



Board of Directors Meeting

September 21, 2026

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Woodland Police Department

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Meeting Agenda

9/21/2026

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Consent Items

Items recommended for approval without discussion unless a Board member requests removal.

4a	Approval of Meeting Minutes – 7/20/2026	Recommended
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4b	Approve Payment of Bills in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	Recommended
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4c	Receive Financial Statements	Recommended
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4d	Receive Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings for 7/8 & 8/21/26	Recommended
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4e	Appointment of YSGA Representatives for 2x2 Meetings with Yolo County Board of Supervisors	Recommended
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Payment of Bills in Approved FY 25-26 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Approve payment of bills listed in the table below

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Company	Invoice #	Description	Work Period	Amount	Notes
ACWA JPIA	7647	Annual Cyber Liability Insurance	2026-2027	\$105.00	
YCFC&WCD	2026.0716	Administrative & Technical Services	April – June 2026	\$64,173.05	Admin
				\$47,641.83	Comp. 1 & 2 SGMA Grant
				\$898,758.99	Comp. 3 SGMA Grant (pass-thru)
				\$2,261.43	Comp. 5 SGMA Grant
				\$4,788.03	WaterSMART Grant

Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group

RECOMMENDATION

Approve appointing **Kel Mitchel of Pamunkey Vineyards** to replace Carl Evers as a voting member of the Working Group

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

- The YSGA Board of Directors appointed Carl Evers III (AgIS / Pamunkey) to serve as the representative for the large, irrigated landowner from eastern Hungry Hollow position at the November 17, 2025 meeting.
- AgIS is no longer managing Pamunkey's properties, leaving a vacancy on the Hungry Hollow Working Group.
- Kel Mitchel (Intl. Farming / Pamunkey) has been recommended to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Evers III.

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MSR & SOI Study of Surface Water and Groundwater Services

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency



Collaboration for Better Government



What is LAFCo?

Created in 1963 as State's response to urban sprawl and inefficient services. Updated in 2001.

Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (a.k.a. "CKH" or "LAFCo Law")

"Discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open-space and prime agricultural lands, efficiently providing government services and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local governmental agencies based upon local conditions and circumstances..."



What is LAFCo?

In short: We organize local government to promote efficient community services and protect agriculture and open space.

- 1. Provide studies to help shape the evolution of local government countywide** – Municipal Services Review conducted every 5 years to inform any changes in an agency's Sphere of Influence
- 2. Implement “changes of organization” (often as anticipated or suggested by MSR/SOI studies) as requested or LAFCo initiated** –
 - Create new or dissolve outdated districts (formation/dissolution)*
 - Expand or decrease size of agencies (annexations/detachments)*
 - Clean up and simplify districts (mergers/consolidations)*
 - Change authorized services for districts*
 - Authorize extending services outside agency boundaries (in certain situations where needed)*
- 3. Shared Services-** Other special projects

Surface Water and Groundwater Services

Surface Water & Groundwater Services Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update LAFCo No. 25-05

Dunnigan Water District
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
and
Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency JPA



Prepared by:
Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission



Adopted July 23, 2026

MSR Study Overview

The MSR focuses on:

1. Capacity, Adequacy & Infrastructure to Provide Services
2. Financial Ability
3. Shared Services
4. Accountability, Structure, and Efficiencies
5. Status of Previous Recommendations



Capacity, Adequacy, and Infrastructure

YSGA has adopted its Groundwater Sustainability Plan, has an adequate number of monitoring wells, and has begun implementing groundwater recharge projects.

Recommendation

None.



Financial Ability

YSGA has shifted away from relying on grants and membership fees to a more sustainable funding source through fees for groundwater users.

Recommendation

None



Shared Services

As a JPA, YSGA by its nature shares services. It works closely with YCFC&WCD and participates in regional water management with other organizations.

Recommendation

None



Accountability

YSGA has the optimal governance structure to implement the Groundwater Sustainability Act. It should continue to make its website as transparent as possible.

Recommendation

1. YSGA should continue to add website content as needed to improve its 75% score per the latest website transparency scorecard found at [https://www.yololafco.org/yolo-local government-website-transparency-scorecards](https://www.yololafco.org/yolo-local-government-website-transparency-scorecards).



Status of Previous Recommendations

2021 MSR recommendations. Three of five were completed. Two are in progress:

- YSGA's cash reserve policy should be revised to include that a specific amount is adopted annually as part of the budget process and that a review of the amount is conducted periodically. In addition, the amount of the adopted reserve and subsequent changes to it should be recorded in a separate assigned fund balance account to ensure the reserve is not mistakenly included in unassigned fund balance and expended for other purposes.
- The YSGA improved its transparency score from 32% in 2018 to 60% in 2019, however, there is still some room for improvement. (2025 up to 75%)

Outreach and Follow up Requests

- LAFCo presents MSR recommendations to agency's governing body and answers any questions
- Agency makes MSR available on its website (posted or link to LAFCo)
- Agency provides a written response to the recommendations (within 90 days or so), which will be provided to the Commission



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Report of the Chair and Executive Officer

YSGA Staffing Updates

Hired

YSGA Interns

- Grace and Benny

Outreach and Public Relations Specialist

- Received 41 applicants
- New employee starts 10/5/2026

Hiring

Project Hydrogeologist

- Received 5 applicants; Resumes under review
- Next Steps: Interviews, November update

Report of the Chair and Executive Officer

YSGA Consultant Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Status

- RFQ issued on June 1 to obtain consultant assistance for 7 categories
- Received 15 Statements of Qualifications representing 20 consulting firms

Next Steps

- Staff finalizing selection (draft)
- 6-month work plan (in progress)
- Board briefing when selection is ready (Nov.)
Relationship to 5-year workplan

5-Year Workplan



Monitoring & Data

Expand the network, close data gaps, and keep annual reporting current.



Projects & Actions

Advance GSP projects, management actions, and grant-funded work.



Periodic Evaluation

Complete the 2027 evaluation and respond to DWR corrective actions.



Demand Management

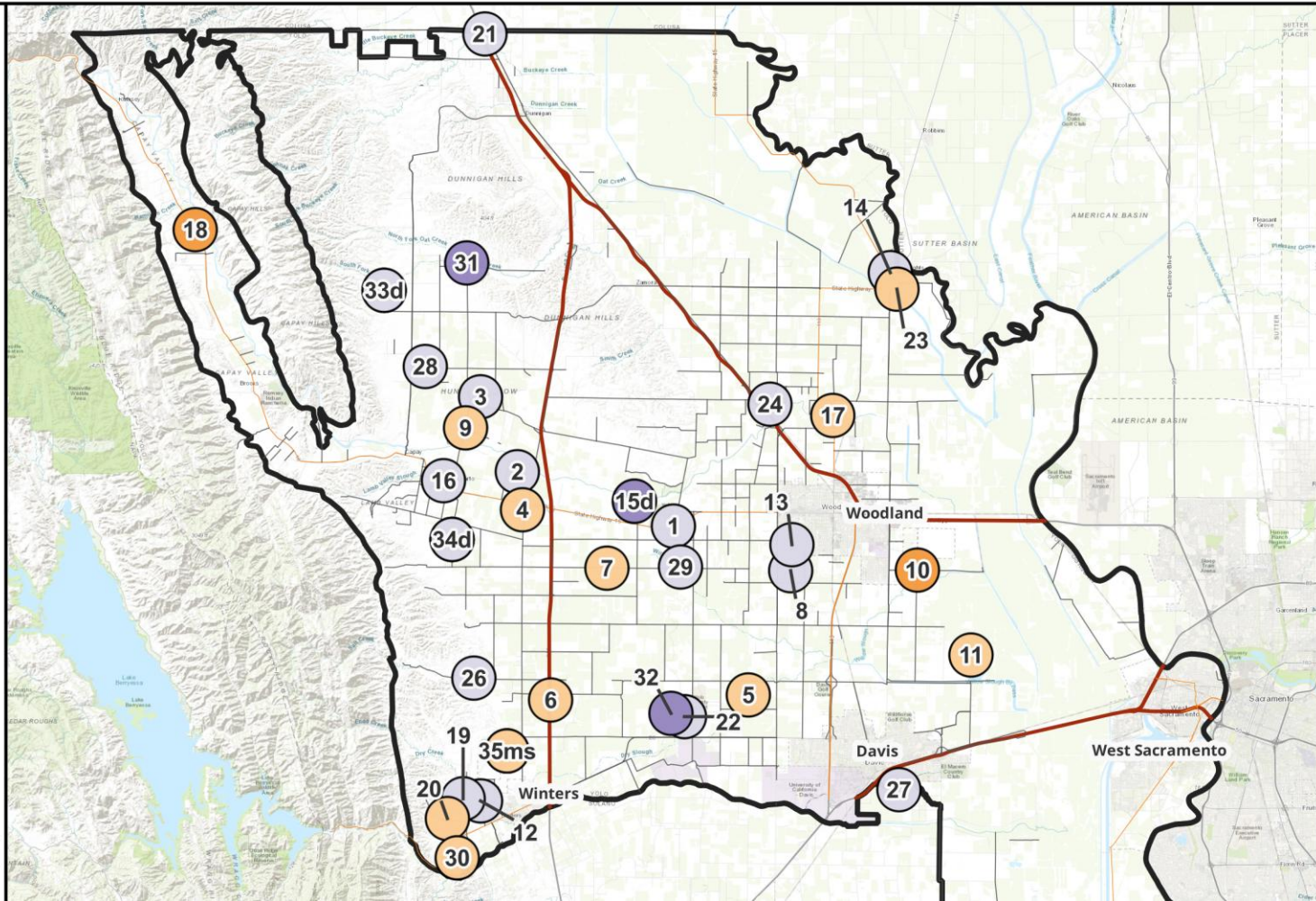
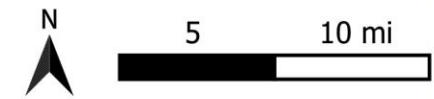
Build a demand-management framework with members and stakeholders.

