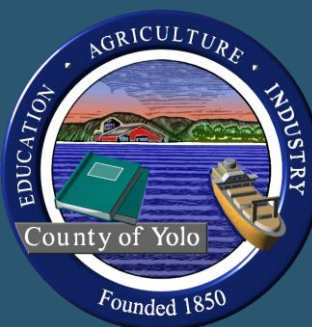


Updated Yolo County Climate Action Commission Charter

October 21, 2025

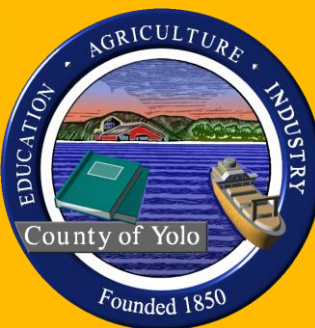
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Presentation Outline

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Background—How We Got Here

September 2020 | Passed Resolution Declaring a Climate Crisis Requiring an Urgent and Inclusive Mobilization in Yolo County.

- The Yolo County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 20-114, setting countywide goal of **carbon-negative footprint by 2030** while centering equity and ensuring a Just Transition.
- Resolution directed the creation of an advisory body, the **Yolo County Climate Action Commission (YCCAC)**, to guide the County's **Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)**.

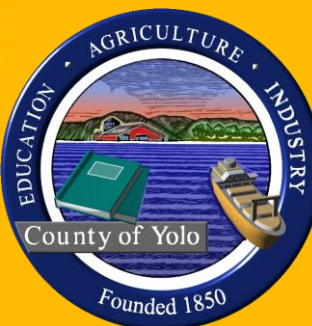
May 2021 | The Yolo County Climate Action Commission was Established

March 2022 | Original Commission Charter Formally Adopted by the Board

December 2024 | Adoption of Net-Negative by 2030 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

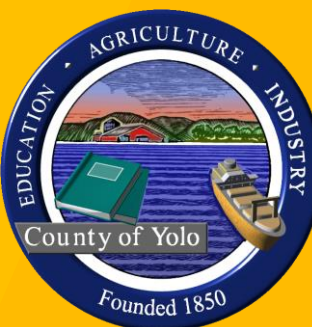
- The CAAP is adopted anonymously by the Board of Supervisors, signaling a transition from CAAP development to implementation.

2025 | Charter Updated to Align with Implementation Phase



Commission Accomplishments

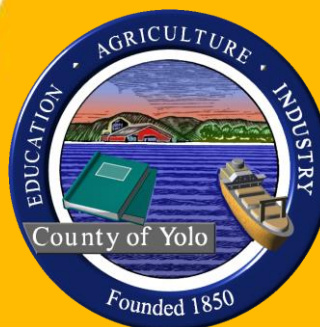
- Met **39 times** between 2021 - 2025.
- Selected and began implementation of **7 Early Action Projects**.
- Allocated **\$1M in ARP funds to 22 projects**.
- Guided development and public review of the **CAAP (adopted in Dec 2024)**.
 - Identified **Phase I Implementation Priorities (2025 - 2027)**.
 - Helped facilitated **80+ outreach events** and collected survey responses from **1,200+ community members**.
- Advised on **Updated Commission Charter scope** presented today.



The Original Charter (2022)

Purpose: Guide CAAP development through science, data, equity, and best practices.

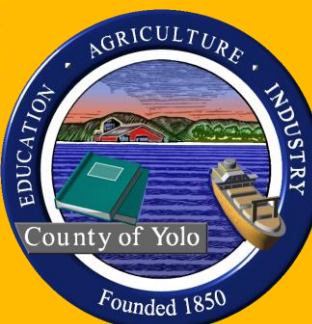
Category	Seat	Appointing Authority	Term Length
A	Five (5) Supervisorial District Representatives	Each Supervisor	2 years
B	Two (2) At-large Members	Supervisorial District Representatives	
C	One (1) Technical Lead (<i>Climate Scientist/Subject-Matter Expert</i>)	Board with Staff Rec.	
D	Two (2) Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Experts	Supervisorial District Representatives	
E	One (1) Environmental Justice Lead	Board with Staff Rec.	
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The Updated Charter (2025)

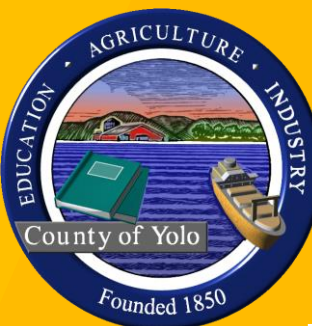
Purpose: Support CAAP implementation and progress toward net-negative emissions by 2030.

Category	Seat	Appointing Authority	Term Length
A	Five (5) Supervisorial District Representatives	Each Supervisor	3 years
B	One (1) Environmental Justice Lead	Board with Staff Rec.	2 years
C	One (1) Business Community Lead	Board with Staff Rec.	2 years
D	One (1) Natural & Working Lands Expert	Yolo RCD	At the Pleasure of RCD
E	One (1) Transportation Expert	YoloTD	At the Pleasure of YoloTD
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	<i>UC Davis & Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation</i>	<i>UC Davis & Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>



Proposed Purpose Statement

1. Reviewing and Recommending Approval of an **Annual CAAP Implementation Plan**.
2. Reviewing and Recommending Approval of an **Annual CAAP Funding Strategy**.
3. Reviewing and Recommending Approval of an **Annual CAAP Engagement Strategy**.
4. Advising on the Development and Implementation of **Climate and Sustainability Initiatives as Needed**.
5. Advising on **High-Impact Discretionary Projects**.

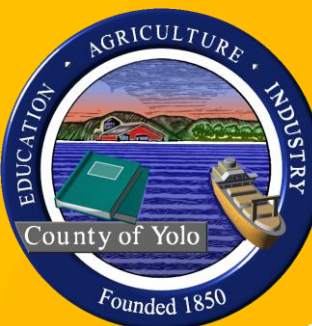


Advising on High-Impact Discretionary Projects

Sustainability Staff, in coordination with Planning staff, shall refer discretionary projects to the Commission if they meet one of more of the following criteria:

- Board-level land use approvals (*including General Plan amendments, rezonings, development agreements, major subdivisions*) that Sustainability staff has determined, based on the information available at the early review stage, **may have potentially-significant greenhouse gas impacts.**
- Proposals resulting in the **conversion of more than 20 acres of agricultural or habitat land** to nonagricultural/habitat uses.
- New building construction **exceeding 100,000 gross square feet.**
- Subdivisions creating **more than 50 residential lots**, excluding projects that are exempt from CEQA.
- Proposals involving **new fossil fuel production, storage, or distribution**, or fossil-fuel-fired energy generation.

The Commission's **role is advisory only**, and will not constitute project approval, denial, or modification. This review is intended solely to provide **early, principle-based guidance to staff and applicants** to support CAAP consistency.



Next Steps

Fall 2025

- Recruitment of new Commission members.

January 2026 (Tentative)

- Board appointment of Subject-Matter Experts.
- **Commission re-launch.**

Ongoing

- Bi-monthly meetings (or more often as needed for project review)
- Annual presentation of CAAP Implementation, Funding, and Engagement Strategies to Board.

