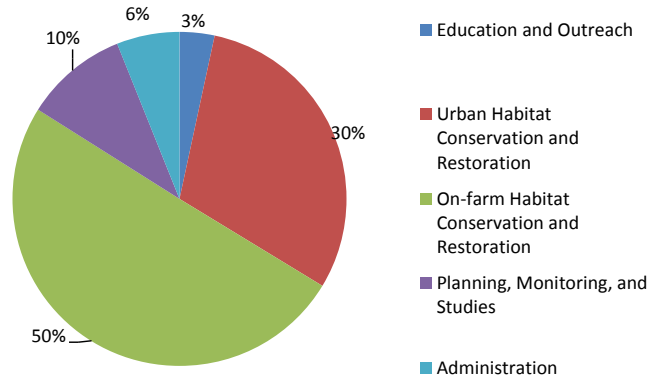


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2015-2016 AT A GLANCE

The YCRCD Strategic Plan guides district activities to address conservation issues in Yolo County. Activities this year focused primarily on biodiversity, water conservation and water quality, riparian and aquatic ecosystems and soil health.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS BY TYPE



District offices are located at 221 West Court Street in Woodland.



MISSION

The Yolo County Resource Conservation District commits to protect, improve, and sustain the natural resources of Yolo County.

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Many of our projects reflect a cooperative effort with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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The YCRCD is a trusted steward of public and private funds. As a Special District, YCRCD is subject to state transparency and accountability laws. The Brown Act and Division 9 of the California Public Resource Code require public meetings, open records, annual audits and financial reporting to the State Controller's Office. Our income and expenses for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 are shown below. The YCRCD invested capital in project development, resulting in a net negative balance on June 30, 2016.

EXPENSES

Personnel Costs	\$389,959.26
Outside Services	\$20,122.85
Tools and Agricultural Supplies	\$38,206.99
Office Expenses	\$17,399.15
Transportation, Travel, Training	\$6,900.73
Insurance, Audit and Administration	\$20,221.56
Total	\$492,810.54

INCOME SOURCES

State Grants	\$176,951.72
Local Grants and Contracts	\$174,480.47
City Contracts	\$46,119.43
County Contracts	\$7,712.68
Property Taxes	\$16,936.50
Federal Grants	\$60,670.21
Interest & Misc.	\$6,360.92
Total	\$489,231.93