September 2025-26 Change in Water Level: YSGA Realtime Monitoring Wells

Change since Sept. 2025

- Decline > 20 ft
 - Decline 10-20 ft
 - Decline 0-10 ft
 - Increase 0-10 ft
 - Increase 10-20 ft
 - Increase > 20 ft
- Yolo Subbasin Boundary

Average Change = + 1.1 ft



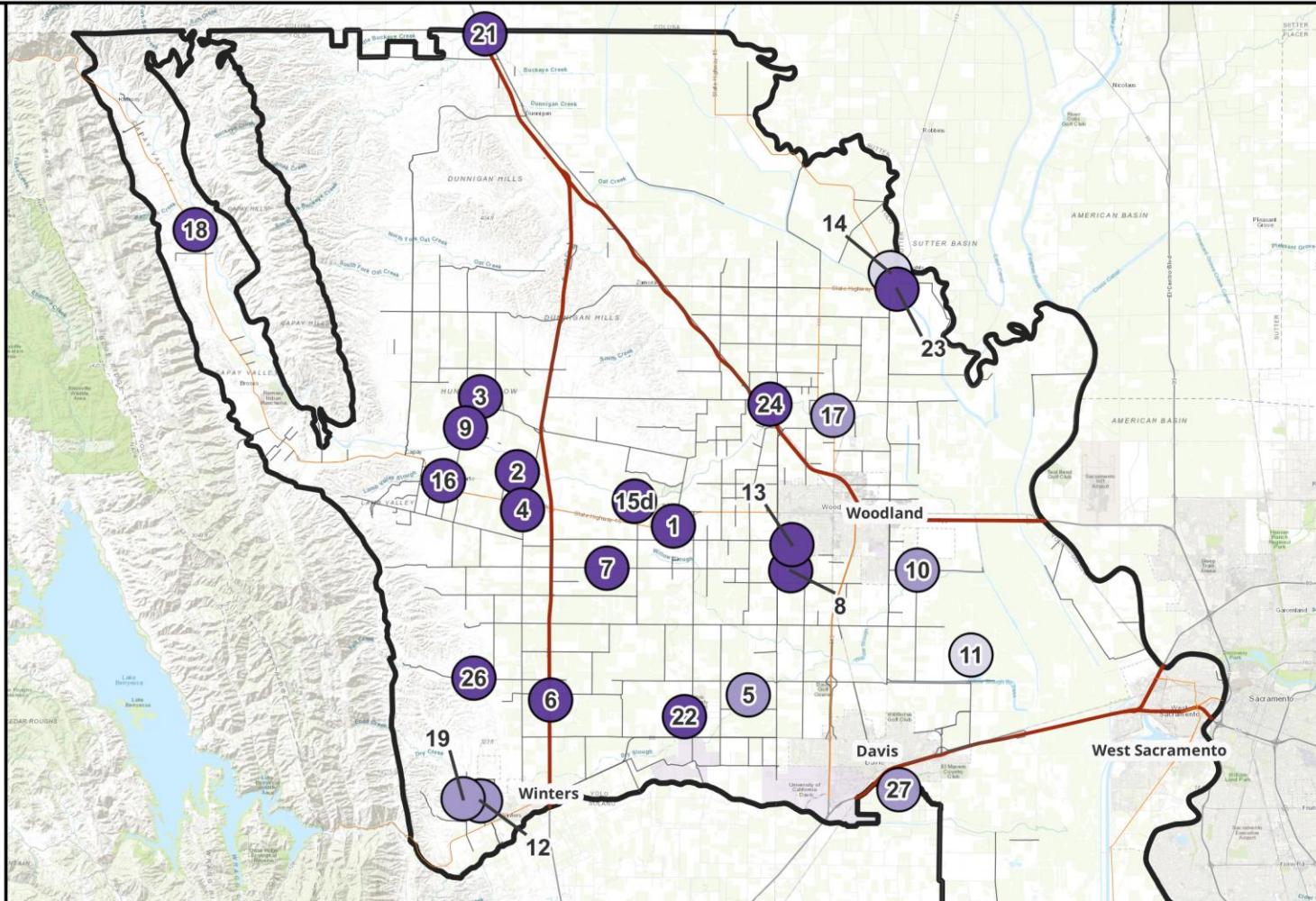
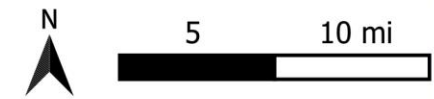
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Yolo Subbasin Boundary

Average Change = +31 ft



Report of the Chair and Executive Officer

Update on Yolo County's Urgency Well Ordinance

Review

- **August 2025:** Yolo County adopts a 45-day temporary moratorium on the approval of new ag wells within the YSGA Focus Areas
- **October 2025:** moratorium extended by an additional 10 mos. & 15 days (through 8/25/2026)
- **November 2025:** amendments add an exemption for replacement wells in the Focus Areas

July 2026 – YSGA letter to Yolo County BOS requesting meeting with YSGA EC

August 21, 2026 – YSGA EC meeting with Supervisors

August 25, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting

- Adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1588, extending the current moratorium by up to one year (may not be extended past August 25, 2027)
- 2X2 ad hoc meetings + quarterly public updates

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2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

Overview of the 2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

Where we are

- GSP submitted January 2022
- DWR approved the GSP October 2023
- Periodic Evaluation reviews data from WY 2019–WY 2024 to answer a key question: are we sustainable?

What the draft covers

- Did undesirable results occur? (i.e. metric for sustainability)
- Progress implementing the GSP
- Modifications responding to DWR Recommended Corrective Actions (RCAs)

2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

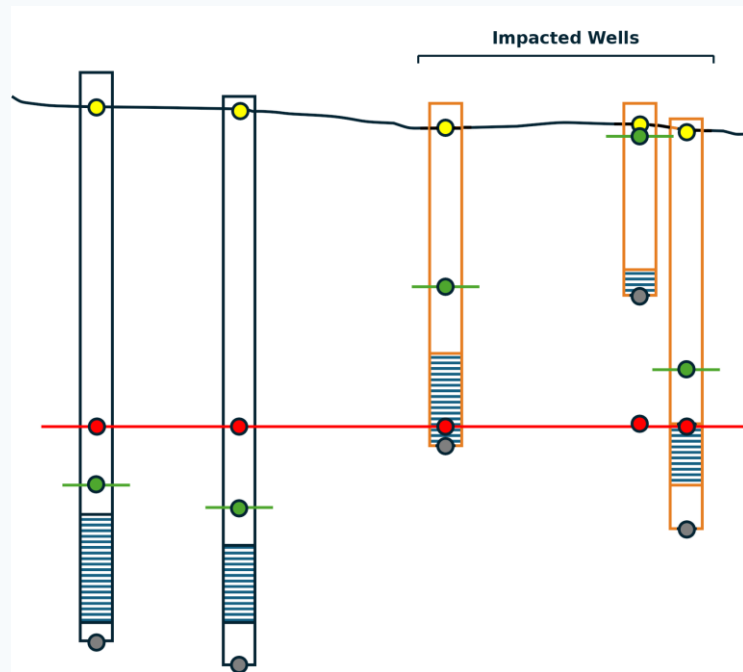
SMC - Groundwater Levels & Storage

FINDING

WY 2019–WY 2024 did **NOT** result in any undesirable results. Minimum Thresholds are set to protect 95% of wells in the Subbasin.

SUMMARY of RESULTS

- Minimum Threshold elevation was below the bottom of 97 wells (2%), 103 wells (3%) were below the protective threshold, thereby classifying 200 (5%) of the wells evaluated being *potentially* impacted if groundwater levels dropped below the MT.
- Capay Valley and Dunnigan Hills contained a higher percentage of *potentially* impacted wells vs other Management Areas.



2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

SMC - Groundwater Levels & Storage

DWR Recommended Corrective Actions

- When are declines “significant and unreasonable” (e.g. dry wells, lost supply)?
- How widespread and how long before a local dip is an undesirable result?
- Show how water-level MTs also support other SMCs (e.g., avoid land subsidence)

2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

SMC - Groundwater Levels & Storage

What are we doing between now and 2032?

- Additional monitoring
- Continued project implementation
- Development of demand-management framework to inform if demand-management is required
- Proactive management of SMCs (e.g. groundwater recharge planning/projects with landowners)



2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

SMC - Degradation of Water Quality

FINDING

WY 2019–WY 2024 did **NOT** result in any undesirable results. Some Measurable Objective exceedances; no Minimum Threshold exceedances.

TDS ROLLING 3-YEAR AVERAGE

- Subbasin average 426–472 mg/L vs MO = 750 or MT = 1,000
- MT exceedances: None
- MO exceedances: None through WY 2018–2020, then 1 to 3 between WY 2021 – WY 2024 period



2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

SMC - Degradation of Water Quality

DWR Recommended Corrective Actions

- Consider if pumping worsens water quality, with or without a YSGA project
- Explain why TDS alone is enough — or set limits for other constituents

2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

SMC - Degradation of Water Quality

What are we doing between now and 2032?

- Starting to collect water quality samples for (As, B, Cr6, and N) at additional wells to
 - 1) evaluate trends and natural occurrence,
 - 2) decide whether to add constituents to the SMC, and
 - 3) build the record before changing thresholds

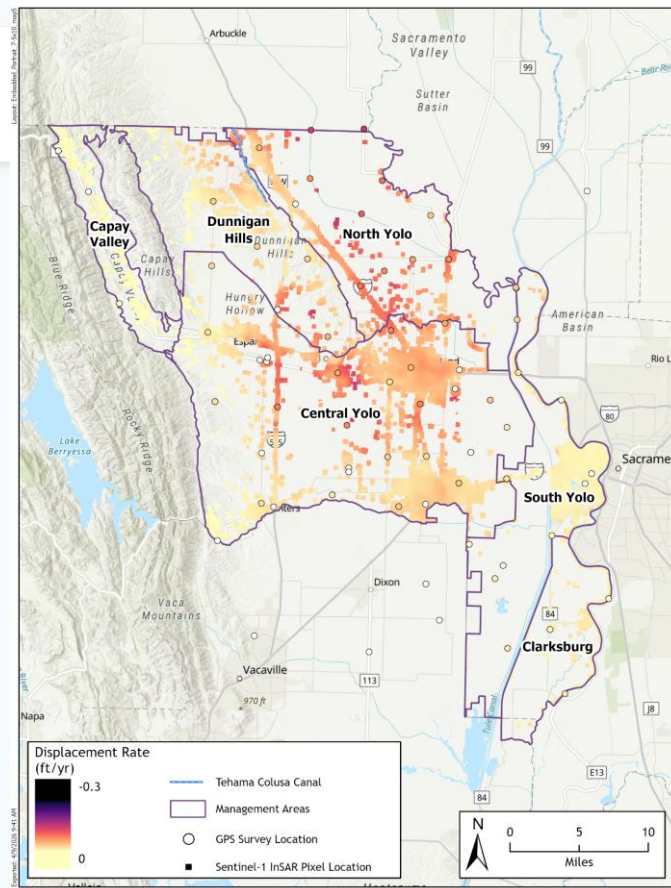


2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

SMC - Land Subsidence

FINDING

WY 2019–WY 2024 did **NOT** result in any undesirable results. Rates rose in the WY 2020–2022 drought in some areas, but generally stayed within InSAR error (0.066 ft/yr).



