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# COUNTY OF YOLO

## COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

### **General Description**

Yolo County lies in the heartland of Northern California, just a short drive from the state capital along Interstate 80 and Interstate 5. It is home to more than 180,000 people with over 85% of them living in the county's four cities (Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland, and Winters).

The county covers an area of 661,760 acres (1,034 square miles). The elevation ranges from slightly below sea level near the Sacramento River (around Clarksburg) to 3,000 feet along the crest of the ridge of the western mountains.

### **Government and Organization**

Yolo County operates under general law by the authority of the State Legislature. The State Constitution provides for the governing body of Yolo County to be the elected Board of Supervisors. Each of the five supervisors represents a district based upon population and serves a four-year term.

### **Economic Activity**

Yolo County is covered by some of the richest soil in the world, and ranks as one of the nation's leading agricultural counties. Growth in manufacturing, warehousing and biotechnology have added to the county's economic base.

### **Educational Facilities**

One of the nation's leading research and education facilities, the University of California at Davis, is located in Yolo County. Programs offered include Medicine, Veterinary Sciences, Biotechnology, Engineering, Law, Art, and many other graduate and undergraduate degree programs. The county is also home to the Woodland Community College, formerly known as Yuba College, D.Q. University, an accredited Native American Junior College and Hawaii Pacific University in Davis.

### **Arts, Recreation and Leisure**

The quality of life in Yolo County suits a broad spectrum of tastes for both residents and visitors. Daytime sports and recreation activities include: river rafting, hunting, fishing, camping, golf, bicycling, and many festivals and celebrations. For nature enthusiasts, many wildlife species can be spotted at the numerous regional parks, or when learning about local plants and their habitat at the U.C. Davis Arboretum. Cultural events include viewing beautiful 19th century Victorian homes, enjoying a play or concert at the state-of-the-art Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts and historical Woodland Opera House, or touring one of the local museums such as the Gibson House Historical Museum and Heidrick Agricultural History Museum.

# VALUES OF YOLO COUNTY

## DOING RIGHT BY PEOPLE

We are in the “people” business. Our success is determined by those we serve and is achieved by those of us who work here. In order to earn the trust, confidence and support of those we serve and those who do the work, all are entitled to be treated with respect, dignity, courtesy, enthusiasm and responsiveness.

One way we treat each other right is by finding ways to support each other. Another way is by doing right by ourselves--making sure that we stay physically and mentally fit. Commitment to the highest standards of ethics and integrity is also essential if we are to do right in our relationships with people.

## STRIVING ALWAYS TO BE BETTER

Cost-consciousness is what we stand for. We are thrifty with public money and continuously seek to find the most efficient and productive ways to deliver our services. Our organization must have an environment within which creativity and innovation can flourish; where prudent and planned risk-taking is encouraged. We recognize that we, as human beings, can never be perfect--and that means we can always get better. And we understand that we are better only as the people we serve believe we are better.

## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

Democratic values must be an integral part of how we function as an institution. The better informed the public is about the county, the more intelligent their judgments about us will be. Thus, all of us have an obligation to be the best source of information about Yolo County as we can be. And beyond that, we must constantly improve our ability to communicate with each other and with the public about what we do, how well we do it and how we are trying to do it better. We welcome public involvement, public scrutiny, cooperative efforts with public and private entities, public-private partnerships and openness in all our communications. We should set the kind of example and exhibit the kind of pride in our work that earns the trust and confidence of all our citizens.

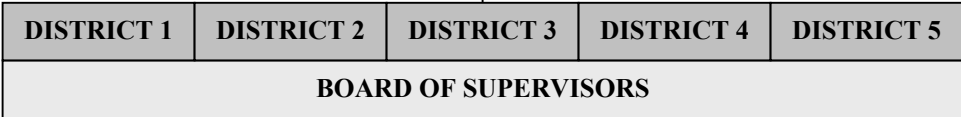
## CREATING AND NURTURING DIVERSITY

We value our differences as much as we value what we have in common. Understanding diversity and appreciating differences can help us provide the quality of services expected of us by the public. We seek diverse individuals to join and strengthen our organization and we strive to create a work environment that nurtures and encourages good people to remain a part of our Yolo County team.





**YOLO ELECTORATE**



FOR BUDGET PURPOSES

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**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

*Elected Departments*

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**COUNTY BUDGET OFFICE**

**CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

*Appointed Departments*

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**ALCOHOL, DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH**

**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

**EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**HEALTH**

**LIBRARY**

**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS**

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**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

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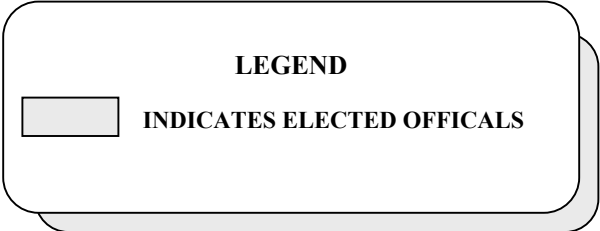
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**2004-2005 ORGANIZATION CHART**



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Fifth District – Lynnel Pollock  
County Administrator – Victor Singh

November 1, 2004

To the Citizens of Yolo County;

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2004-05 Final County Budget at its meeting of September 28, 2004. While addressing the reductions in ongoing revenues (in particular state revenues), the use of one-time funds, and the reorganization of some services, the County has managed to continue most services at a basically status quo level. As the Chairman of the Board, I can assure you that in spite of the many fiscal and service challenges faced by the County this year we have created a balanced and pragmatic budget.

The total of the combined county budgets for operations, capital facilities, and debt service is \$251.9 million. The operating budget of \$237.3 million is critical to financing all county programs and services. As part of the budget process, the County has reduced the number of authorized positions in its workforce by 5%, a reduction of 81 positions from the last fiscal year. In a year of retrenchment, reductions have occurred not only in the number of positions but the number of hours worked by the existing workforce. Through the implementation of a 60-hour furlough at the winter holidays an estimated \$2.0 million dollar savings will result. However, the furlough will result in a loss of administrative, and some regulatory, services provided by the County for that period. Crucial health and public safety services will be available.

Because the County has prudently managed its fiscal resources over the last several years, one-time revenues are available to assist in balancing the 2004-05 budget. The appropriation of tobacco settlement funds (Pomona funds), tribal mitigation funds, the furlough savings, and the use of money from County reserves provided a balance budget without draconian methods such as layoffs and severe service reductions.

However, next year the budget is not expected to improve. Outside economic forces, and the fiscal condition of the State, continue to hurt the County's revenues. County staff has begun analyzing and assessing the continued need for reductions in expenditures and, in turn, programs and services. Next year will again be difficult. There will be no new state revenues, but there will be increases in expenditures that will have to be met.

On the plus side, with the use of restricted capital funds, the County was able to continue the building projects for the much needed new juvenile hall and health services buildings. The approved capital facility/debt service budget equals \$14.5 million. These construction projects are necessary to replace the antiquated and overcrowded facilities currently in use. The completion of these buildings, through the use of capital funding from state and local sources, will provide facilities that more efficiently and safely deliver services to the community.

The 2004-05 final budget is a balanced fiscal plan for Yolo County. This plan brings together federal, state and local objectives and provides a responsible strategy for the coming year. We encourage public input, comments and concerns to our Board. We are dedicated to our adopted values: doing right by people, striving always to be better, making democracy work and creating and nurturing diversity. We believe the 2004-05 final budget reflects these values.

Respectfully,

Mike McGowan, Chairman  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors



COUNTY OF YOLO  
2004-2005 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

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