



YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 18, 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 3:01 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 West Sacramento: Verna Sulpizio Hull
- City of Winters: Carol Scianna
- City of Woodland: David Moreno
- Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad, Jordon Navarrot
- Madison CSD: Leo Refsland *(Item 5 – end)*
- Reclamation District (RD) 108: Jordon Navarrot
- RD 150: Warren Bogle
- RD 307: James Johas *(Item 5 – end)*
- RD 537: Tom Ramos
- RD 730: Geoff Klein
- RD 765: David Dickson Jr.
- RD 787: Dominic Bruno *(Item 1 – 6)*
- RD 999: Tom Slater
- RD 1600: Michele Clark
- RD 2035: Jesse Clark
- Rumsey Water Users Association: Jonathan Flora
- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Marc Fawns *(Item 1 – 7)*
- Yolo County: Mary Vixie Sandy
- Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth
- UC Davis: Courtney Doss
- Cal Am Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs
- Colusa Drain MWC: Lynnel Pollock, Jim Wallace
- Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith
- Environmental Representative (Yolo RCD): Jeanette Wrysinski

Absent: City of Davis, Esparto CSD

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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) Approve March 23, 2026 Regular and March 10 and April 21, 2026 Special Board of Directors Meetings' Minutes
- b) Approve Payment of Bills in Approved Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget
- c) Receive Financial Statements for 03/18/26 through 05/14/26
- d) Receive Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings: 02/23/26 and 04/09/26
- e) Approve Appointment of Josh Yarborough to the Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group

Action

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

Motion: YCFC&WCD (Barth)

Second: RD 2035 (Clark)

Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

5. PUBLIC HEARING: YOLO SUBBASIN FEE STUDY ADOPTION

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, and Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting (HEC), presented the final Fee Study Report to the Board.

Public Hearing: Chair Scianna opened the public hearing at 3:29 p.m.

Public Comment: Kristin provided written comments received via email to the Board, attached to the minutes. Nancy Lea presented two letters by Duane Chamberlain and Joe Heidrick as well as her concerns about dry land farmers. Casey Stone spoke to the Board about his concerns about the fee being applied to dry land farmers. Vicky Murphy addressed the Board about the impact of the fee on her ranch in the Capay Valley and provided comments on behalf of Merrie Tompkins.

Hearing closed at 3:42 p.m.

Board Discussion:

Director Pollock asked staff to follow up with the dry land farmers who spoke today to identify their parcels and how much was in the YSGA Boundary. Director Klein spoke about the importance of keeping the agency diligent with funding and budgets. Director Smith commented about the importance of further consideration for dry land farmers, and making sure the representation of the YSGA Board reflects the fee structure. Director Barth asked about the history of the Subbasin boundaries, how it relates to which properties are included in the fee, and what the process is for boundary modification. Kristin clarified that the Subbasin boundaries must be agreed to by the State Department of Water Resources. Director Sulpizio Hull asked what additional processes would be needed in order to reconsider the fee structure by 2028. Erik Cadaret clarified that the process may require an updated fee study and new public outreach.

Director Clark asked Kristin to elaborate on the appeals and corrections process. Kristin stated that the process as written is aimed at correcting dry land acreage that is improperly classified as “cropped”. Director Pollock commented that some corrections may be needed specific to the Colusa Drain MWC boundary. Staff will work with Director Pollock to make sure the correct parcel list is used.

Action

Direct staff to return with staff report examining alternative fee structures for Clarksburg Management Area, and dry land farmers before 2028 regulatory fee adoption.

Motion: YCFB (Smith)

Second: RD 999 (Slater)

Discussion: Director Klein asked about other surface water-dependent areas. Director Smith clarified that the data for that scale is not available and declined to add that to his motion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached – see item 5a)

Action

Adopt Resolution 26.01 approving the Sustainable Groundwater Management Fee Study, adopting the fees as presented, and adopting a Fee Corrections and Appeals Process.

Motion: RD 108

Second: RD 2035

Vote: Approved (roll call attached – see item 5b)

Action

Adopt Resolution 26.02 requesting collection of charges on Yolo County tax roll.

Motion: Yolo County (Sandy)

Second: UC Davis (Doss)

Vote: Approved (roll call attached – see item 5c)

6. CONSIDERATION: FISCAL YEAR 26/27 BUDGET AND WORKPLAN

Erik Cadaret presented the proposed Fiscal Year 26/27 budget and workplan to the Board. Director Schaad clarified that the reserve policy is still being refined, and the adopted budget can be revisited once the reserve policy is in place. Kristin confirmed that to be the case.

Action

Approve item 6 as presented.

Motion: Dunnigan Water District (Schaad)

Second: RD 2035 (Clark)

Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

7. CLOSED SESSION: EXISTING LITIGATION

Closed session conference with legal counsel – existing litigation under Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 26WM00070.

The Board entered closed session at 4:20 and exited at 4:45.

Closed Session Report: Chair Scianna reported that the Directors, Executive Officer Sicke, Staff Cadaret, Leicht, and Fisher, and Legal Counsel Cho participated in the meeting. RD 787 was recused. There was nothing to report.

8. CONSIDERATION: RD108 MANAGEMENT OF FAIR RANCH

- A. Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Yolo County and Reclamation District 108 Regarding RD 108's Management of Fair Ranch.

Action

Approve Items 8a as presented.

Motion: YCFB (Smith)

Second: RD 2035 (Clark)

Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

- B. File Notice of Exemption for MOU with Yolo County and RD 108.

Action

Approve Items 8b as presented.

Motion: CDMWC (Pollock)

Second: Environmental Representative (Wrysinski)

Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

9. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

YSGA staff provided the following updates:

- Current groundwater levels are 5.7 ft above this time last year and 27 feet higher than this time in 2022.
- A Yolo County Urgency Well Ordinance meeting was held on April 2. YSGA and County staff provided an update to the County Board of Supervisors on April 28. The Board of Supervisors will consider extending the ag well moratorium at their July 21 meeting.
- Since the last Board of Directors meeting, one new well was verified by YSGA outside of the Focus Areas.

10. SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROJECT UPDATES

Erik provided updates on SGMA Implementation Grant Projects to the Board:

- YCFC&WCD recharged approximately 4,500 AF this winter.
- Maddie Munson, Water and Land Solutions, presented the results of the Yolo-Zamora Groundwater Recharge technical memorandum. She presented a variety of project options that have been considered along with the corresponding costs; she also detailed the next steps for the project.

11. MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Jacobs reported that California American Water headquarters will be moving to West Sacramento this summer. Director Navarro reported that the Nichols Farm is having an event tomorrow, and Dunnigan Water District will be speaking at it.

12. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting on July 20, 2026

13. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke
Executive Officer, Board Secretary

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		Stan Gryczko	Alternate								
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		Lindsey Bilick	X
	CDFW	Garrett Spaan	X
		JD Trebec	X
		Jim Mayer	X
		Elise Roberts	X
		Casey Stone	X
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