

Annual Report 2020-2021

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:

CITY OF DAVIS HOWAT RANCH CARBON FARM PLAN

Development of a Carbon Farm Plan (CFP) for the City of Davis Open Space Howat Ranch that focuses on climate resilient agricultural practices for climate change mitigation by storing carbon while maximizing other benefits such as wildlife habitat. Implementation of the CFP to follow.

YOLO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

A countywide collaborative consisting of close to thirty member organizations from all over Yolo County including two local Fire Safe Councils focused on planning, implementation, and funding for wildfire-related work.

YOLO COUNTY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

Development and implementation of an ecological and integrated approach for the control of noxious weeds and other invasive non-native plants led in collaboration with Yolo County Department of Agriculture.

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.

DELTA LEVEE HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM

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



Woolly sunflowers and Red Maids in the North Davis Upland Habitat Restoration Site.

HIGHLIGHT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \$175K awarded for outreach and grant writing support for the Yolo County Fire Safe Council
- Over 3.5 miles of native plant and wildlife hedgerows
- 20 acres of wildland area treatment of noxious weeds
- 1,037 native trees and shrubs planted
- 16 acres of habitat improvements
- 4,600 grass and sedge plantings implemented
- 38 tonnes of CO₂ sequestered
- 4 community volunteer days with Putah Creek Council
- 12 SLEWS field days with local community volunteers

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.

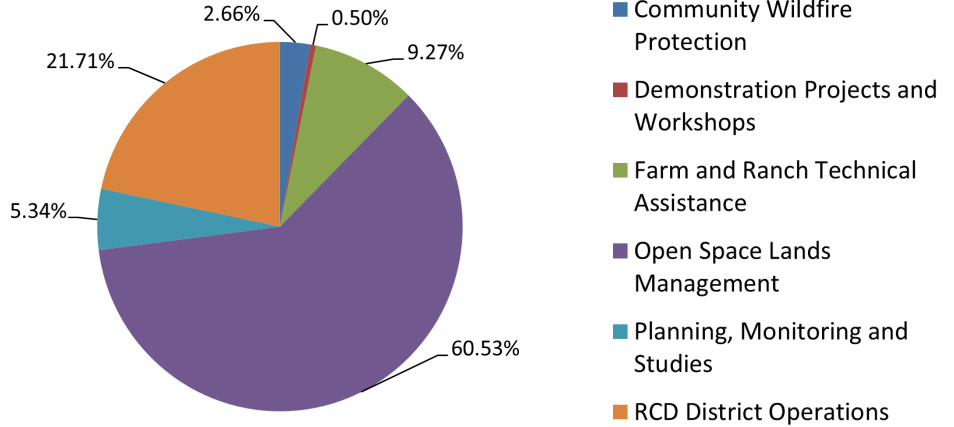


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2020-2021 AT A GLANCE

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



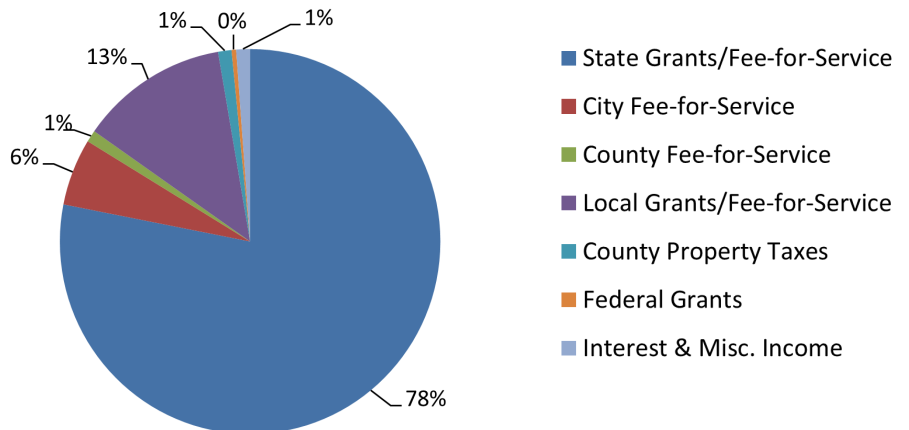
As a Special District, the YCRCD is subject to state transparency and accountability laws. The Brown Act and Division 9 of the California Public Resource Code require public meetings, open records, annual audits and financial reporting to the State Controller's Office. Our income and expenses for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021:

EXPENSES

Personnel Costs	\$802,194
Partner and Consultant Subcontracts	\$589,548
Field Supplies and Equipment	\$508,021
Office (rent, phone, IT)	\$81,718
Travel and Training	\$23,245
Insurance, Audit, Legal	\$38,294
Total	\$2,065,597

INCOME SOURCES

State Grants/Fee-for-Service	\$1,656,011
City Fee-for-Service	\$119,347
County Fee-for-Service	\$21,126
Local Grants/Fee-for-Service	\$266,945
County Property Taxes	\$24,134
Federal Grants	\$8,158
Interest & Misc. Income	\$24,899
Total	\$2,120,620



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



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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