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SMC - Land Subsidence

DWR Recommended Corrective Actions

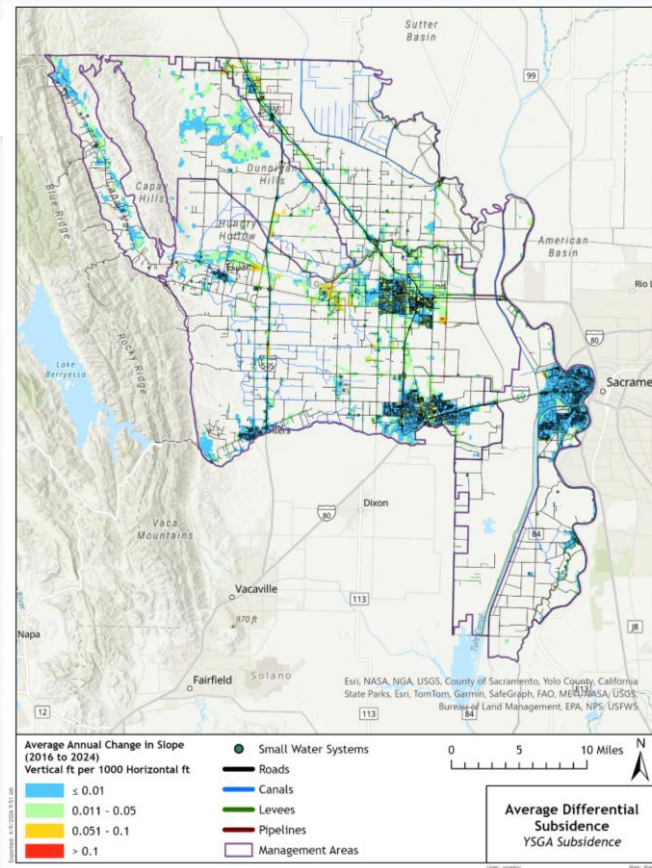
- What infrastructure could be damaged, and what is an undesirable result?
- How widespread and severe must sinking be before considered an undesirable result?
- Define a cumulative subsidence amount for each management area
- Show a path to manage subsidence with minimal negative impacts

2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

SMC - Land Subsidence

What are we doing between now and 2032?

- Coordination and expanded monitoring among YSGA members and neighboring GSAs
- Define critical infrastructure and the beneficial uses it supports to later relate MT and MO thresholds to critical infrastructure in each Management Area

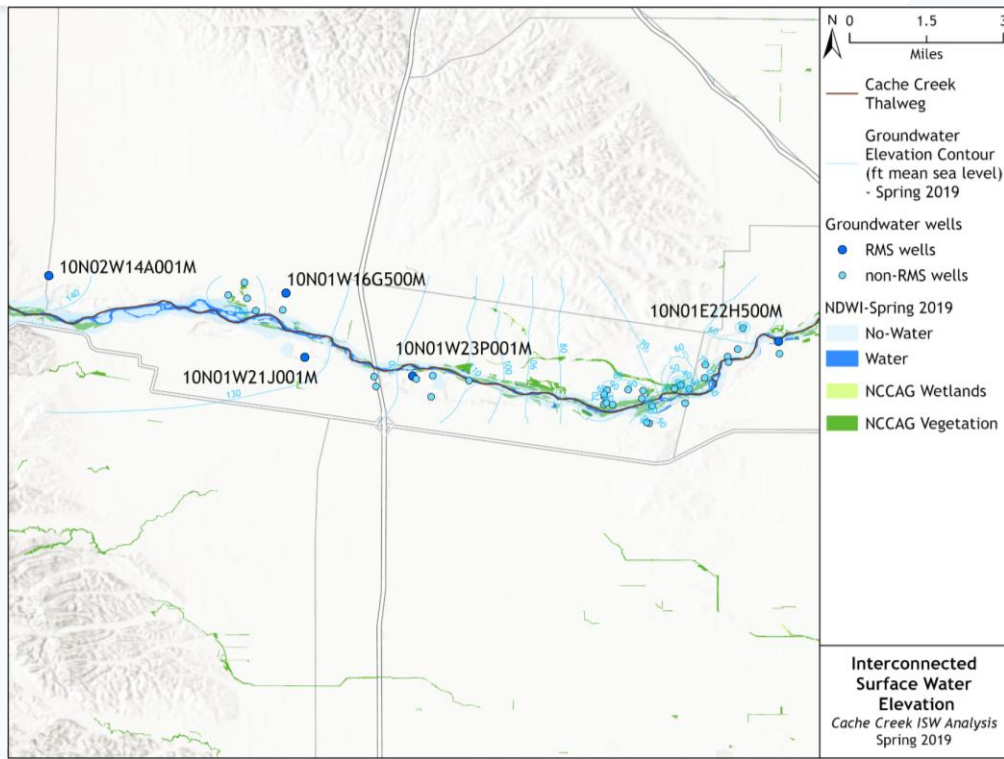


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SMC - Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water

FINDING

WY 2019–WY 2024 did **NOT** result in any undesirable results. Lower Cache Creek showed the most variable depletion and recovery.



2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

SMC - Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water

DWR RCAs (issued to all GSAs)

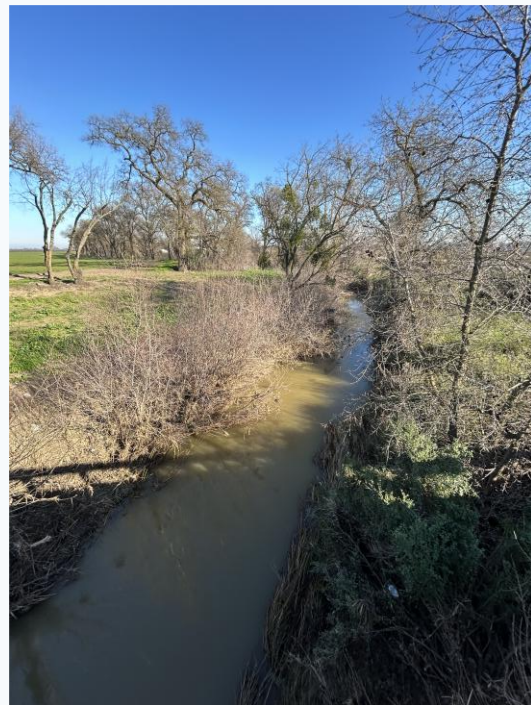
- Define how much depletion triggers an undesirable result
- Who is harmed if wells pull water from creeks, and how much is too much?
- Use DWR guidance once finalized; keep mapping connection/disconnection
- Work with fish & wildlife agencies, districts, and landowners to define environmental beneficial uses and users

2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

SMC - Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water

What are we doing between now and 2032?

- Filling data gaps
- Increasing data collection
- Upgrading modeling and analysis tools
- Coordination with agencies and water users continues



2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation

2027 Draft Periodic Evaluation Review Period

Next Steps

- Draft will be posted to website by 9/23
- Board and public comments due by 11/6

On schedule to adopt and submit by January 2027

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SGMA Component 2: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group



Landowners in Action

On September 2, Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group met to start planning implementation of projects outline in the White Paper. Priorities are:

- 1 Increase Conjunctive Use**
- 2 Assess Boron Concentrations in Wells**
- 3 Increase Rainfall Infiltration on Farms**
- 4 Develop a Voluntary Drought Response Plan**
- 5 Increase Participation in Groundwater Recharge**

SGMA Component 3: District Recharge Program



On-farm and district-scale recharge

Component 3 funds the long-term water-right permit (**100 TAF requested**), landowner agreements, flooded-field operations, automatic gates, monitoring, and outreach that make District recharge a durable program—not a one-year pilot.

1 Long-term permit

Application accepted by the State Water Board on August 18, 2026.

2 Field operations

Landowner agreements, flooded-field documentation, and automatic gates complete.

3 Monitoring & guidance

Assessment plan in draft; annual report and long-term guide in progress.

SGMA Component 4: City of Winters Feasibility Studies



Photo credit: <https://www.visitvacaville.com/directory/putah-creek/>

3-Year Funding Strategy for 3 Projects

- 1 Secondary Treated Wastewater (Supplemental Ag Irrigation)**
- 2 Surface Water (Putah Creek Municipal Supply)**
- 3 Surface Water (Dry Creek Trickle Recharge)**
 - October 20, 2026: Project update to Winters City Council
 - November / December 2026: Draft Report

Yolo-Zamora Groundwater recharge Project (Component 5)

Draft Feasibility Study Findings, Direct Recharge Investigations,
and Next Steps

September 21, 2026



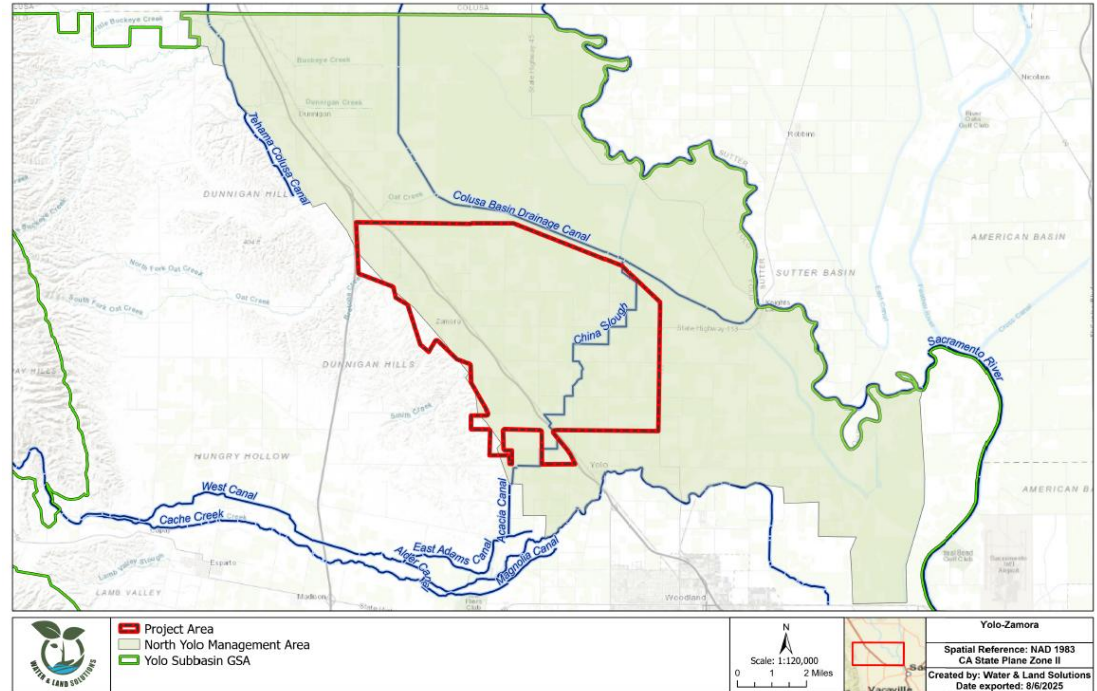
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Key Context

Problem: Maximum annual groundwater deficit of 14,260 AF; observed subsidence.

