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Cache Creek Nature Preserve

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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

Now Is the Time to Provide Your Input About Yolo County's Water Plan!

The Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) is a group of local entities working together to provide a water-planning forum and develop an implementation strategy for accomplishing important resource actions in Yolo County.

The WRA has developed Yolo County's first draft Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The IRWMP will serve as a planning document to help guide the implementation of water **actions** (programs, policies and projects) within Yolo County. The actions in the IRWMP were originally collected and organized into five key areas:

- water supply and drought preparedness
- water quality
- flood management and storm drainage
- aquatic and riparian ecosystem enhancement
- recreation

What's Happened to Date

The second workshop included:

- 70 attendees
- Review of IRWMP purpose and process
- Overview of actions (integrated/individual/foundational)
- Geographic area break-out sessions for public comment/discussion

The WRA held community workshops November 30, 2005 and May 8, 2006. Both were well-attended. The second workshop focused on obtaining public input about the **foundational, integrated and**

individual actions under consideration for the draft IRWMP. The actions are grouped into projects geographically and include:

1. Davis-Woodland Water Supply Project
2. Reclamation District No. 2035 Sacramento River Diversion and Conveyance Project
3. Cache Creek Integrated Project
4. Dunnigan Integrated Project
5. Putah Creek Integrated Project
6. Yolo Bypass Integrated Project
7. Sacramento River (West Bank) Integrated Project (including Knights Landing and Clarksburg)
8. Yolo County Sloughs, Canals, and Creeks Management Program

Visit the WRA Web site at www.yolowra.org to obtain meeting recaps and other documents about the community workshops already conducted, including a complete list of actions.

The third IRWMP community workshop is Wed., October 25, 2006, at the Heidrick Ag History Center from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

We need continued public input to complete the IRWMP! After nearly a two-year process, we are close to finishing; however, we are still very interested in gathering your insight and comments about the draft IRWMP document. This is critical to developing a comprehensive and implementation-oriented resource plan for Yolo County.

The upcoming October 25 public meeting will focus on:

- **presenting the draft IRWMP and detailing how actions will be implemented.**
- **obtaining public input about the draft document.**
- **providing another opportunity to ask questions and engage member agencies about the IRWMP.**

Since the second workshop, the WRA Technical Committee has:

- refined/prioritized the list of actions into integrated, stand-alone and foundational categories.
- developed an IRWMP implementation strategy and identified lead partner(s) to move each of the integrated actions forward over the next five years.
- allocated grant funding to further develop the work plans and priorities for the Cache Creek Integrated Action.
- developed a draft IRWMP for public review, adoption by member agencies by December 2006, and adoption by the WRA Board scheduled for January 2007.

Visit the WRA Web site at www.yolowra.org/irwmp_documents.html to review the draft IRWMP.

IRWMP Review/Adoption Timeline

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| Oct. 6, 2006 | Draft IRWMP public comment period begins (45 days) |
| Oct. 25, 2006 | Third public workshop at the Heidrick Ag History Center |
| Nov.-Dec. 2006 | WRA member agency IRWMP review and adoption process |
| Dec. 2006 | WRA Board considers and incorporates final public and member comments |
| Jan. 2007 | WRA Board adopts IRWMP and begins implementation |

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THIRD COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FUTURE OF WATER RESOURCES IN YOLO COUNTY

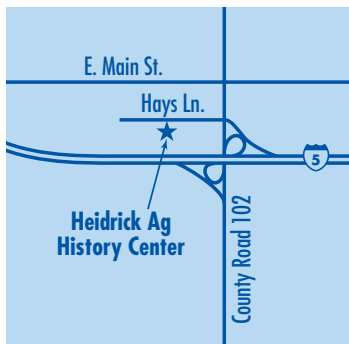
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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET INVOLVED!



Cache Creek

While we are close to completing the IRWMP, there is still time to give your input about potential water-related projects in Yolo County. Attend the third community workshop on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Heidrick Ag History Center in Woodland (www.aghistory.org)



Community Workshop
Wednesday,
October 25, 2006
4:30 to 7 p.m.
Heidrick Ag History Center
1962 Hays Lane
Woodland

DIRECTIONS TO THE WORKSHOP:

Approaching Woodland from the South on I-5: Exit on County Road 102. At the top of the ramp (signal light), drive straight ahead into Hays Lane. The history center is located at 1962 Hays Lane, on the left, approximately two-tenths of a mile.

Approaching Woodland from the North on I-5: Exit on County Road 102. Turn left at the top of the ramp, crossing over I-5. Take the first left (Hays Lane) and proceed to the museum.

Moving Forward

The WRA obtained a \$500,000 planning grant for the Yolo County IRWMP under Prop 50 (the 2002 general obligation bond passed by California voters for improving a variety of water projects throughout the state) and is now seeking additional outside funding. **The WRA's primary goal is to adopt a completed IRWMP by January 2007.**

The IRWMP will help guide the implementation of the wide range of resource actions contained in the Yolo County IRWMP. Many of these actions will require between five and 20 years to be fully implemented or completed. The IRWMP will be updated again in the next five to 10 years to incorporate progress and new resource actions.

Using input derived from the community workshops and stakeholder input, the WRA will provide a draft IRWMP to the WRA Board. The draft IRWMP will be available for review by the public and member agencies from October to November 2006.

How Can You Help and Participate?

- Attend the upcoming **community workshop** and **member-agency-specific meetings**.
- Visit the **project Web site**, www.yolowra.org, to get information on project specifics and process status.
- Use the **Web public feedback form** and send in your input. Just click on the "Comments" page.

If you wish to speak to someone about the IRWMP or be added to the mailing list, please contact David Scheuring, WRA Chair, or Donna Gentile, Administrative Coordinator, at (530) 666-2733 or info@yolowra.org.

Visit the WRA Web site (www.yolowra.org) for information about member-agency-specific public meetings if you are unable to attend the October 25 public workshop or want additional opportunities for IRWMP involvement.