



YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 12, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hosted at Woodland Police Department and via Zoom
1000 Lincoln Ave, Woodland CA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Carol Scianna, Chair. Executive Officer Sicke conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present. The following Board members and (alternates) were in attendance:

- City of Davis: Bapu Vaitla
- City of West Sacramento: Verna Sulpizio Hull
- City of Winters: Carol Scianna
- City of Woodland: David Moreno
- Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad
- Esparto CSD: Alex Lepley
- Reclamation District (RD) 108: Roger Cornwell
- RD 307: James Johas
- RD 537: Tom Ramos
- RD 730: Geoff Klein
- RD 787: Dominic Bruno
- RD 999: Tom Slater
- RD 1600: Michele Clark
- RD 2035: (Jesse Clark)
- Rumsey Water Users Association: (Mica Bennett)
- Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth
- UC Davis: Courtney Doss
- Cal Am Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs (*item 4 – end*)
- Colusa Drain MWC: Lynnel Pollock
- Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith**
- Environmental Representative (Yolo RCD): Jeanette Wrynski

Absent: RD 150, RD 765, Yolo County

**remote attendance, member was non-voting*

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2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA

There were no items to add to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing to report.

4. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Adopt Amended Conflict of Interest Code: Kristin explained the proposed revisions.
- b) Approve November 17, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: The Minutes will be amended to reflect Mica's comments regarding the proposed Woodland water service expansion.
- c) Approve Payment of Bills in Approved Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget: The invoice for Groundwater Aquifer Mapping should be excluded. It will be incorporated into an upcoming WLS invoice.
- d) Receive Financial Statements for 11/14/25-1/8/26
- e) Receive Minutes of Special Board Workshop and Executive Committee Meeting: 10/15 and 11/3/25: Kristin provided an overview of the contents of the October 15, 2025 Special Board Workshop.

Action

Approve Items 4a, 4b, and 4c as presented.

Motion: Esparto CSD (Lepley)

Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kristin and YSGA staff provided the following updates:

- Groundwater levels are on average 3.5 feet higher than this day last year, and 12 feet higher than this day in 2022.
- Staff attended two meetings of the Yolo County Well Moratorium Working Group on December 4 and January 8.
- There are 17 well permits pending in the queue for YSGA review, all of which are pending additional information from the applicant. Since November 17, two replacement well permits inside the Focus Areas were issued verification.
- YSGA held a Technical Advisory Committee meeting on November 19 to discuss the GSP Periodic Evaluation, and a Finance Committee meeting on December 19 to discuss the 5-year budget and fee structure options. Additional meetings are scheduled in January and February to continue discussing the fee study.
- Shallow wells along Putah Creek were installed through DWR's Technical Support Services Program.

6. CONSIDERATION: 2027 GSP PERIODIC EVALUATION AND PREPARATION OF A GSP AMENDMENT

Erik introduced Trevor Kent from INTERA to discuss YSGA's Periodic Evaluation process. Trevor reviewed INTERA's technical analysis and the approach for addressing DWR's Recommended Corrective Actions regarding chronic lowering of groundwater levels, water quality, land subsidence, and monitoring networks. INTERA updated the GSP's well impact analysis and found that 5% of wells in the subbasin were potentially impacted by minimum thresholds, with domestic wells being the most at risk. The water quality analysis showed no significant changes in water quality trends pre- and post-SGMA, though data gaps exist. For land subsidence, INTERA analyzed historical subsidence rates in relation to critical infrastructure and developed critical head estimates to protect against future subsidence.

Board members asked clarifying questions about the subsidence analysis. Director Schaad expressed concerns about the Tehama Colusa Canal buffer called out on the provided map.

Action

Authorize staff to proceed with preparation of a Periodic Evaluation without a GSP Amendment.

Motion: YCFC&WCD (Barth)

Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

7. CONSIDERATION: HUNGRY HOLLOW GROUNDWATER WORKING GROUP PROJECT

PRIORITIZATION

Erik summarized the milestones achieved by the Working Group to date and presented the 5 projects recommended by the Working Group for implementation. The projects are: (1) Hungry Hollow Winter Water On-farm Recharge, (2) Oat Creek Trickle Flow Recharge, (3) Increase Conjunctive Use, (4) Voluntary Land Conservation and Water Management Practices, and (5) No Name Slough Stormwater Capture and Recharge.

Directors Schaad and Wrynski asked clarifying questions about the Oat Creek project. Director Vaitla suggested putting together a timeline to demonstrate how short-term actions such as the moratorium and longer-term projects such as recharge interact. Director Pollock asked about the source and cost of water for recharge – Erik answered that recharge water from YCFC&WCD is currently free until March 1, and discounted from March 1-April 15.

