



## The Year in Review: 2008

Davis, City of  
Dunnigan Water District  
Reclamation District 2035  
University of California, Davis  
West Sacramento, City of  
Winters, City of  
Woodland, City of  
Yolo County  
Yolo County Flood Control &  
Water Conservation District

### January 2009

#### Profile

The Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) was organized in 1993 to provide a forum for the exchange of information and to coordinate water management activities as proposed in the 1992 Yolo County Water Plan Update. The WRA is a nonprofit corporation, whose members are the Cities of Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento and Winters, the University of California Davis, County of Yolo, Dunnigan Water District, Reclamation District 2035, and the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The WRA is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of representatives appointed by each of the member agencies.

In 2004, the WRA Board of Directors re-focused the organization to improve functionality and value for its members, while preserving the original goals of the WRA to protect and



Putah Creek  
south of Davis

maintain a high-quality water supply for the citizens of Yolo County. The WRA Technical Committee, composed of senior staff of the participating agencies, now performs much of the work for the WRA. Towards this end, the WRA Board has allocated project funds from member contributions to help fund the development and/or completion of priority tasks established by the WRA Board. In 2007, the WRA developed and adopted an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan as a guiding framework for water resources management in Yolo County.

#### Accomplishments

During the fiscal year the WRA Board subcommittees focused on the following issues.

- Annual report from the Yolo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Implementation Partners (8 integrated projects).
- Flood management activities in Yolo County with informative presentations by West Sacramento Flood Protection Program and the flood-
- SAFE Yolo Pilot Program.
- Presentations on global warming and climate change; IRWM policy, and funding opportunities; and water resources related legislation.
- Updates on the Winters Putah Creek Master Plan, Conaway Ranch, and the Davis Woodland Water Supply Project.

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**Local and regional collaboration is essential for growth in management of water resources for Yolo County.**



Rice field  
County Road 98

## Projects and Programs

In fiscal year 2007-08, the WRA Technical Committee focused on planning and implementation efforts of projects from the IRWMP.

The WRA Project Budget allocated funding for several IRWMP projects this fiscal year. Those projects were:

- **RD 2035 Intake Fish Screen Design:** Preliminary design for a joint Sacramento River Intake Facility project with state-of-the-art fish screens that would accommodate the water deliveries for both RD2035 and the Davis-Woodland Water Supply Project.
- **Cache Creek Library:** An online database of documents related to Cache Creek, hosted by the Water Resources Center Archives, UC Berkeley.
- **Correll-Rodgers Wetlands Enhancement Project:** Improve hydrologic connections to Cache Creek, water quality and enhance terrestrial and aquatic habitat.
- **Yolo County Groundwater Monitoring Program:** A foundational IRWMP action, there are 4 monitoring components— data collection and management, public outreach and simulation groundwater modeling.
- **Yolo County IRWMP Update:** An update to the 2007 Plan in anticipation of Prop. 84 2009 funding opportunities. The update will provide a plan for continued local decision-making, addressing new IRWMP standards required by DWR and support for seeking future funding opportunities.
- **West Sacramento Habitat/Recreation Levee Survey Project:** An evaluation of the habitat and recreational value of the Sacramento River West Bank and Deep Water Ship Channel Levees.
- **Yolo Bypass Integrated Project:** An IRWMP multi-stakeholder process to coordinate long-range implementation strategies for the Yolo Bypass watershed.

For more details on these projects visit: <http://www.yolowra.org/projects.html>

## On-Going Member Agency IRWMP Activities

WRA's member agencies continue ongoing activities and projects in support the Yolo County IRWMP.

Using the Yolo County Subsidence Monitoring Network as a model, DWR expanded the network to include Sacramento Valley. WRA member agencies contributed in-kind staff and equipment to the survey conducted in May-June 2008. Results from the data collected should be available by spring 2009.

The City of Woodland, Yolo County & the Yolo County Flood Control (YCFCWCD) jointly funded and participated in the floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program. The first annual program report was released in September 2008. The program's goal is to reduce flood dangers while maximizing flood benefits. The Program is coordinating

and collaborating with state and federal agencies to achieve these goals.

Yolo County is developing a public process for updating and researching the development of water polices related to groundwater, water transfers and a countywide water agency.