Opportunity: YSGA's SGMA grant, Component 5 funds pilot projects, environmental permitting, project design, and feasibility study for groundwater recharge opportunities.



Feasibility study findings

(DRAFT)

Preferred recharge portfolio impact: up to 18,650 AF

Feasible alternatives with the strongest landowner support

18,650

acre-feet of estimated benefit to the aquifer

Direct recharge
6,000 AF

In-lieu recharge
12,650 AF

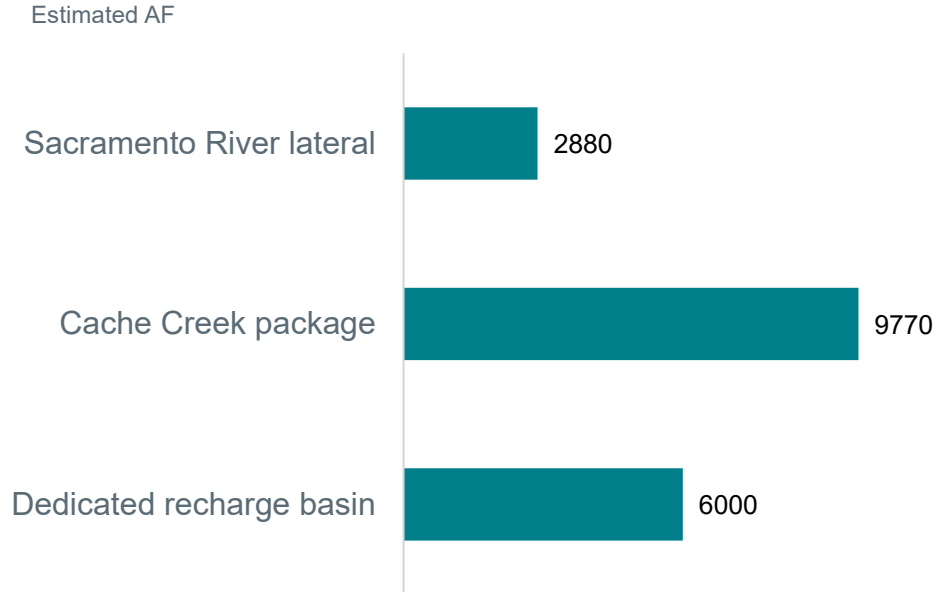
- The highest-feasibility projects in the study, paired with the infrastructure alternatives that had the greatest landowner support.
- The portfolio combines surface-water deliveries that reduce pumping with a dedicated recharge basin.

Key Takeaway

The identified portfolio provides a material, implementable first step toward improving groundwater conditions.

Where the 18,650 AF comes from

Direct recharge and surface-water delivery both contribute to the portfolio



Direct recharge

One 30-acre basin: 6,000 AF at design capacity, assuming 150 days of maximum use.

In-lieu recharge

Cache Creek infrastructure: 9,770 AF
Sacramento River Lateral 10.5: 2,880 AF
Total: 12,650 AF

Sacramento River Options via Dunnigan Water District

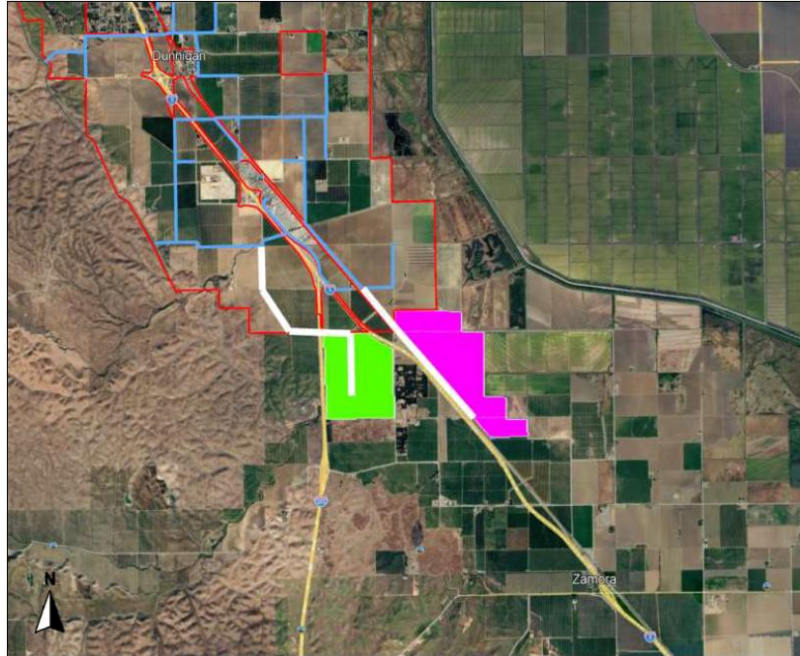
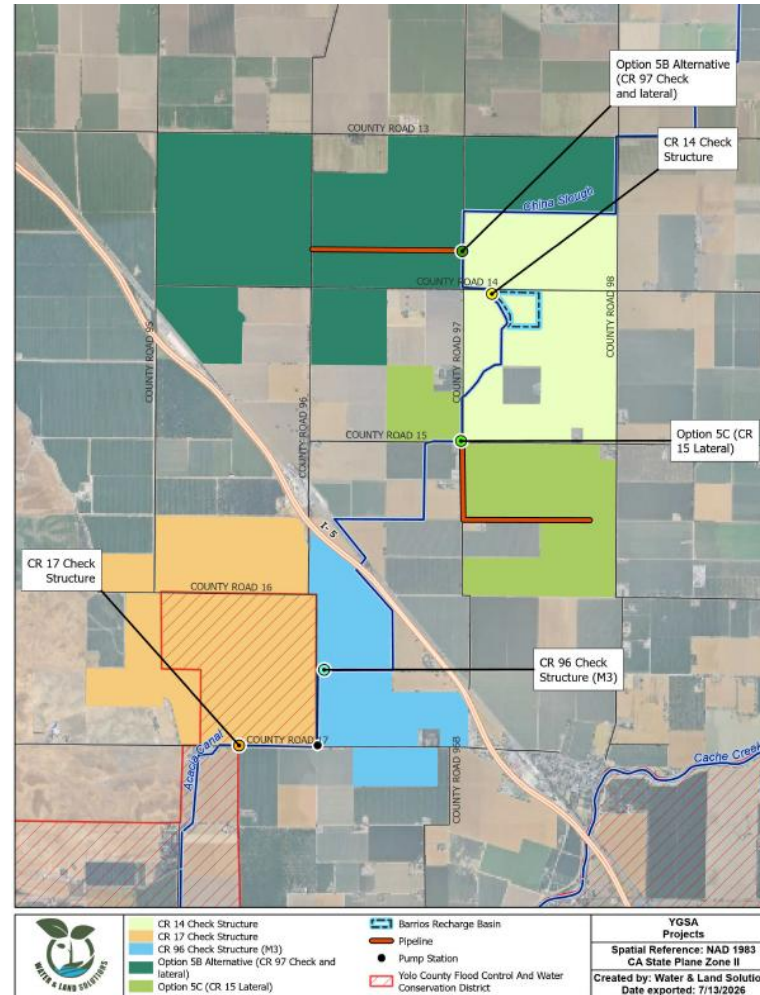


Figure 7. Conceptual service areas for Alignment A (green polygon) and Alignment B (pink polygon) for Concept 17. The red polygon designates the existing DWD boundary while blue lines represent DWD's existing lateral pipelines. Service areas and alignments are subject to change in future phases of project planning or development.

