

Yolo County Strategic Plan

2021 Accomplishments

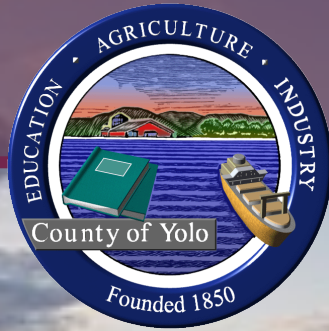


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YOLO COUNTY

OUR MISSION

Making a difference by enhancing the quality of life in our community

OUR VISION

Yolo County is a healthy, safe, and vibrant community where all have the opportunity to thrive and the environment is protected for future generations.

OUR CORE VALUES

Service **P**erformance **I**ntegrity **R**esponsibility **I**nnovation **T**eamwork

OUR GOALS



Thriving
Residents



Safe
Communities



Sustainable
Environment



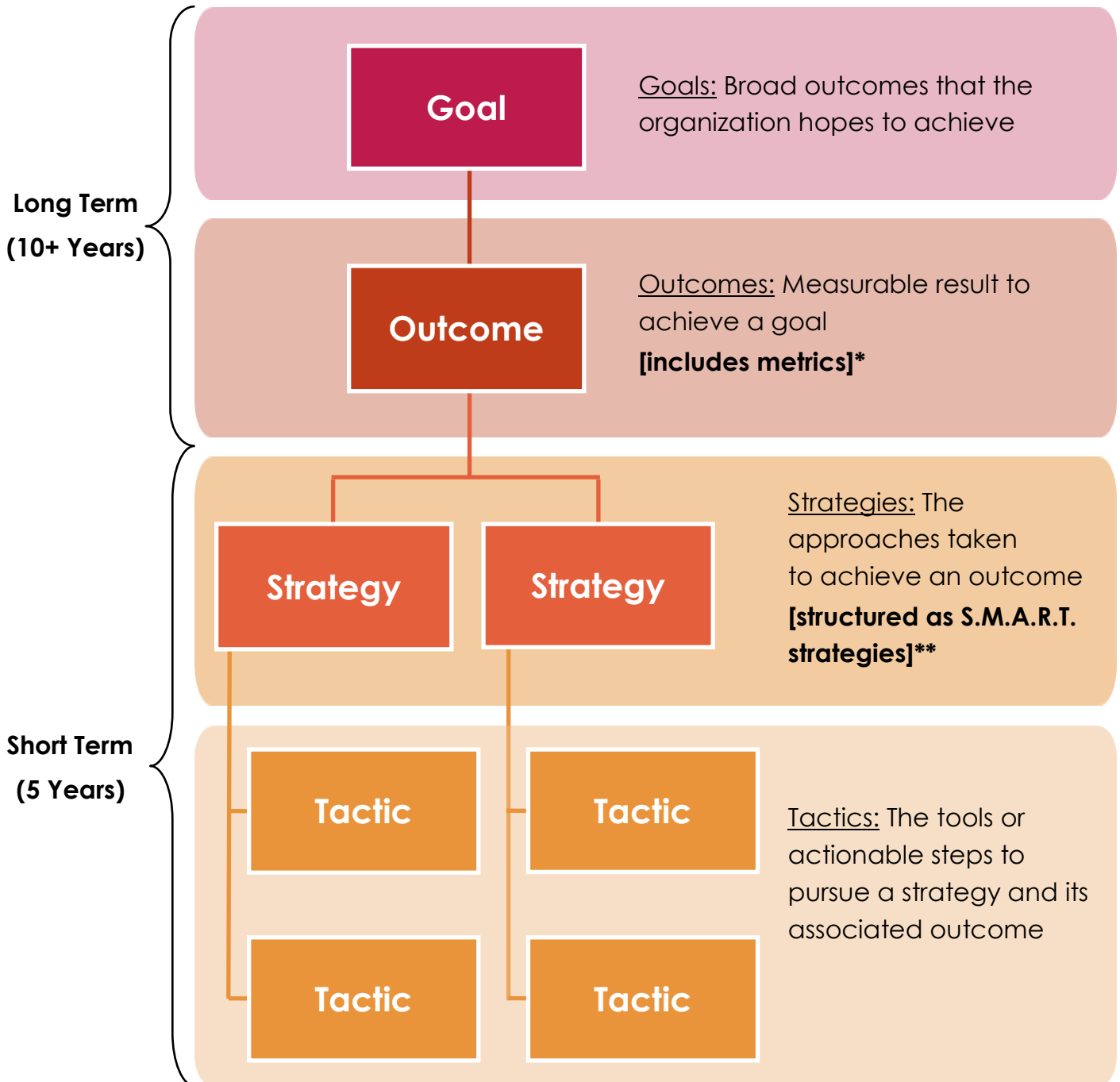
Flourishing
Agriculture



Robust
Economy

STRATEGIC PLAN FRAMEWORK

The terminology utilized for the Strategic Plan identifies clear outcomes, metrics and time-based strategies for each goal, in order to more effectively track progress and measure success.



* Standard of measurement

** Specific. Measurable. Attainable. Relevant. Time-Based.

2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OUTCOMES



Mission

Making a difference by enhancing the quality of life in our community

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THRIVING RESIDENTS



Support social, economic, and physical environments which promote good health and protect vulnerable populations so that community members and future generations have the opportunity to learn and grow to their full potential.

AGING

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT

OUTCOME

Reduce economic and health disparities while building resiliency and supportive care for aging residents of Yolo County.

- Collaborative efforts between Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services, IHSS Advisory Committee, and Resources for Independent Living (RIL) led to 511 “Go Kits” being donated by RIL to Yolo County IHSS consumers. All 511 of the donated Go Kits have been delivered to IHSS consumers living in the areas of Yolo County that have been most frequently impacted by emergency situations. Building on this collaborative effort, Yolo County HSA -IHSS purchased an additional 2,500 Go Kits for distribution to all remaining IHSS consumers. Partnership Health Plan’s \$1,000 donation to this effort will be used to purchase additional Go Kits as new IHSS consumers begin services. Feedback from our IHSS consumers has been very positive and appreciative of this much needed support!



Donated Go Kits by Resources for Independent Living



Donated Go Kits by Resources for Independent Living

HEALTH EQUITY

OUTCOME

Reduce disparities in health outcomes through upstream prevention by addressing root cause social determinants of health (education, income, neighborhood, and housing).

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The County invested more than \$450,000 in local community-based organizations to support vaccine outreach and enrollment efforts in high-priority communities and populations in the County.
