

Annual Report 2018-2019

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:

HEALTHY SOILS DEMONSTRATION: YOLO LAND AND CATTLE

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

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.

CITY OF WOODLAND STORMWATER PONDS

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

CITY OF DAVIS OPEN SPACE

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

CITY OF WINTERS NATURE PARK EXTENSION

A collaboration with the Putah Creek Council to enhance Putah Creek and the surrounding upland ecosystem for wildlife and pollinators.

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, Putah Creek Council and Point Blue Conservation Science.



RCD staff and a truckload of monarch habitat plants

HIGHLIGHT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2.5 miles of pollinator and wildlife hedgerows planned and implemented
- 12 acres total of habitat improvements
- Over 350 acres of conservation management activities
- 445 native trees and shrubs planted
- Over 18,575 native grasses and wildflowers planted
- Yolo County's first Carbon Farm Plan
- Two free homeowner workshops
- Two free on-farm workshops
- 10 irrigation evaluations for tree and row crop growers in Yolo county
- 15 landowners assisted with grant applications for water efficiency projects
- 6 community volunteer days with Putah Creek Council
- 2 UCD Restoration Ecology course field days
- 11 SLEWS field days with four local high schools (Woodland, Grant Union, Sacramento and Pioneer)

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.

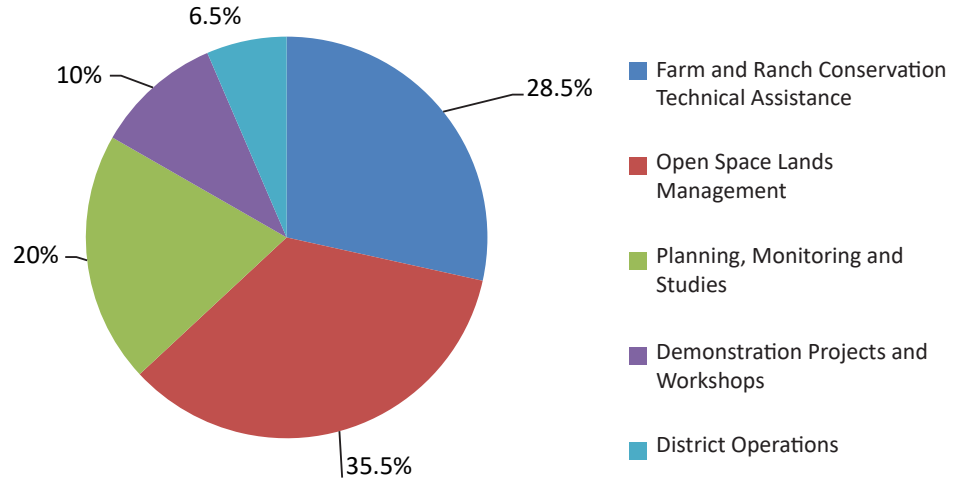


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2018-2019 AT A GLANCE

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



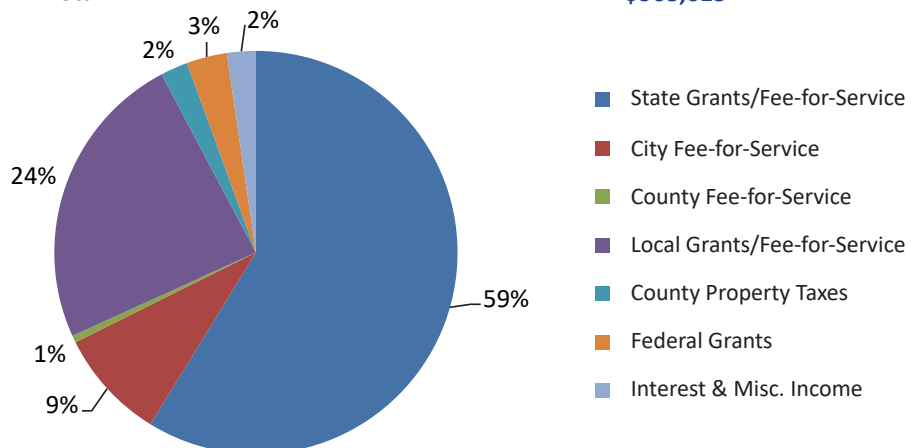
As a Special District, the YCRCD is subject to state transparency and accountability laws. The Brown Act and Division 9 of the California Public Resource Code require public meetings, open records, annual audits and financial reporting to the State Controller's Office. Our income and expenses for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

EXPENSES

Personnel Costs	\$569,988
Partner and Consultant Subcontracts	\$158,861
Field Supplies and Equipment	\$87,093
Office (rent, phone, IT)	\$36,657
Travel and Training	\$12,782
Insurance, Audit, Legal	\$19,513
Total	\$884,894

INCOME SOURCES

State Grants/Fee-for-Service	\$566,299
City Fee-for-Service	\$85,622
County Fee-for-Service	\$5,407
Local Grants/Fee-for-Service	\$231,536
County Property Taxes	\$21,272
Federal Grants	\$31,192
Interest & Misc. Income	\$22,287
Total	\$963,615



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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