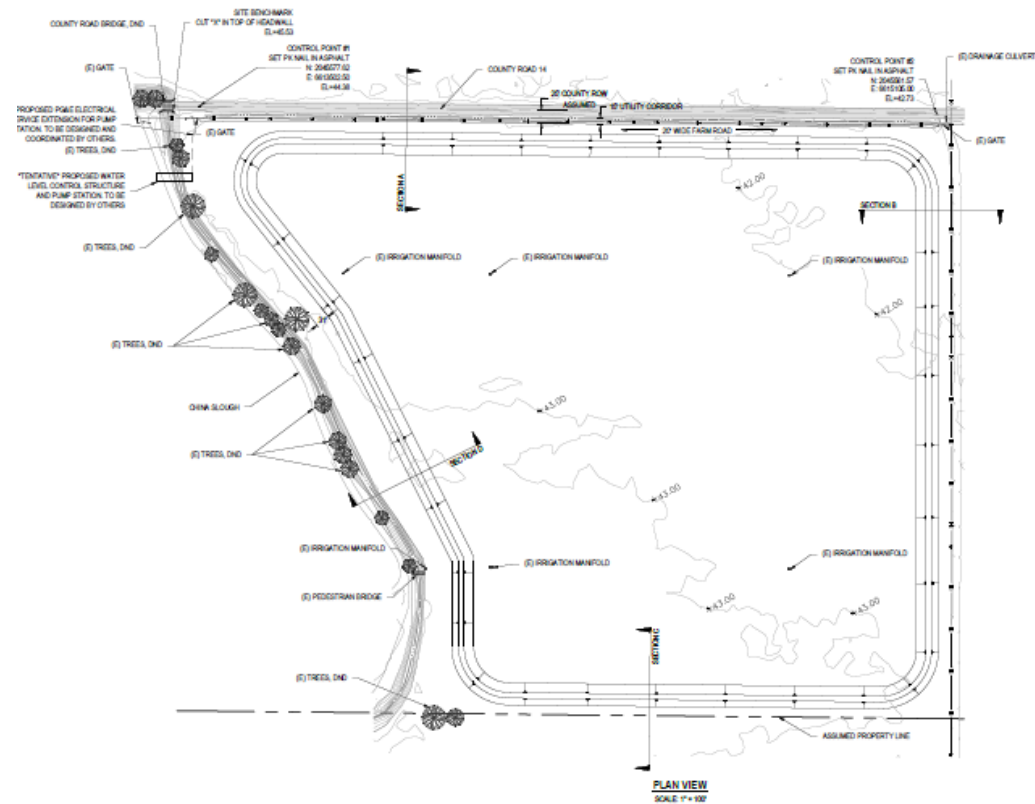
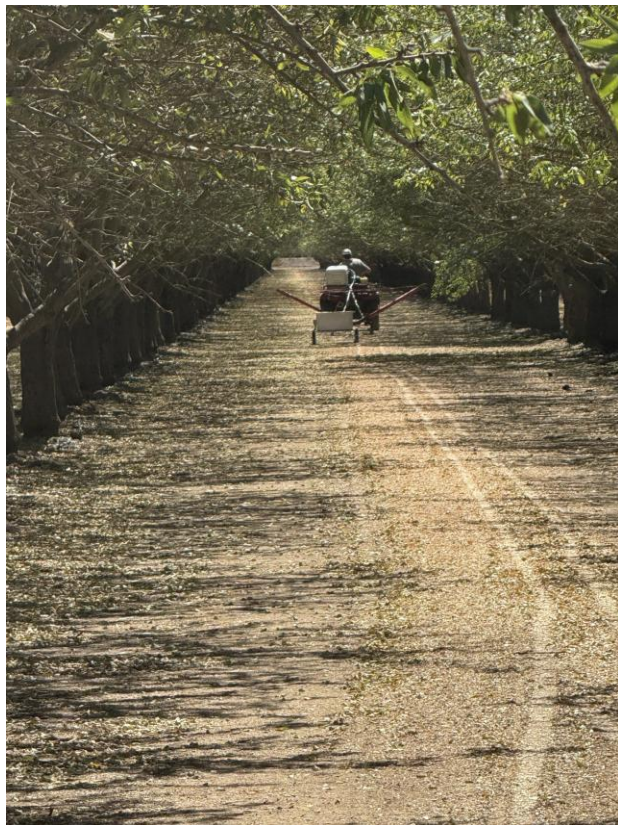
Cache Creek Options via China Slough



Total Benefits and Costs of Feasible Project Options with Greatest Landowner Support

Project Alternative	Benefit (AF)	Recharge Method	Cost (\$/AF)
Project Option 2: Cache Creek Water			
CR 17 Check Structure	3,490	In-lieu	\$72.88
CR 96 Check Structure	375	In-lieu	\$72.88
5A Pipeline (gravity)	1,760	In-lieu	\$70.88
CR 14 Check Structure	1,000	In-lieu	\$72.88
5B Pipeline	2,100	In-lieu	\$113.88
5C Pipeline	1,045	In-lieu	\$127.88
Project Option 3: Sacramento River Water			
Lateral 10.5 Extension (Alignment B)	2,880	In-lieu	\$170
Project Option 5: Direct Recharge Program			
Dedicated Recharge Basin	6,000	Direct	\$25
TOTAL	18,650		

Direct Recharge suitability investigations



Next Steps

1. Additional geotechnical investigations for recharge basin site suitability
2. 100% design of 1 project
3. China Slough Maintenance
4. Additional engineering and permitting prep for projects with support
5. Final Feasibility Study Outreach
6. Position for Prop 4 (and other) funding

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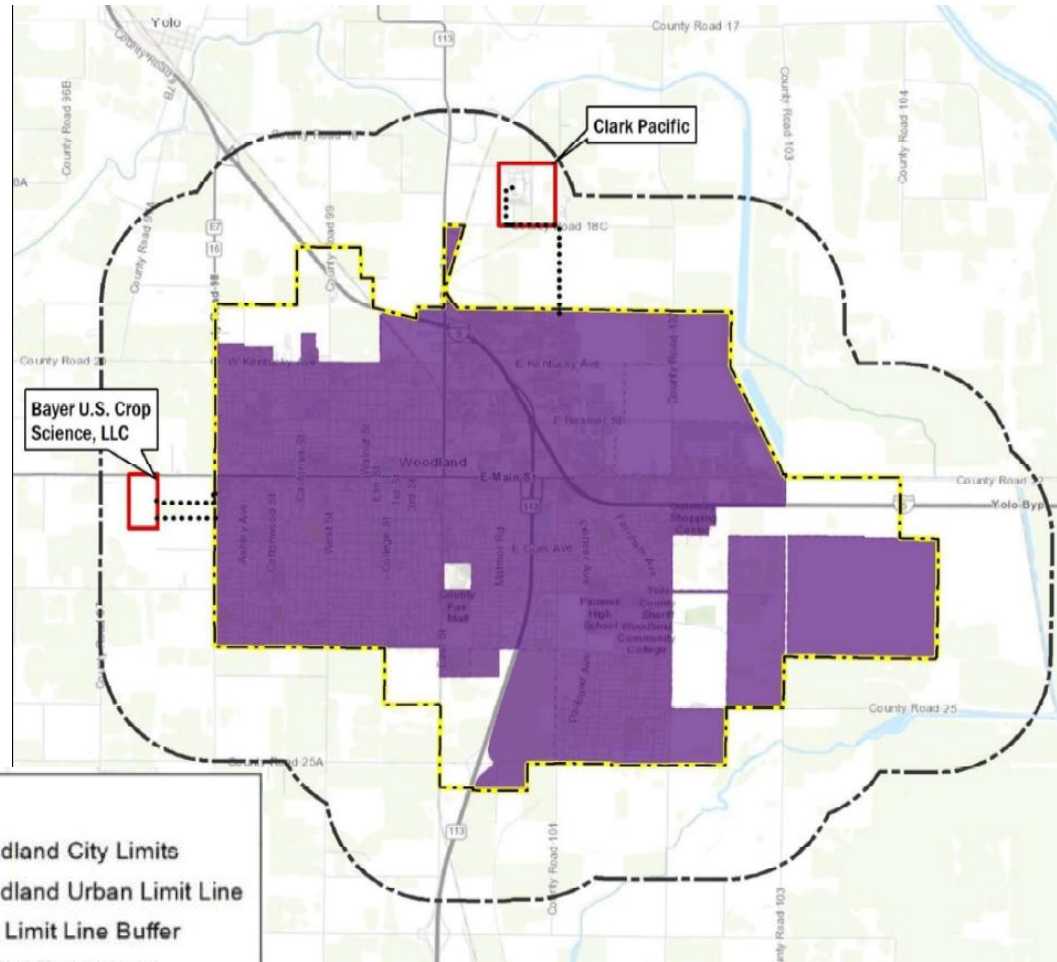
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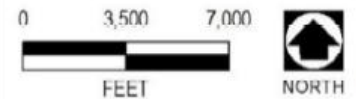
CITY OF WOODLAND URBAN LIMIT LINE UTILITY EXTENSION MEASURE.

Shall the measure amending the policy establishing the City's Urban Limit Line to permit the extension of sewer, water, and recycled water facilities to serve existing commercial facilities located on parcels with a boundary that falls wholly or partially within one mile of the Urban Limit Line and in operation on or prior to November 3, 2026, be adopted?