- In collaboration with UC Davis and First 5 Yolo, County staff began development of the Yolo Basic Income (YOBI) Pilot Program to be launched in early 2022. YOBI addresses poverty and its effects on health and wellness by providing supplemental income to low income families in Yolo County.
- Health and Human Services Agency with community partners completed the triennial Community Status Survey with more than 1,500 County residents.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

OUTCOME

Link adults with behavioral health conditions to the appropriate level of services.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- When Yolo County partners conducted a Sequential Intercept mapping in 2018, felony competency restoration was identified as a need for greater services and supports. Since that time, the waitlist for placement at the Department of State Hospitals for felony incompetent to stand trial clients has continued to grow leading to significant delays in clients receiving the care from the State they need.

Partnering with the Department of State Hospitals on a grant opportunity, Yolo County was successful in securing funding to provide services to up to eight individuals over a 3-year period in a diversionary program that allowed clients to remain in the community and receive wraparound supports. Building on the partnership of the collaborative courts with the District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Courts, and Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), the HHSA team hired for this work has been able to actively serve eight individuals at a time, on pace to far exceed the anticipated number of clients required by the Department of State Hospitals.

- Yolo County received two No Place Like Home Program awards from the state Department of Housing and Community Development in 2019. In partnership with City of West Sacramento, Mercy Housing, CommuniCare Health Centers, and Telecare Corporation, the first project, West Sacramento's Mercy Housing 85-unit development, began move-ins for new residents in November 2021. Forty-one of the 85 units are designated for Yolo County clients who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness and require intensive service supports. Telecare, one of Yolo County's two full-service partnership providers, is responsible for providing the services to these 41 clients and Mercy Housing has contracted with CommuniCare to provide supportive services to the other 44 units which are for individuals referred through the City of West Sacramento or Yolo County homeless service providers.

No Place Like Home Development Housing



OUTCOME

Reduce the prevalence and transmission of infectious diseases with an emphasis on sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis.



