

Annual Report 2021-2022

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:

FOREST HEALTH AND FIRE RESILIENCE PROGRAM

Organizational and community workforce development to increase regional capacity for the prioritization, development, and implementation of forest health and fire resilience throughout Yolo County and the Inner Coast Region.

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

The Yolo County Fire Safe Council is a countywide collaborative focused on planning, implementation, and funding acquisition for wildfire related work including the development of the Yolo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

DELTA LEVEE HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM

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

WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

In collaboration with Yolo County Department of Agriculture, the Yolo County Weed Management Area hosts educational meetings and maps and treats small populations of noxious weeds invading wildlands that may adversely affect agriculture.

PUTAH-CACHE WATERSHED ARUNDO PROGRAM

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

MONARCH AT THE MAPLES

Completed in March of 2022, this project established over 3,000 feet of native hedgerows with Monarch butterfly-friendly species along agricultural fields and Cache Creek.

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.



RCD staff received Basic Wildland Firefighter certification for work on the Yolo County Prescribed Burn Association.

HIGHLIGHT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- One free wildfire related homeowner workshop
- Five free Neighborhood Chipper Days in rural Capay Valley
- Four community volunteer days with Putah Creek Council
- 12 SLEWS field days with three local high schools (Woodland, Winters, and Davis)

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- 2.6 miles of pollinator and wildlife hedgerows planned and implemented
- Over 2,200 acres of land treated for invasive weeds resulting in 656 acre feet per year of water saved
- 2,376 native trees and shrubs planted resulting in 136 tonnes of CO₂ sequestered
- Over 8,263 native grass and wildflowers planted

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.

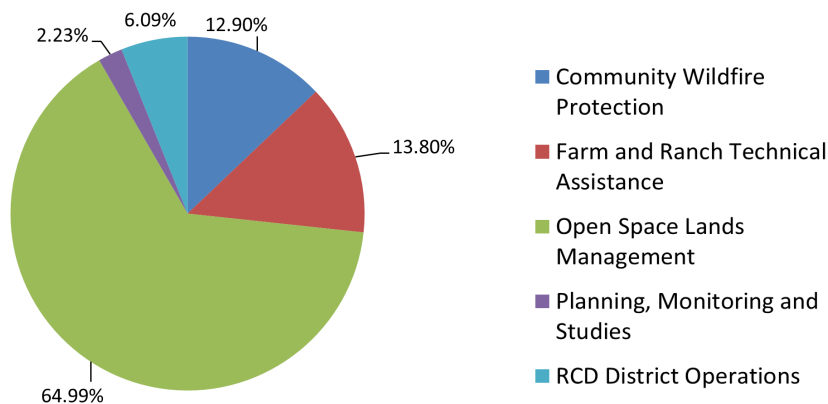


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2021-2022 AT A GLANCE

The YCRCD Strategic Plan guides district activities to address conservation issues in Yolo County. Activities this year focused primarily on biodiversity, regional water issues, riparian ecosystems, wildfire resiliency.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS BY TYPE



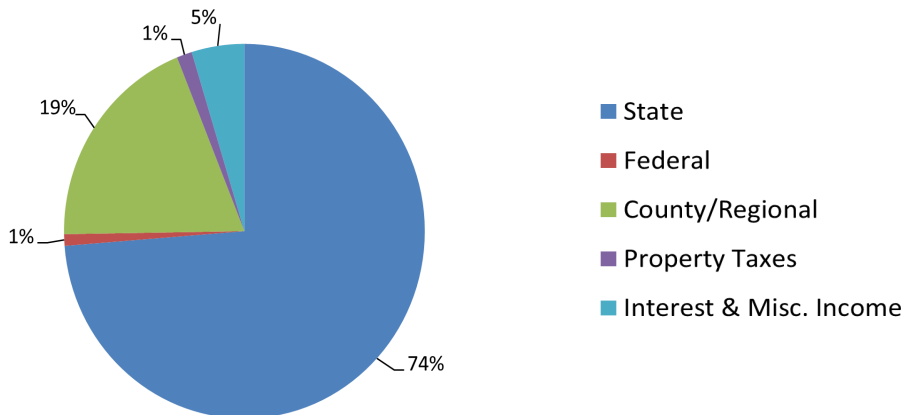
As a Special District, the YCRCD is subject to state transparency and accountability laws. The Brown Act and Division 9 of the California Public Resource Code require public meetings, open records, annual audits and financial reporting to the State Controller’s Office. Our income and expenses for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$920,685
Subcontracts, Field Supplies and Equipment	\$690,532
Office (rent, phone, IT)	\$66,192
Workforce Development	\$25,779
Insurance, Audit, Legal	\$35,027
Total	\$1,738,212

INCOME SOURCES

State	\$1,362,908
Federal	\$18,304
County/Regional	\$354,139
Property Taxes	\$25,329
Interest and Misc. Income	\$87,242
Total	\$1,847,995



District offices located at 221 West Court in Woodland, CA.



MISSION

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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