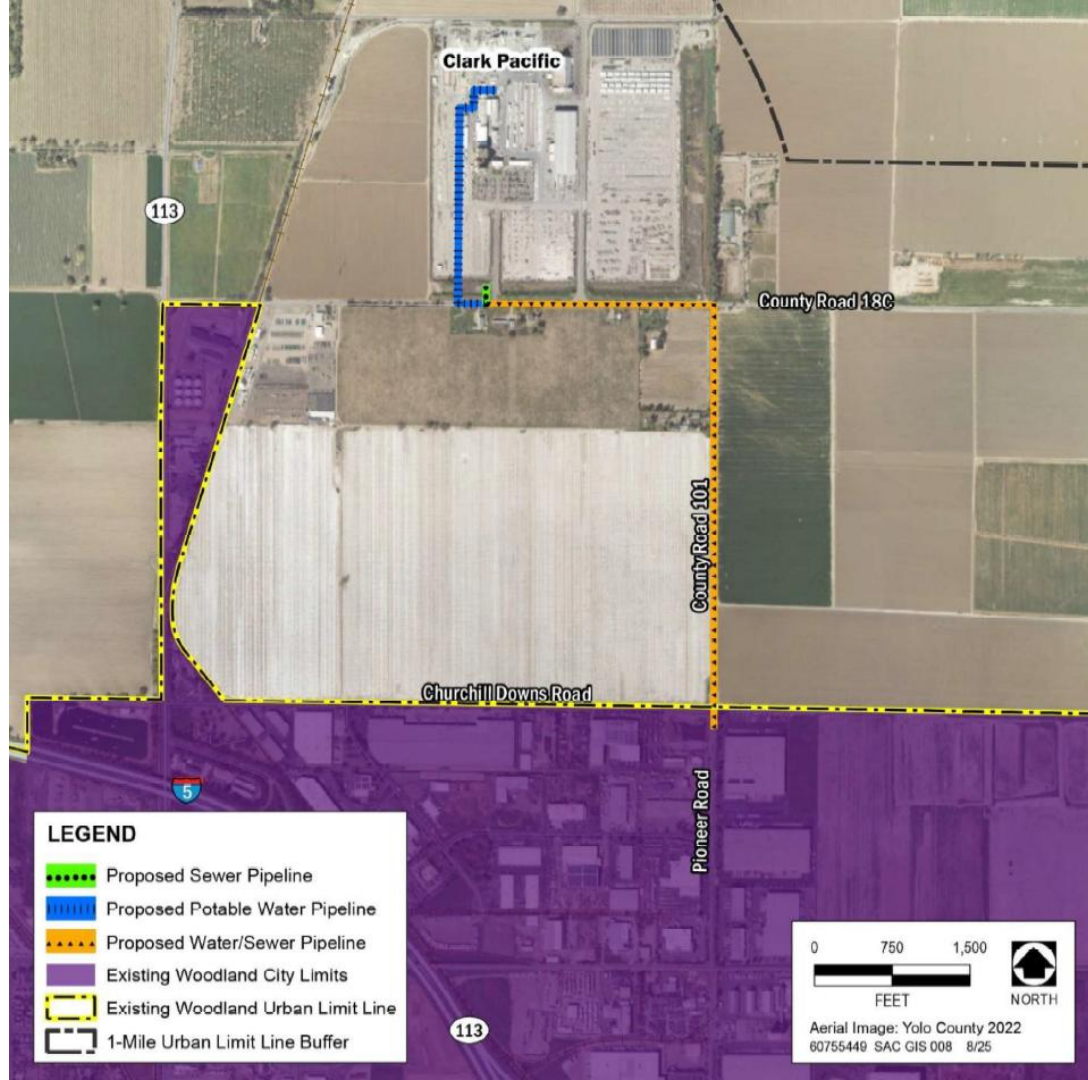


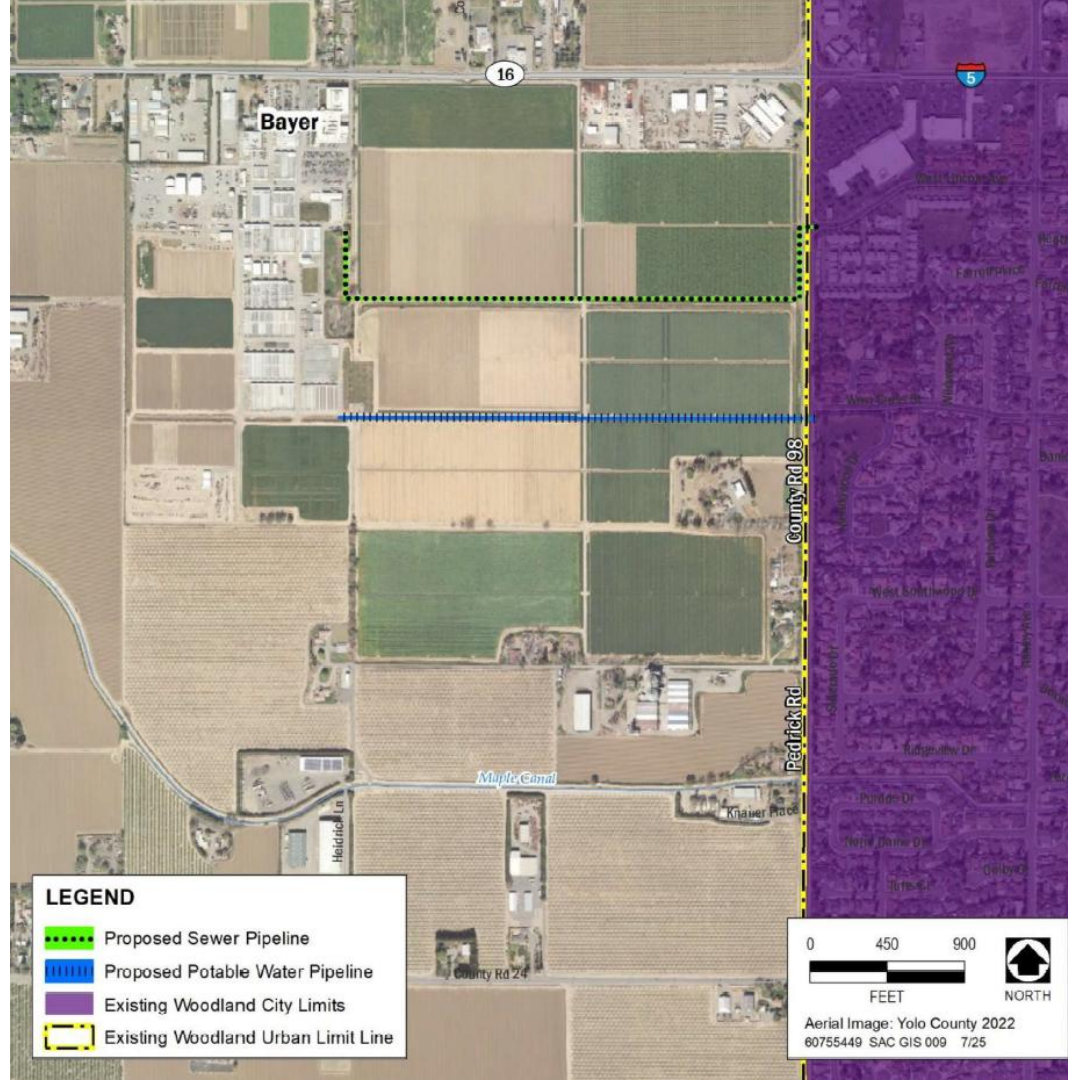
LEGEND

- Existing Woodland City Limits
- Existing Woodland Urban Limit Line
- 1-Mile Urban Limit Line Buffer
- Proposed Utility Extensions



Basemap: ESRI Topographic Map
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Sewer crosses Road 98
at W. Lincoln Ave.

Potable crosses Road 98
At W. Cross Ave.

Measure Z

A limited utility-service measure for qualifying existing commercial properties

- **Utilities, not growth**
Water, sewer and recycled-water service without expanding Woodland.
- **Urban Limit Line stays in place**
The measure preserves the community's existing growth boundary.
- **Limited eligibility**
Applies to qualifying existing commercial facilities near the Urban Limit Line.
- **No new housing**
Does not authorize residential development outside the Urban Limit Line.
- **City review still required**
Every utility extension remains subject to review and approval.