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- To reduce the spread of COVID-19, Yolo County HHS staff partnered with the Office of Emergency Services to administer 74,158 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to individuals living and working in Yolo County.
- The efforts involved collaboration with numerous community partners and volunteers in planning and execution. Vaccination clinics were held indoors and outdoors, rain or shine, at multiple locations across Yolo County beginning in mid-December 2020 and continuing throughout the entirety of 2021.
- To make vaccination convenient, doses were delivered to individuals in their homes, at their workplaces, in their places of worship, and in their schools. The tremendous effort to provide first doses, second doses, and booster vaccines to Yolo County residents and workers protected these individuals against infection, hospitalization, and death from the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Combining County-administered doses with those provided by health care providers and pharmacies, 158,741 residents of Yolo County (70.3%) have received at least 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine as of December 13, 2021.



Photos from vaccination sites

SAFE COMMUNITIES



Protect the public through cross-system collaborations that focus on prevention, utilize evidence based strategies for treatment and intervention, provide legal representation and ensure code enforcement of unsafe conditions.

FIRE PROTECTION

OUTCOME

Increase sustainability of rural fire protection services.



<https://yolo-wildfire-1-ycrcd3.hub.arcgis.com/>

Yolo County Fire Safe
Council Website

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Yolo County and the Yolo Resource Conservation District have taken on the task of assisting with the creation of the first FireSafe Council (FSC) in Yolo County. This includes the acquisition of grants from various sources for approximately \$500,000 to fund the various aspects of this project which include (but are not limited to):
 - The establishment of the FSC (including a governance structure and multiple member agencies and residents).
 - The start of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
 - Hiring of new staff to oversee the programs to be created.
 - A new hub website for anyone in the County to use for fire preparedness.
 - Along with the establishment of the FSC, Supervisor Saylor's office worked with Supervisor Vasquez's office (in Solano County) to secure \$3.4 million in funds (\$1.5 to Yolo and \$1.9 to Solano) to enhance Vegetation Management, Alert and Warning, and Fire Preparedness and Mitigation efforts along Yolo County's western border.

INFRASTRUCTURE

OUTCOME

Enhance infrastructure and reduce flood risk in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Flood Hazard Annex for all agencies throughout Yolo County has been completed.
- Yolo County, in partnership with Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFCWCD), the Water Resources Agency of Yolo County, and Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency, is submitting multiple grants for projects in direct response to the drought. Some of these include drilling new wells, an above ground tank program for independent well owners, and acquisition of bottled drinking water.
- Last year it was reported that the County and Flood-Safe Yolo 2.0/YCFCWCD were able to complete and implement the Madison Flood Protection Improvement Plan (flood modeling and constructed projects). Staff is continuing to evaluate the effectiveness of implemented projects during significant storm events throughout the rest of this plan cycle. One significant storm occurred in 2021 (October 24, 2021), and though not a substantial test of the implemented projects, observations indicated that the improvements performed effectively. The FloodSafe Yolo 2.0 effort is continuing to develop a hydraulic study to identify a potential flood mitigation project to benefit the Towns of Esparto and Madison, and the connecting stretch of State Route 16.



Madison Flood Protection Projects

- At the November 9, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting, staff submitted a list of projects to receive permission to apply for the Proposition 68 Per Capita Planning Priority Grant. See project table below. This is a maximum \$400,000 grant opportunity which must be for a new construction or total facility replacement. Permission was granted at the meeting, and staff put together the project application and submitted to the State at the end of December 2021.

Project	Location	Cost Estimate
New Solar Panels on Shade Structure/Carport	Cache Creek Campground	\$ 50,000.00
Playground Equipment Replacement	Esparto Community Park	\$ 138,000.00
Parking Lot Expansion (Trail and Dog Park Area)	Grasslands Regional Park	\$ 97,000.00
Shade Structure Over Picnic Tables	Esparto Community Park	\$ 90,000.00
Pool Cover	Tuli Mem Park	\$ 22,000.00
Total Project Cost		\$ 397,000.00