Action

Approve item 7 as presented.

Motion: City of Davis (Vaitla)

Second: Cal Am Water – Dunnigan (Jacobs)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

8. PRESENTATION: YOLO SUBBASIN FEE STUDY PROCESS AND FUNDING MECHANISM

Kristin updated the Board on the timeline for the fee study and the discussions held at the December 19 Finance Committee meeting. The proposed fee structure will be brought to the Board at the February 9 special meeting, along with a draft 5-year budget. Public outreach will occur in March and April, and the draft fee report is anticipated by the end of March. The public hearing and fee adoption is scheduled for May 18. Kristin summarized the available fee pathways and recommended proceeding with a regulatory fee based on Proposition 26. The Finance Committee also discussed feedback from outreach efforts, draft 5-year budget projections, and potential tiered fee structure options.

9. SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROJECT UPDATES

Erik updated the Board on the progress of current grant projects, including:

- Component 3: YCFC&WCD continues to work towards securing a long-term winter water permit, including meeting with CDFW to discuss fish screens and scheduling a meeting with Water Board staff. Since January 9, the program has recharged 800 AF thus far and has over 1,000 acres signed up to receive recharge water.
- Component 5: Staff had a field visit with CDFW to observe the slough and discuss a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSA). The response was positive, and a draft LSA is expected soon. Additional t-TEM data was collected to evaluate recharge potential near the slough.
- Component 6: Jordon Navarott updated the Board on the progress of the Dunnigan Area Recharge Program and the South Colusa – North Yolo group. In 2025, about 3,000 AF were recharged using various funding sources. DWD is also building recharge basins where landowners are interested in having an aesthetic pond, and has installed a reverse tile drain system that is now running successfully.

10. MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Scianna reported that 2,150 salmon were counted in Putah Creek this year. Kristin welcomed Geoff Klein as the new representative for RD 730, and congratulated Leo Refsland on the successful funding of the Madison water system replacement project.

11. NEXT MEETING

Special Meeting on February 9, 2026.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke
Executive Officer, Board Secretary

	Agency	Name	Board/ Alternate	ATTENDANCE	VOTE - ITEM 4a, 4b, 4c	VOTE - ITEM 6	VOTE - ITEM 7
1	City of Davis	Bapu Vaitla	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Stan Gryczko	Alternate				
2	City of West Sacramento	Verna Sulpizio Hull	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
3	City of Winters	Carol Scianna	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jesse Loren	Alternate				
4	City of Woodland	Mayra Vega	Board				
		David Moreno	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
5	Dunnigan Water District	David Schaad	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jordon Navarrot	Alternate	X			
6	Esparto CSD	Alex Lepley	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
			Alternate				
7	Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
8	RD 108	Roger Cornwell	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jordon Navarrot	Alternate	X			
9	RD 150	Warren Bogle	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
10	RD 307	James Johas	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
11	RD 537	Tom Ramos	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
12	RD 730	Geoff Klein	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
13	RD 765	David Dickson, Jr.	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Doug Dickson, Sr.	Alternate				
14	RD 787	Dominic Bruno	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
			Alternate				
15	RD 999	Tom Slater	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
16	RD 1600	Michele Clark	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
17	RD 2035	Kyriakos Tsakopoulos	Board				
		Jesse Clark	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
18	Rumsey Water Users Association	Ken Muller	Board				
		Mica Bennett	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
19	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Marc Fawns	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jim Etters	Alternate				
20	Yolo County	Mary Vixie Sandy	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Angel Barajas	Alternate				
21	YCFC&WCD	Tom Barth	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Shane Tucker	Alternate				
22	UC Davis	Courtney Doss	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Kelli O'Day	Alternate				
23	Cal Am Water -Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	Board	X <i>(Item 4 - end)</i>	Absent	Aye	Aye
		Audie Foster	Alternate				
24	Colusa Drain MWC	Lynnel Pollock	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jim Wallace	Alternate				
25	Yolo County Farm Bureau	Lee Smith	Board	X**	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Denise Sagara	Alternate				
26	Environmental Rep.	Jeanette Wrysinski	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye

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Agency	Name	Attendance
<i>OTHER YSGA STAFF:</i>		
Executive Officer	Kristin Sicke	X
Legal Counsel	Rebecca Smith	X
YSGA Staff	Erik Cadaret	X
YSGA Staff	Sarah Leicht	X
YSGA Staff	Nathan Fisher	X
<i>PUBLIC AND AGENCY STAFF:</i>		
	Chris Scheuring	X
WLS	Maddie Munson	X
	Ann Main	X
	Beverly Kennedy	X
	Ryo Takanashi	X
	John Fawcett	X
INTERA	Trevor Kent	X
INTERA	Ryan Alward	X