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Bay-Delta Plan

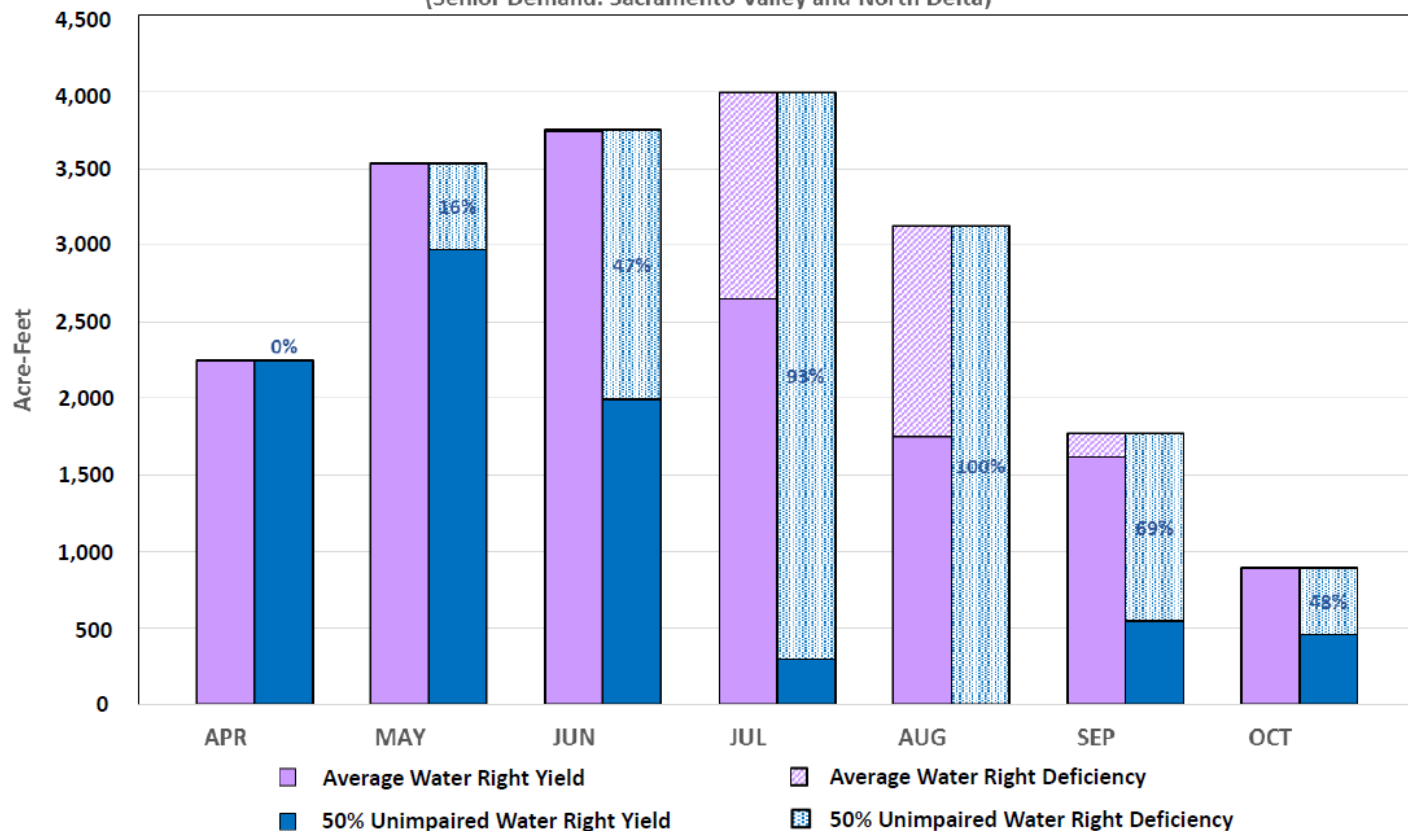
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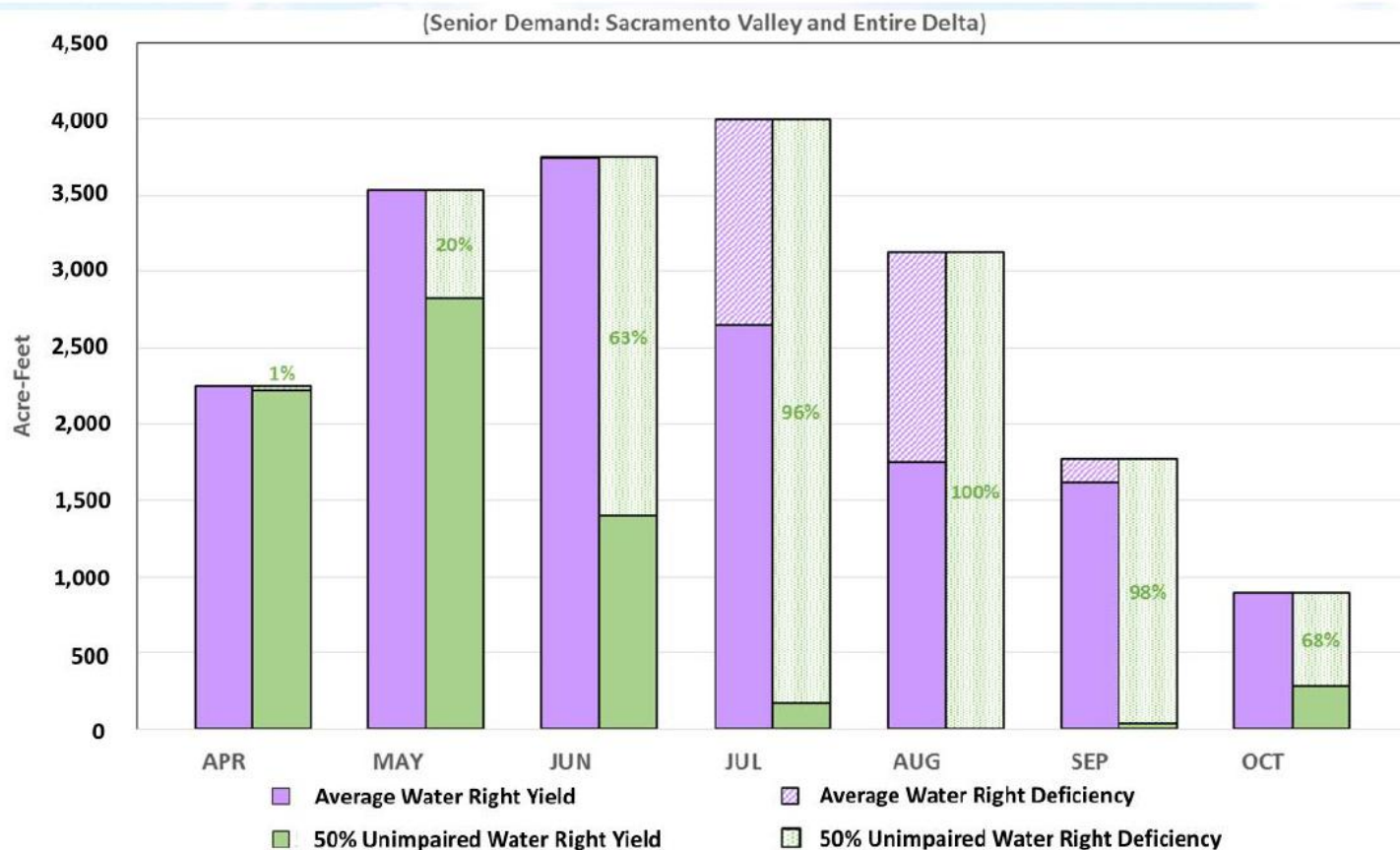
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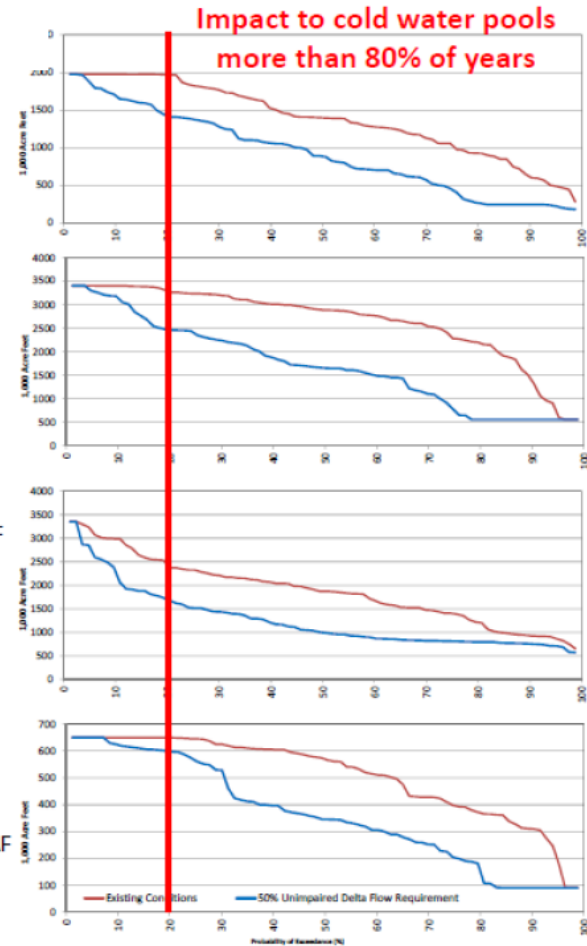
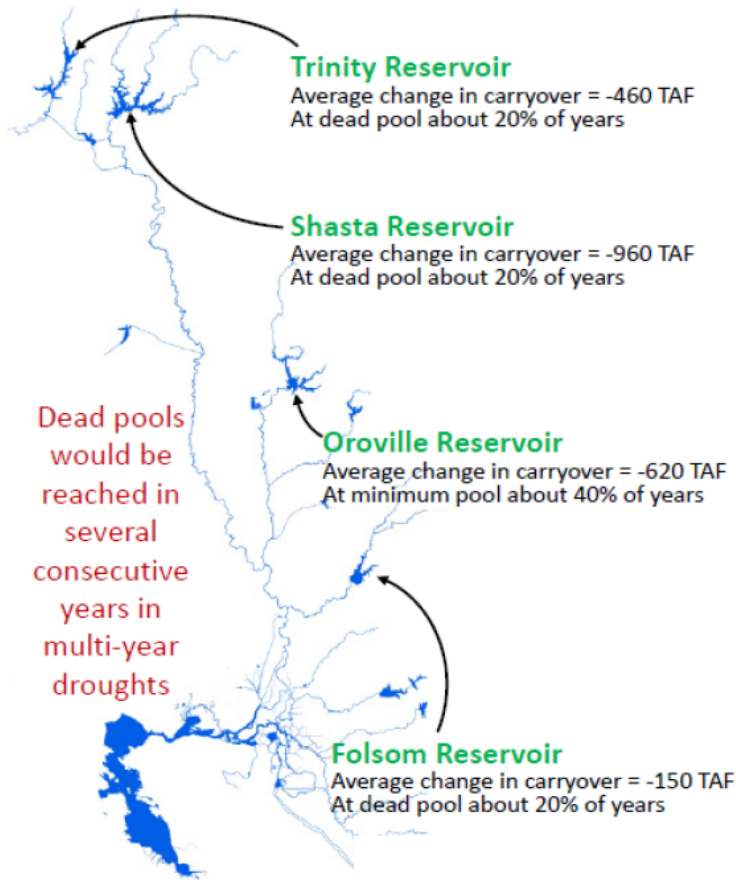
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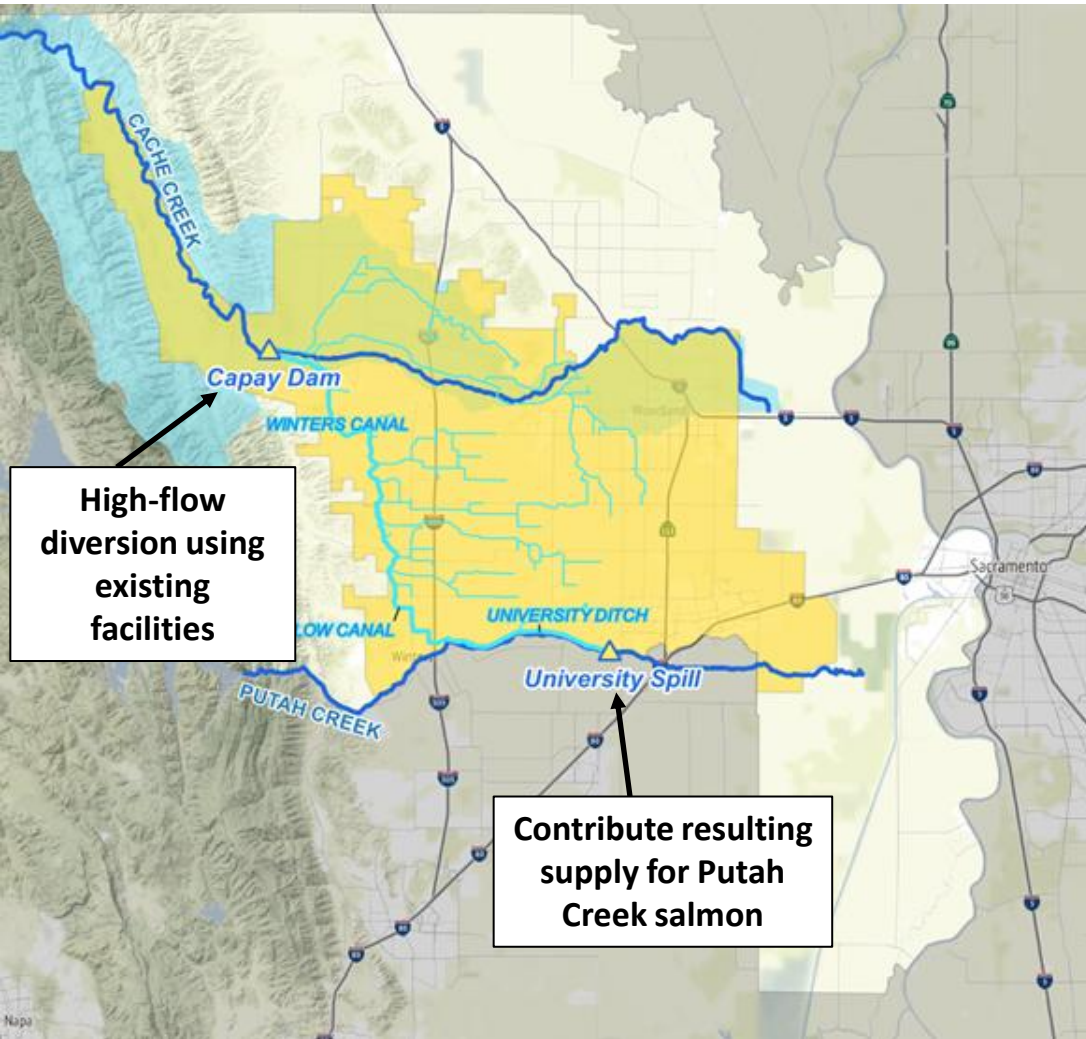
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Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Original HRL Proposal

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- Builds on District's winter recharge program