Proposition 68 Per Capita Planning Priority Grant Projects

DISASTER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESILIENCY

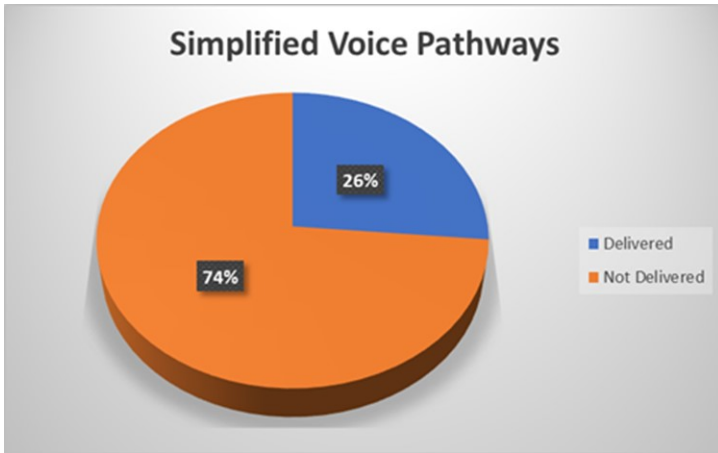
OUTCOME

Increase disaster emergency preparedness and resiliency of the Yolo County community and organization.

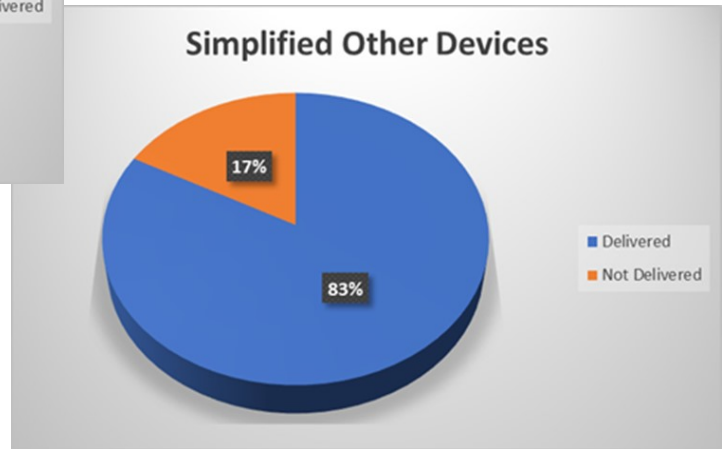
KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Every year, the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) holds a specific set of 10 courses that are designed to advance the knowledge of Emergency Operations Center Standard Operating Procedures. Any person within Yolo that responds to any one of the seven Emergency Operations Centers throughout the County is welcome to attend.
- As part of the Great California ShakeOut every year, OES tests the Mass Notification System that is owned by the County by sending out a test alert to every piece of data within the system. This year's test happened on 10/21/21 at 10:21 am. The data from the test has begun to indicate that it is easier to reach people on their mobile platforms than landlines (both are used every time the system is launched).

This year approximately 73.6% of the voice calls were either hung up on, not answered or went to a dead number while 83% of the data sends were successful.



Mass Notification System Delivery Data









- During the 2021 calendar year OES staff responded to many events (along with staff from multiple agencies for various reasons). This included four fires, two Cal ISO shut-offs, one Earthquake, four Public Safety Power Shutoffs, 44 HazMat Spill Reports, Multiple Heat and Cold events, Coronavirus, and Drought.



OES Staff responding to fires

- OES partnered with the Yolo Commission on Aging and Adult Services to record and edit a 6-part training series designed to educate individuals on self-preparedness measures they can take prior to disasters. The following modules are located in the [Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance YouTube](#) account for anyone interested in getting prepared:

- Module 1: Build a Kit
- Module 2: Make a Plan
- Module 3: Be Informed
- Module 4: Seniors and Those with Access & Functional Needs.
- Module 5: Financial Plan
- Module 6: Preparing for Wildfires - Defense of Home.

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Yolo OES YouTube Self-Preparedness Videos

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT



Efficiently utilize natural resources to provide recreational opportunities and ensure availability for generations to come, protect and improve water quality and quantity, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and maximize the use of renewable energy.

QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF WATER

OUTCOME

Ensure a balanced water portfolio.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Staff supported the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency in the development of the 2021 Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Staff also provided support and assistance with stakeholder outreach and public review of the draft Plan.
- The Department of Community Services, Environmental Health and Natural Resources divisions, and the County Office of Emergency Services led a regional Drought Task Force to assist water purveyors with identifying drought thresholds, development and implementation of drought contingency plans, and grant writing to secure funding for drought project implementation.
- County staff continue to engage and advocate for water resource sustainability through robust participation in the Westside Sacramento Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Coordinating Committee, the statewide IRWM Round Table, the Water Resources Association of Yolo County, and the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.

FLOURISHING AGRICULTURE



Facilitate a vibrant and resilient agricultural industry that concurrently preserves sufficient farmland to maintain local, state, and national food security in perpetuity.

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION

OUTCOME

Increase the preservation of agricultural land.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT

- The California Department of Conservation awarded the County \$250,000 in grant funding through the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) program to develop a Yolo County Agricultural Conservation Priority Plan. The Yolo County Agricultural Conservation Priority Plan will be a study on current projected agricultural land conversion, the effect of farmland conversion on greenhouse gas emissions, and a mapping exercise to identify parcels most at risk for conversion.
- The intent of analysis will be to identify alternative areas for targeted acquisition of agricultural conservation easements that will allow Yolo County and the four incorporated cities to continue supporting each other in protecting and preserving agriculture and promoting compact urban development. County staff issued a request for qualifications in summer of 2021 to consultant groups to assist in developing the Yolo County Agricultural Conservation Priority Plan and expect to have a consultant group under contract and for work to begin in January of 2022.

OUTCOME

Increase stability and supports for agricultural workers and agricultural employers.



Agricultural Workers

- To meet the goal of increasing the stability and supports for agricultural workers and agricultural employers in Yolo County during these challenging times, our dedicated Agriculture Worker Program Coordinator focused many of her efforts specifically around COVID testing and vaccination access. During this time some of her accomplishments have included assisting over 500 customers with MediCal, CalFresh, CalWORKS, and Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC) applications, as well as COVID testing. She has coordinated with farmers, labor contractors and the County to bring COVID vaccine clinics to the farms. She also collaborated with UC Davis and the Health Education Council to establish regular weekly COVID testing at all three migrant centers as well as free dinners. The Coordinator has also worked with our Ag Commissioner to supply hundreds of N95 masks and hand sanitizer to farmworkers on the farm.
- Taken over 500 calls through the Ag Hotline and have assisted with MediCal, CalFresh, CalWORKS, and STEAC applications as well as COVID testing and COVID vaccine access and appointment scheduling.
- Assisted with registration at COVID testing sites throughout the county.
- Enrolled 43 individuals in the state's Housing for Harvest program and provided wellness checks, grocery delivery, assistance with scheduling of medical appointments, transportation to hotel and COVID testing sites, assistance with MediCal applications, and a total of \$60,500 issued in financial assistance.
- Issued \$46,500 in financial assistance among 52 food industry workers affected by COVID through funds set aside by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.



- Coordinated with farmers, labor contractors and County to bring COVID vaccine clinics to the farms. Registered farmworkers for the vaccine and facilitated the clinics. A total of 27 clinics, over 5,600 workers vaccinated in about 3 months.
- Collaborated with UC Davis and the Health Education Council to establish regular weekly COVID testing at all 3 migrant centers as well as free dinners. Collaborated with the ORALE project to establish weekly COVID testing at the California Human Development office in Woodland.
- Raised over \$8,000 to provide a \$50 cash gift with a basket of home essentials and PPE to help the families transition into the migrant centers.
- Did media interviews with Univision to promote the Housing for Harvest program and the Ag Hotline.
- Worked with our Ag Commissioner to supply hundreds of N95 masks and hand sanitizer to farmworkers on the farm.



