



Water Resources Association of Yolo County

Local Agencies Collaborate on Updating County-wide Water Management Plan

The need to update the 1992 Yolo County Water Plan began as a collaborative effort between the Water Resources Association of Yolo County and the CA Dept. of Water Resources in order to identify opportunities for improved water management in Yolo County.

In March 2001, an MOU between the WRA and DWR was initiated under the Integrated Storage Investigation Conjunctive Water Management Program. WRA member agencies endorsed a collaborative and comprehensive water management effort as the "Yolo County Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP)." The goal of the IWMP is to develop goals and objectives for a groundwater/surface water model, to identify stakeholders, and outline a stakeholder participation process.

The IWMP consists of two

volumes. Volume 1 of the IWMP is the technical section and addresses the current understanding of water resources in Yolo County. The main sections in Volume 1 are: Geology; Soils; Hydrology and Hydrogeology; Land Use, Water Use and Water Supplies; and Water Law and Institutions. Completion of Volume 1 is anticipated by June



2004.

Volume 2 is the policy-related section of the IWMP. Water management goals and objectives, potential alternatives, and priorities are discussed. The focus of this Volume is on surface water and watershed management, groundwater management and

protection, and water supply sustainability. A schedule for completing Volume 2 will be prepared in the spring of 2004 and work will begin later in 2004.

Funding for the initial development of the IWMP was provided from WRA Member agencies and in-kind technical staff assistance from DWR. Yolo County received grant funding from DWR to continue developing the IWMP in July 2003 with assistance from Montgomery Watson Harza and Wood Rodgers, Inc. It is expected that additional funding will be needed before Volume 2 can be completed.

Local agencies and the public are invited to attend the WRA's bi-monthly meetings and participate in the development of the IWMP. For additional information, please visit : www.dcn.davis.ca.us/go/wra

WRA Member Agencies

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

WRA's Mission

- Support the efforts of its members to obtain, protect and maintain a high quality water supply adequate for the present and future needs of Yolo County.
- Educate its members, governmental authorities and the public regarding all aspects of water use and water rights.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of information among water purveyors.

Selected Activities of WRA Member Agencies

Project	Collaborative Partners	Status	Funding/Local Match
Deep Aquifer Study	City of Davis, UC Davis, Woodland, CA Dept of Water Resources (DWR)	On-going thru 12/04	\$225,000 DWR (AB303) \$90,408 combined local share
Groundwater Monitoring Program & Data Management System	YCFC&WCD, DWR, & information provided by various Yolo County entities	June 2004	\$200,000 DWR (AB303) \$50,000 YCFC
Groundwater Monitoring Program Development	Dunnigan Water District, DWR	Ongoing August 2005	\$249,000 DWR (AB303)
Hydrologic Modeling Goals & Objectives for Yolo County	DWR, Water Resources & Info Mgmt. Engineering, Inc. (WRIME), WRA	Completed 2002	\$49,400 DWR—Modeling \$76,000 DWR—LCB IGSM
Integrated Water Management Plan Development (IWMP): Volume 1- Drafted; Volume 2- Under development	WRA member agencies (technical advisory committee), Yolo County, DWR, Montgomery Watson Harza, Wood Rodgers, Inc., Gus Yates	Ongoing through June 2004	\$224,300 DWR (in-kind technical services); \$200,000 DWR (grant funding to Yolo County as lead agency) \$127,700 WRA member agencies combined local share; \$35,319 Yolo County ; \$100,000 DWR (pending)
Surface Water Use Supply Feasibility	City of Woodland, DWR	Preferred alternative selected, evaluating options for implementation	\$500,000 DWR (Prop 204);\$237,175 Wldd Water Enterprises; \$106,575 Wldd Water Developmt;
Water Supply Feasibility Study	City of Davis, UC Davis, DWR	Completed 2002	\$500,000 DWR (Prop 204); \$52,000 combined local share
Well Field Feasibility Study	City of Woodland, DWR	Almost completed	\$486,000 DWR (Prop 204);\$85,000 Wldd Water Enterprises;\$36,400 Wldd Water Developmt.
Yolo County Subsidence Monitoring Network—Phase 1 & Phase 2	Cities of Davis & Woodland, Yolo County, YCFC&WCD, UC Davis, DWR, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Bureau of Reclamation, CAL-TRANS	Ph. 1 completed 1999 Ph. 2 completed 2002	\$30,000 US Army Corp-Ph 1; \$25,000 DWR (AB303)-Ph 1 & 2; \$25,000 combined local share
Yolo/Zamora Conjunctive Use Feasibility Study	YCFC&WCD, DWR	Completed 2003	\$365,394 DWR (Prop 13); \$64,417 YCFC&WCD