The WRA Technical Committee continues to monitor funding opportunities. The Dunnigan Water District (DWD) and YCFCWCD successfully applied for AB303 funding in 2008. The YCFCWCD's grant will fund the Yolo County Regional Conjunctive Use Enhancement Study, in partnership with the City of Davis and UC Davis, to more actively manage aquifer recharge and recovery. The DWD project will focus on Dunnigan area groundwater monitoring enhancements.

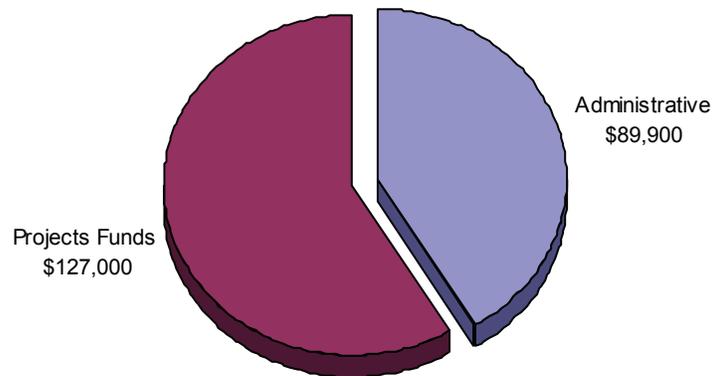
## Financial Summary

The pie charts represent how WRA members dues contributions were budgeted for the fiscal year.

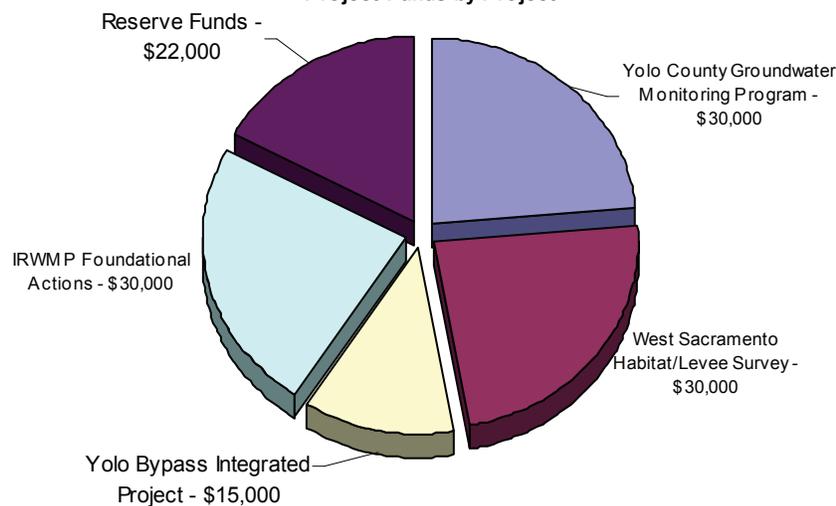
The chart to the right depicts the amount allocated for administrative operations and projects.

The chart below details what projects were allocated funding from the project funds budget.

July 2007 - June 2008  
Project vs Administrative Budget



July 2007 - June 2008  
Project Funds by Project



## 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Plans

In July 2008, the WRA Board adopted the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget including \$182,000 in funds budgeted for regional projects.

One focus is to update the IRWMP in preparation for new state funding guidelines and future funding opportunities. DWR is emphasizing a broader regional approach statewide by expanding collaboration among neighboring counties.

Consideration of local agency support for a sustainable funding mechanism for the Yolo County Groundwater Monitoring Program.

In 2009, the WRA Board is scheduled to discuss strategic planning for updating the association's future vision and goals.



Irrigation canal



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## Meetings

The WRA Board of Directors meets quarterly, typically on a Monday from 3– 5 p.m. at various locations in Woodland, Davis, Winters or West Sacramento.

The Technical and Executive Committees meet monthly. The Technical Committee typically meets in Woodland on the first Thursday of the month in the morning. The Executive Committee meets during the lunch hour in Woodland on the third Tuesday.

Additional meetings of the Board and the Committees are arranged on an as-needed basis depending on activities that require timely attention.

For detailed meeting and agenda information, please visit [www.yolowra.org](http://www.yolowra.org)



Yolo County Vineyards

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