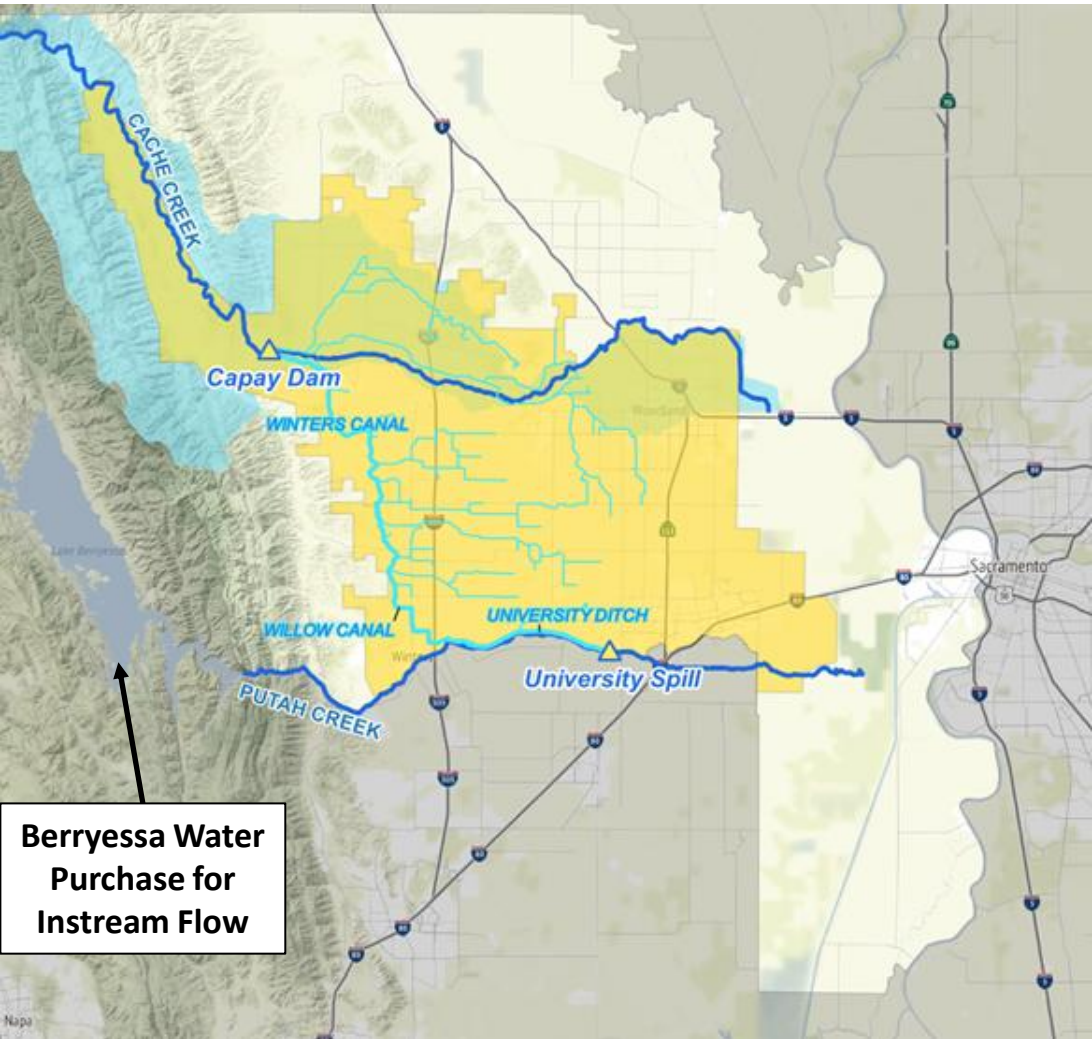
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**High-flow
diversion using
existing
facilities**

**Contribute resulting
supply for Putah
Creek salmon**

Revised HRL Proposal

- While completing CEQA
 - Purchase Lake Berryessa water for instream flow contributions
 - Potentially starting October 2027
 - Currently identifying opportunities



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**Berryessa Water
Purchase for
Instream Flow**

YCFC&WCD Bay-Delta Plan Concerns

- Covered Parties in the Cache Creek Watershed
 - 385 Unique Water Rights
 - 1.675 MAF Face Value
- Cache Creek does not support anadromous fish
 - Cache Creek is not listed as a rainfall-dominated tributary
- Enforcement – could result in up to 55% Unimpaired Flows (UIF)
- Potential for up to 55% UIF on future water right permits
 - 100,000 AF winter water right application submitted in April 2026

Regulatory Alignment Paradox

- “New Water Supply Projects”
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SacWAM Model Results for Proposed Plan Amendments

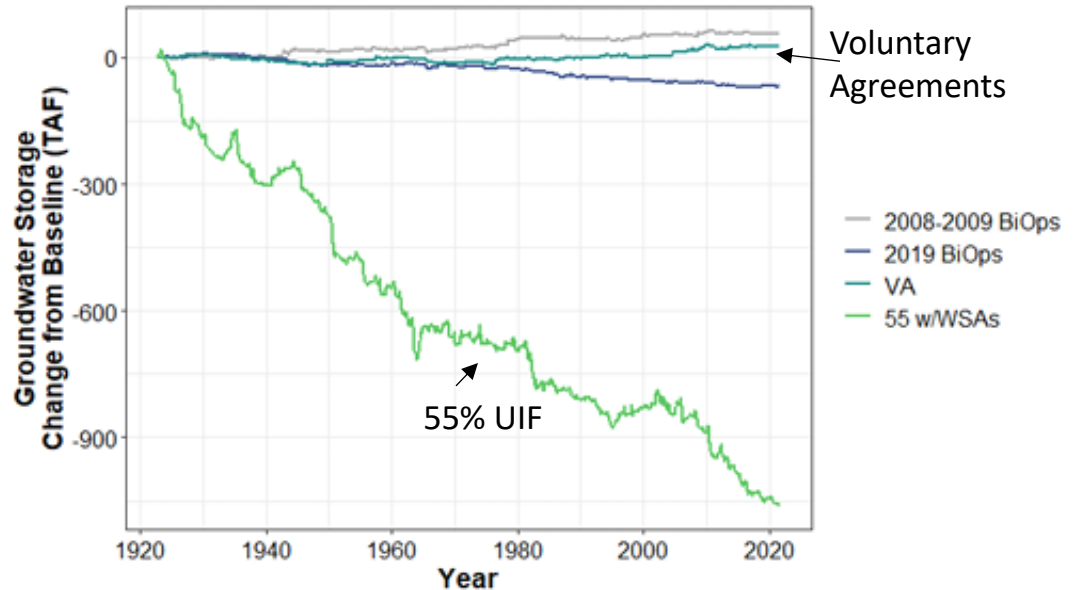


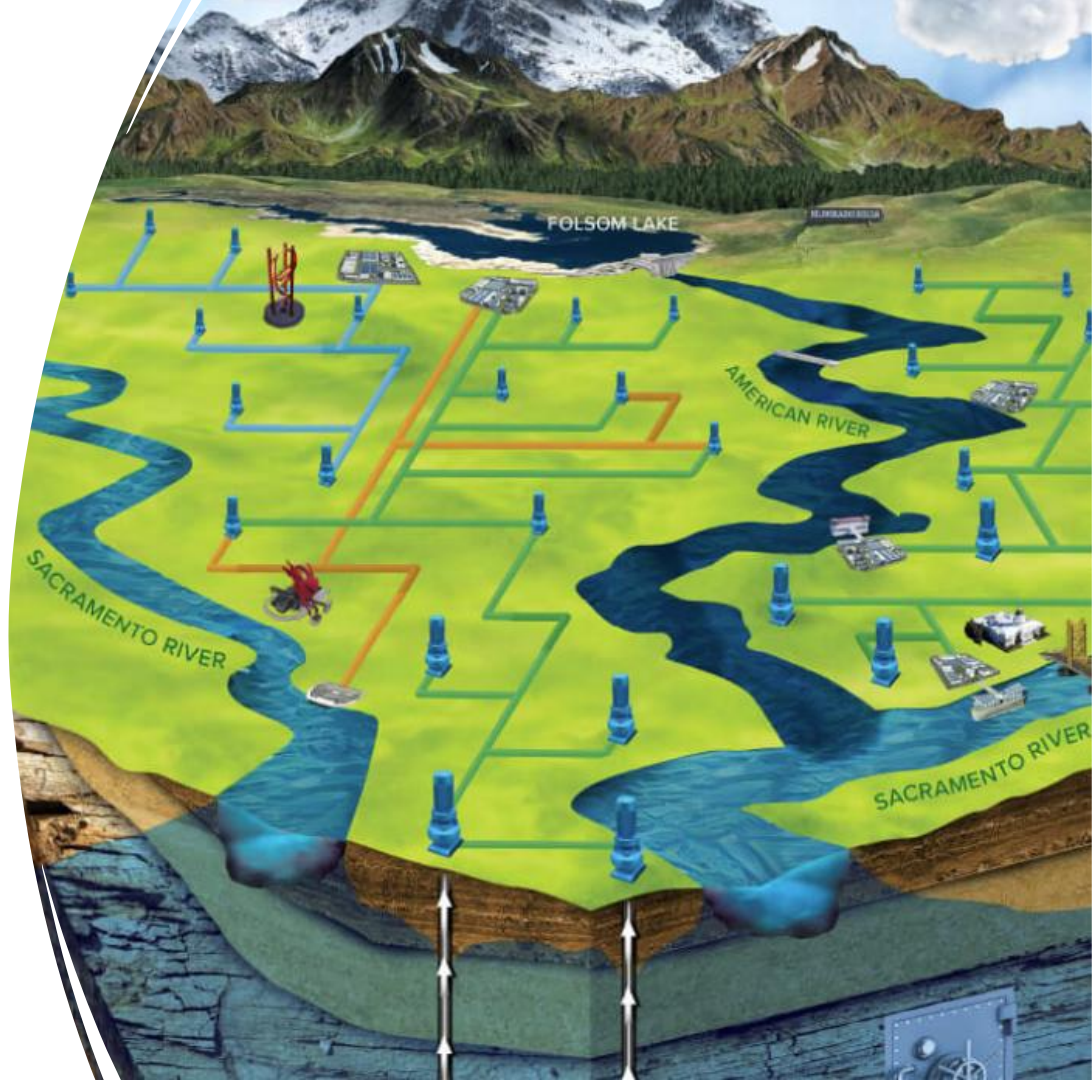
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“New Water Supply Projects” vs. SB 72

DWR’s “**data-driven playbook**” for CA’s
water future

- 9 MAF of new water supply by 2040



Meeting Agenda

9/21/2026

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