



COUNTY OF YOLO

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2018 Intergovernmental Advocacy Policy *Adopted December 12, 2017*

The 2018 Intergovernmental Advocacy Policy serves as a comprehensive platform for Yolo County's advocacy efforts, encompassing the County's values and goals. The advocacy policy is divided into the following federal and state departmental categories:

- County Administrator's Office
- Agriculture
- Assessor-Clerk Recorder-Elections
- Community Services
- Emergency Services
- Health & Human Services
- Law & Justice
- Libraries

From these categories, examples of specific policy objectives are identified; the objectives provide context to the County's platform. The objectives are directly linked to the goals of the County's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan as summarized below:

1. Thriving Residents
2. Safe Communities
3. Sustainable Environment
4. Flourishing Agriculture

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Federal

- Collaborate to ensure major flood and habitat projects in the Yolo Bypass proceed in an integrated fashion that avoids/minimizes impacts on agriculture, flood protection, and terrestrial species habitat, including migrating waterfowl, as well as secure full mitigation for any unavoidable impacts (Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Seek modifications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency standards for non-residential structures (Safe Communities)
- Support increased Section 6 funding for implementation of Habitat Conservation Plans (Sustainable Environment, Thriving Residents, Flourishing Agriculture)

State

- Continue to maintain a strong presence in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, Regional Flood Management Plan, and Yolo Bypass Partnership (Safe Communities, Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Secure funding for levee improvement and related flood control projects (Safe Communities)
- Support the development and implementation of the Corridor Management Framework in the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough complex and other multi-benefit projects that seek to integrate flood management, conservation, water quality, water supply and agricultural sustainability efforts into a locally supportable plan that reduces reliance on the Delta (Safe Communities, Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Secure a preferred alternative in the Yolo Bypass Salmonid Project EIS/EIR that balances the need for agricultural sustainability, conservation of wetlands, and other County priorities for the Yolo

Bypass, including but limited to, a meaningful governance role in the operations of any inundation control facility and the full mitigation of any economic impacts (Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)

- Secure funding for local participation in Delta and flood management policy discussions and funding for projects that provide benefits to County priorities in the Delta and Yolo Bypass. (Safe Communities, Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support the regional rail relocation and Port of West Sacramento west side alignment project (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)
- Support increased funding, including cap and trade funding, for implementation of Natural Community Conservation Plans (Sustainable Environment, Thriving Residents, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Oppose unfunded mandates or other legislation which limits the County's ability to efficiently deliver services and support legislation which streamlines state-local interaction and strengthens the ability of counties to self-govern
- Pursue and support legislation which corrects property tax inequality (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)

AGRICULTURE

Federal

- Support Rural and Community Investment Program (RCIP) initiatives supporting farmworker housing through the Housing Bond (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support full or increased funding for Farm Bill dog team program. This is a federal funding priority because this program protects all Californians from potential agricultural pests and diseases (Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)

- Support efforts to fund federal disaster funding for perennial crops reimbursement (Flourishing Agriculture)

State

- Support state funding for Williamson Act subvention payments, agricultural land conservation easements, agricultural and habitat impact mitigation, and other incentives to keep land in agriculture and open space (Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support the funding of Rural Urban Connection Strategy (RUCS) infrastructure projects, “Farm-to-Fork”, and other similar initiatives which would assist agribusiness in marketing and selling its goods in the local market (Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support initiative for creating a state Memorandum of Understanding that delineates language between *code enforcement* and *law enforcement* between cities and counties for cannabis regulation (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)

ASSESSOR-CLERK RECORDER-ELECTIONS

State

- Support the designation of a permanent funding stream for elections technology and equipment (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)
- Support legislation that brings additional clarity to document tax language in SB2: Affordable Housing Bill (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)
- Support legislation to address ambiguity in Williamson Act reporting and compliance policies
- Track state diacritical mark pilot program to understand issues before statewide implementation in future years (Thriving Residents)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

State

- Support additional funding for local roads and infrastructure improvements including the development and implementation of a countywide Capital Improvement Project (CIP) with a self-contained funding plan in concert with other local jurisdictions (Safe Communities)
- Support legislation that includes new waste-use technologies in the Diversion Credit (Safe Communities, Sustainable Environment)
- Support the continued development and implementation of community choice energy in Yolo County (Sustainable Environment)

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Federal

- Request dedicated funding for emergency response and repairs on levee systems as part of Yolo Bypass widening project (Safe Communities, Sustainable Environment)
- Support changes to current FEMA recovery procedures as these are costly and cumbersome for locals to follow and excessive staff time is currently needed to pull documentation and make trips to disaster sites (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)
- Support making excess funds from Emergency Management grants available to jurisdictions that can spend them at the end of annual grant cycles (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)

State

- Request funding from CalTrans to assist in SR-128 Fire Mitigation projects and evaluate potential shoulder widening (Safe Communities)
- Oppose funding cuts to Emergency Management Performance Grants, Homeland Security Grants, and Mitigation Grants. Cuts to these funding

sources will either lead to a weaker Emergency Management System or a larger cost share for local jurisdictions (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)

- Support a re-work of Government Code 8607 to standardize operational procedures under the Standardized Emergency Management System for all levels of government (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Federal

- Track 2020 federal waiver for mental health carve-out. Support or sponsor a pilot concept where health plan providers manage mental health instead of counties and consider partnership with additional counties (Thriving Residents)
- Oppose any efforts that would reduce Medicaid funding including proposals to implement a block grant process or otherwise limit federal matching funds for Medicaid, as well as oppose any action that would limit or reduce access to affordable healthcare (Thriving Residents)
- Support increased funding and expanded eligibility criteria for SNAP/CalFresh benefits and oppose any federal SNAP funding cuts (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation which ensures adequate funding for County administered safety net and public safety programs (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)

State

- Support increased funding and expanded eligibility criteria for SNAP/CalFresh benefits and oppose any federal SNAP funding cuts (Thriving Residents)
- Support automatic or streamlined post-incarceration MediCal enrollment for individuals who were MediCal eligible prior to incarceration (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)
- Pro-actively analyze policy proposals or legislation which affects our most vulnerable residents such as, Medi-Cal recipients, foster youth,

immigrants and refugees, and the aging (Thriving Residents)

LAW & JUSTICE

Federal

- Support an increase in funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program at the U.S. Department of Justice. (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)

State

- Ensure adequate funding for Yolo County's implementation of AB109 and related realignment and criminal justice/rehabilitation initiatives and advocate for the inclusion of performance measures in the allocation formula (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)
- Support cannabis legislation that provides law enforcement the legal framework to effectively police and prosecute illegal cannabis growers and the ability to place liens on properties engaging in illegal cannabis activities to recoup related enforcement costs (Thriving Residents, Safe Communities)

LIBRARIES

Federal

- Support the planning, funding, and construction of affordable broadband, particularly in un-served and underserved communities (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation that changes funding requirements under the Children's Internet Protection Act – oppose the requirement of Internet filters to receive equipment funding (Thriving Residents)

State

- Advocate for a new source of state funding for grants to rural libraries (Thriving Residents)

- Support increasing public library access to statewide educational databases for use in schools with goal of getting every child a library card (Thriving Residents)