WRA Bi-Annual Budget for 2001-2002 and 2002-2003

ANNUAL EXPENSES (\$)

2001-02

Salaries/Benefits: \$80,431
 Admin. Overhead: \$6,964
 Meeting Expenses: \$4,765
 Office Expenses: \$14,546

2002-03

Salaries/Benefits: \$125,881
 Admin. Overhead: \$8,655
 Meeting Expenses: \$4,440
 Office Expenses: \$20,997

ANNUAL REVENUE (\$)

2001-02

Members' Dues: \$121,472
 Other Income: \$3,087

2002-03

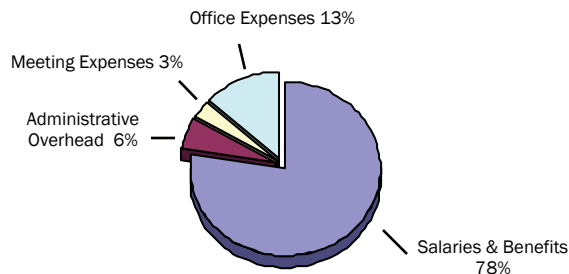
Members' Dues: \$121,800
 Other Income: \$4,351
 Grants: \$16,000

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

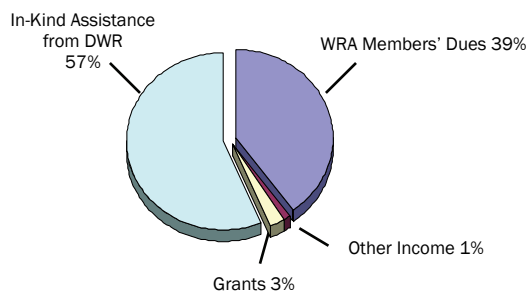
2001- 2003

DWR: \$349,700 (in-kind)

Bi-Annual Expenses for Fiscal Years'
 July 2001 - June 2002 and July 2002-June 2003



Bi-Annual Revenue for Fiscal Years'
 July 2001 - June 2002 and July 2002-June 2003



The WRA, a non-profit corporation, was created in 1993 as a result of the 1992 Yolo County Water Plan Update, to better coordinate water management activities and policies. WRA member agencies contribute annual dues for costs associated with administration of the Association and coordinate information sharing among local agencies. A variety of cooperative and individual State and Federal funded projects have been coordinated through WRA's member agencies.

Major planning and implementation efforts have been beyond the financial capacity of the WRA and its members. During a Board retreat in May 2000, the Directors re-focused the WRA in order to update the 1992 water plan with assistance from DWR. A formal collaborative effort began in early 2001 with the development of the Integrated Water Management Plan. WRA Members agreed to increase their annual dues for an interim period to demonstrate a multi-agency effort to create a more comprehensive water management plan for the County and to leverage DWR's assistance.

Yolo County Water Awareness Month Poster Contest

Each May for Water Awareness Month, Yolo County students are encouraged to submit their artwork to illustrate the theme: "Use Water Wisely, It's a Way of Life."

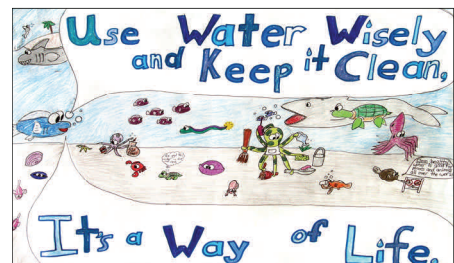
Last year 16 students received recognition for their artful ideas by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the Water Awareness Committee. Woodland, Davis, Winters, and West Sacramento students from kindergarten through 7th grade are featured on the 2004 Yolo County Water Awareness Calendar.

The colorful poster-sized 19" x 25" calendar is supported by donations from local agencies and businesses who understand the important role that water plays in our daily lives.

The calendar is distributed throughout the County to schools, businesses and the general public. Call the WRA for a 2004 calendar.

Congratulations to Selene Clay!

2003 Grand Prize Winner from
 Pioneer Elementary School in Davis



For more information
 please call (530) 666-2733.

**"Use Water Wisely,
 It's a Way of Life!"**

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2004 WRA Board Officers

Chair: Lynnel Pollock, County of Yolo

Vice-Chair: David Scheuring, Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

WRA Staff: Donna Gentile, Board Secretary & Interim Administrative Coordinator

WRA Board meetings are held bi-monthly, usually on the 3rd Monday of the month from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in Woodland, CA.

Please visit the WRA's website for specific date information or call (530) 666-2733.