

# Annual Report 2019-2020

## 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. All our activities of the past year 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:

### YOLO COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

A collaborative effort with the Office of Emergency Services, local Fire Chiefs, CAL FIRE and community stakeholders to develop a wildfire projection plan by 2022 and support local Fire Safe Councils for wildfire-related project work.

### CAPAY OPEN SPACE PARK

A collaborative effort with the Cache Creek Conservancy and others to restore habitat and develop interpretive features for a public park that was previously a staging ground for gravel mining along Cache Creek.

### DELTA LEVEE HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM

Habitat restoration management on Delta properties in coordination with the Department of Water Resources and Reclamation Districts.

### HEALTHY SOILS DEMONSTRATION: YOLO LAND AND CATTLE

In A 100-acre compost trial, in coordination with the Carbon Cycle Institute, Point Blue Conservation Science, Westside Spreading and Yolo Land & Cattle to measure forage production and carbon sequestration.

### PUTAH-CACHE WATERSHED ARUNDO PROGRAM

Watershed-scale eradication of *Arundo donax* (Giant Reed) and creek riparian restoration for streamflow and habitat improvement.

### WESTSIDE SACRAMENTO IRWMP

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

### YOLO BYPASS WILDLIFE AREA - AG LEASE and HABITAT

Ag lease management services for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and wildlife habitat improvements in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area.

### YOLO CREEK AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

On-farm restoration and habitat conservation projects in Yolo County's agricultural community, in partnership with the Center for Land-Based Learning, Putah Creek Council and Point Blue Conservation Science.



*California poppy blooming after LNU Fire 2020.*

### HIGHLIGHT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \$300K awarded for Yolo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- \$3 million awarded for Putah-Cache Watershed Arundo Program
- 3 miles of pollinator and wildlife hedgerows planned and implemented
- 20 acres of habitat improvements
- 1,987 native trees and shrubs planted
- Over 12,097 native grasses and wildflowers planted
- Two free homeowner workshops
- Two free on-farm workshops
- 10 irrigation evaluations for tree and row crop growers in Yolo county
- 100 acres of wildland weeds mapped and treated
- 6 community volunteer days with Putah Creek Council
- 6 SLEWS field days with four local high schools (Woodland, Grant Union, Florin and Winters)
- Conservation Practices Guide completed for Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan's listed species

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.

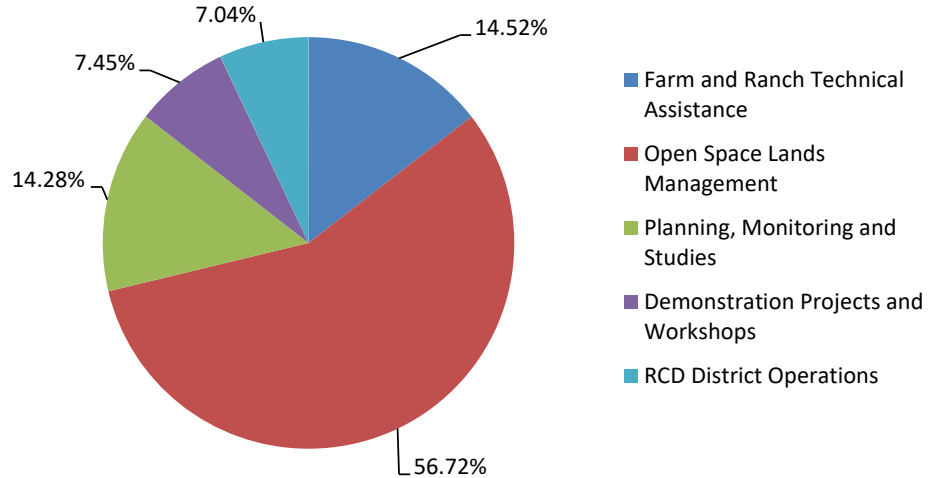


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## 2019-2020 AT A GLANCE

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 ecosystems, soil health and climate.

### PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS BY TYPE



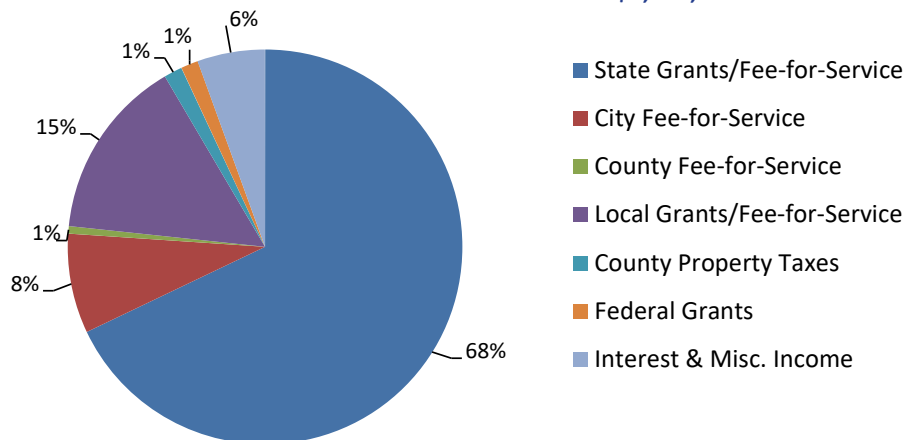
As a Special District, the YCRCD is subject to state transparency and accountability laws. The Brown Act and Division 9 of the California Public Resource Code require public meetings, open records, annual audits and financial reporting to the State Controller's Office. Our income and expenses for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020:

### EXPENSES

Personnel Costs	\$735,496
Partner and Consultant Subcontracts	\$346,958
Field Supplies and Equipment	\$207,037
Office (rent, phone, IT)	\$50,402
Travel and Training	\$24,766
Insurance, Audit, Legal	\$21,248
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,385,907</b>

### INCOME SOURCES

State Grants/Fee-for-Service	\$1,030,586
City Fee-for-Service	\$123,885
County Fee-for-Service	\$9,186
Local Grants/Fee-for-Service	\$225,634
County Property Taxes	\$22,649
Federal Grants	\$21,561
Interest & Misc. Income	\$84,123
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,517,624</b>



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



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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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