Welcome for Migrant Farmworker Families

\$8,263 raised of \$8,000 goal

130 donations

Share

Donate now

This fundraiser is located near you

Maria Grijalva	\$100	7 mos
Tamara Shevlin	\$50	7 mos

Agricultural Workers and COVID-19 Vaccination



ROBUST ECONOMY

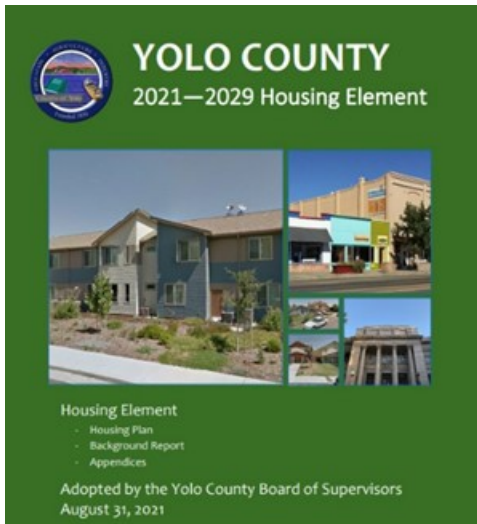


Promote a balanced economy that offers job opportunities and ample services for every resident as well as avenues for business growth and development.

HOUSING

OUTCOME

Reduce barriers related to the development of affordable housing units.



Housing Element

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT

- In August 2021, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted an update of the Housing Element of the 2030 Countywide General Plan. The Housing Element is designed to provide an analysis of the County's housing needs for all income levels, along with strategies to provide for those needs. The document addresses many of the strategies laid out in the 2020-2025 Yolo County Strategic Plan including guidance on clarifying and simplifying residential development standards to allow higher density and accessory housing, discussion of possible barriers to housing permitting, and identification of infill areas and unused County property available for residential development.
- The County is already moving forward on the programs identified in the Housing Element to increase the production of affordable housing:
 - A Zoning Code update to facilitate Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) permitting has been adopted and a more thorough cleanup and streamlining of the County Zoning Code is near completion.

- The Department of Community Services has received grants to conduct a water and sewer Feasibility Study and Community Plan update for the unincorporated town of Dunnigan.
- Yolo County has identified locations and projects to provide affordable housing beyond its regionally allocated requirements.

WORKFORCE AND JOB DEVELOPMENT

OUTCOME

Facilitate successful employment and increase household income amongst participants in employment services with the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

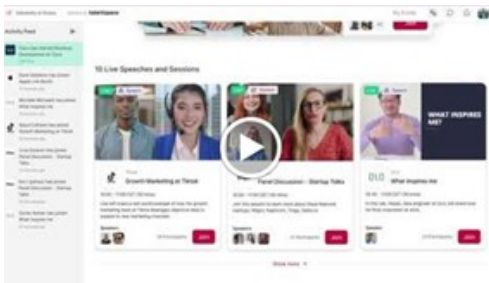
- YoloWorks! began offering virtual services for jobseekers to connect with employers and resources to assist with their job search and training resources. More than 10 virtual job fairs were offered to jobseekers seeking employment with local and government opportunities. Jobseekers were able to connect with employers via Talentspace in live booths that were like an in-person event.

“I had participated in other virtual job fairs and this was by far my favorite. It was pretty straight forward, easy to navigate. I was surprised by how easy it was to join a room and either ask a question via the chat or request to appear on camera. The presenters were very willing to help and share their knowledge. Overall, I was very impressed by the event. Thank you for hosting.”



YoloWorks Virtual Help

- To help bridge the digital divide, in July 2021, YoloWorks! offered customers access to 251 Chromebooks and 58 mifis with access to employment resources, employment case managers, and access to obtain a work skills certification with digital badging.



YoloWorks Virtual Help

“I am grateful for the Chromebook Program that I have been part of this 2021. As a single mom I struggle economically. The computer I had for many years, no longer worked this summer. Not being able to go in person to a nearby career center and use the computers was devastating and using a cell phone for job searching was overwhelming. It has been a blessing having Chromebook at home where I can now connect with employers, job fairs, and even take courses in skills I needed more insight to prepare me for my next career. I am proud to say, that with the aid of the Chromebook Program I received a CPR certification. YAY! The Chromebook Program has helped me be better prepared for online zoom conferences, ongoing cold calls with recruiters and employers.” Thank you! -Patricia



YoloWorks Employment Center Flyer

- In November 2021, YoloWorks! launched a virtual employment center connecting jobseekers to real live assistance for career and vocational assistance via an online platform through Google Cloud.
- In partnership with Google, YoloWorks will provide 500 free licenses to their Grow with Google Program. The program will provide residents of Yolo County free access to Google’s Career Certificates in IT Support, Data Analytics, Project Management, UX Design, or Android Development professional certificate programs without the need of a college degree or prior experience.

