

RESOLUTION NO. 26.01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY ADOPTING A SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT FEE

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2014 the California legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”), that initially became effective on January 1, 2015, and that has been amended from time-to-time thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority, and technical and financial assistance necessary, to sustainably manage groundwater; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the designation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of regulatory programs known as Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”) or an alternative plan for all medium and high priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”); and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) to impose fees to fund various regulatory activities, including the implementation of GSPs; and

WHEREAS, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (“YSGA”) is a Joint Powers Authority formed to serve as the GSA for the Yolo Subbasin (“Subbasin”), and in that role is responsible for regulating groundwater for the entire Subbasin, which encompasses most of Yolo County and two small pockets of Solano County; and

WHEREAS, YSGA approved the GSP for the Subbasin on January 24, 2022, which DWR approved on October 26, 2023;

WHEREAS, YSGA has developed a Sustainable Groundwater Management Fee Study, evaluating the costs of providing groundwater management services for the entire Subbasin pursuant to the GSP; and

WHEREAS, the proposed YSGA fee structure consists of two tiers, based on the different services YSGA provides, tailored to fund YSGA’s reasonable costs in regulating the entire Subbasin as required by SGMA, and ensuring all water users within its boundaries pay their proportional shares for that sustainable groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, beginning in Fiscal Year 2027, YSGA hereby proposes to levy Tier 1 fees of \$1.50 per parcel and acreage fee of \$0.76 per acre within YSGA boundaries, and additional Tier 2 fees of \$2.78 per agricultural acre in Districted Parcels, \$7.94 per agricultural acre in Undistricted

Parcels, \$1.36 per developed parcel for unregulated users, \$0.40 per connection for State Small Water Systems, \$0.80 per connection for Community Water Systems, and \$0.32 per person served in Non-Community Water Systems; and

WHEREAS, after Fiscal Year 2027, YSGA will adopt a fee resolution each year to determine the applicable annual fees and place the fees calculated for each parcel on the tax roll, as provided in the Fee Study; and

WHEREAS, the Fee Study also provides YSGA will develop and implement a corrections process to address Tier 2 fee charges that may be calculated on erroneous information; and

WHEREAS, YSGA noticed and conducted a public hearing on May 18, 2026, for the purpose of considering approval of the Fee, as required by SGMA;

WHEREAS, the Fee Study, along with the data upon which the fee is based, was made available to the public on April 24, 2026, at least twenty days prior to the public meeting;

WHEREAS, the public meeting has been held and the Board has received public input regarding the Fee; and,

WHEREAS, as proposed, the Fee will comply with the requirements of the California Constitution and state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency as follows:

1. The Board of Directors approves the Sustainable Groundwater Management Fee Study and adopts the following fees, beginning Fiscal Year 2027: Tier 1 fees of \$1.50 per parcel and acreage fee of \$0.76 per acre within YSGA boundaries, and additional Tier 2 fees of \$2.78 per agricultural acre in Districted Parcels, \$7.94 per agricultural acre in Undistricted Parcels, \$1.36 per developed parcel for unregulated users, \$0.40 per connection for State Small Water Systems, \$0.80 per connection for Community Water Systems, and \$0.32 per person served in Non-Community Water Systems.
2. The Board of Directors adopts a Fee Corrections and Appeals Process, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
3. Agency staff are hereby authorized and directed to take such other and further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency on May 18, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: City of West Sacramento, City of Winters, City of Woodland, Dunnigan Water District, Madison CSD, Reclamation District 108, Reclamation District 730, Reclamation District 787, Reclamation District 999, Reclamation District 1600, Reclamation District 2035, Rumsey Water Users Association, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Yolo County, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, University of California Davis, California American Water Dunnigan, Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company, Yolo County Farm Bureau, Environmental Representative

NOES: Reclamation District 150, Reclamation District 307, and Reclamation District 537

ABSENT: City of Davis, Esparto CSD

ABSTAIN: Reclamation District 765

Signed by me after its passage this 18th day of May 2026.



Carol Scianna, Chair

ATTEST:


Kristin Sicke, Secretary