Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Purpose: The Yolo County Resource Conservation District commits to protect, improve, and sustain the natural resources of Yolo County

History: In 1937, as a result of the national "Dust Bowl" crisis, (when millions of acres of farmland were destroyed due to drought and erosion) the federal government passed legislation that established the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). To increase the ability to respond to specific local needs, the states formed "Soil Conservation Districts" that were controlled by local boards of directors. In California, Soil Conservation Districts began forming in the 1940s, and today there are 98 districts throughout the state. The first Soil Conservation District in Yolo County was formed in 1955, after which two others formed. Those three districts (Western Yolo, Hungry Hollow and Capay Valley SCDs) consolidated in 1977 to form the current Yolo County RCD. In the early 1970s, these districts that were originally empowered to address soil and water issues, expanded their emphasis to also include "related resources" such as fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, restoration and the control of exotic plant species. This broadening of scope was reflected in the name change in 1971 from "Soil Conservation" to "Resource Conservation Districts." Today, the Yolo County RCD includes approximately 392,869 acres.

Contact Information:

Yolo County Conservation District 221 West Court Street #1 Woodland, CA 95695 Phone Number: (530) 661-1688

Website: www.yolorcd.org

Makeup of Membership & Terms:

Governing Board of Directors: Five Board Directors. Directors serve a four-year term appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Associate Board of Directors: Six Associate Directors. An Associate Director stays on in an advisory capacity until he/she asks to be removed.

Frequency and time of meetings: Second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Conference Room

221 West Court Street, Suite 1, Woodland, CA 95695

Current Committee membership and terms:

Governing Board of Directors	Date Appointed	Expiration of Term
Anya Perron-Burdick	3/21/2023	11/2026
Mark Cady	3/21/2023	11/2026
Miranda Driver	3/21/2023	11/2026
Mike Turkovich	01/12/2021	11/2024
Eric Willson	01/12/2021	11/2024

How to apply to be a member of this committee:

Individuals interested in serving on the Governing Board of Directors may submit an application to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors' Office, 625 Court Street, Room 204, Woodland, CA 95695 or by completing an application on our website at www.yolocounty.gov Government> Advisory Bodies. For more information please call the Clerk of the Board at (530) 666-8195 or Yolo County Resource Conservation District at (530) 661-1688.

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