

Annual Report 2016-2017

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.

CITY OF DAVIS OPEN SPACE

Ongoing vegetation management of native grassland and valley riparian habitat in an ag-urban corridors in and around the City of Davis.

CAPAY OPEN SPACE PARK

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

WATER CONSERVATION WORKSHOP SERIES

Coordination of water-wise landscape 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, and wildlife habitat improvements 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.



Riparian restoration at Yanci Ranch.

HIGHLIGHT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- One acre of riparian habitat planned and implemented,
- 2.25 miles of pollinator and wildlife hedgerows planned and implemented,
- 2,606 native trees and shrubs planted,
- Two 1-acre farm ponds monitored for native Sacramento perch,
- 12 songbird boxes installed,
- Two workshops for over 50 members of the public,
- 10 irrigation evaluations for tree and row crop growers in Yolo county,
- 14 community volunteer days with Putah Creek Council,
- 1 UCD Restoration Ecology course field days, and
- 9 SLEWS field days with four local high schools (Esparto, Grant Union, and Sacramento).

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.

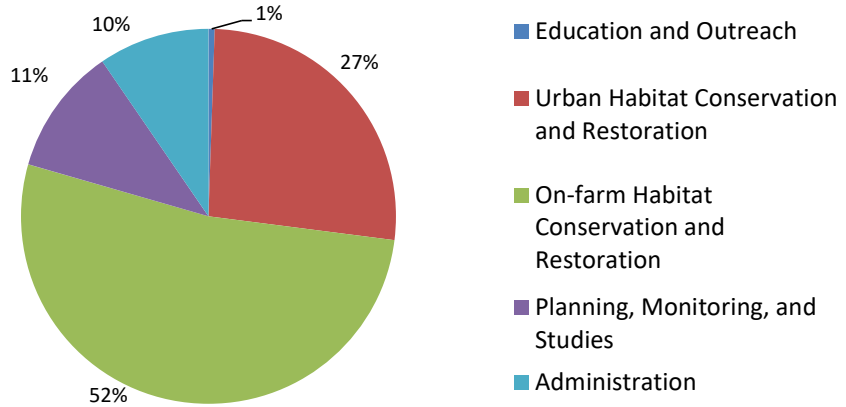


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2016-2017 AT A GLANCE

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 2016-2017 are shown below.

EXPENSES

Personnel Costs	\$451,601.43
Outside Services	\$22,637.00
Tools and Agricultural Supplies	\$21,120.38
Office Expenses (rent, phone, IT)	\$17,135.22
Transportation, Travel, Training	\$4,806.94
Retire loan	\$2,867.27
Truck	\$38,057.85
Insurance, Audit and Administration	\$25,791.60
Total	\$585,017.69

INCOME SOURCES

State Grants	\$337,828.21
Private Grants and Fee-for-Service	\$151,894.58
City Fee-for-Service	\$47,539.58
County Fee-for-Service	\$8,710.99
Property Taxes	\$19,079.15
Federal Grants	\$21,137.14
Interest & Misc. Income	\$40,875.74
Total	\$627,064.94

