

Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc & Standing Subcommittees

Scope / Charge / Issue Assessment

Name of Subcommittee: Yolo Bypass Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Type of Subcommittee: Standing ☐ Ad Hoc ☒

Subcommittee Members: Villegas/Allen

County Staff Contact(s): Sabrina Snyder

Description of Scope and Charge of the Subcommittee: Coordinate with staff on projects and initiatives within the scope of the Yolo County Position Statement on Regional Water Supply, Flood Protection, and Habitat Restoration projects, as updated on September 8, 2026. Such coordination shall include, but is not limited to, supporting staff collaboration with federal, state, and local agencies on matters covered by the Position Statement within or affecting the Yolo Bypass, participating in meetings with other agency officials and staff as needed, and ensuring timely County staff engagement with the Board of Supervisors on matters requiring action. As necessary to promote the aims of the Position Statement, the subcommittee's collaborative role may extend to projects and initiatives that do not affect the Yolo Bypass but have other effects, direct and indirect, within the County (e.g., Delta Conveyance Project).

Significant Actions and Events Over the Past Year: Continued coordination with the Delta Counties Coalition on matters of regional interest; engagement with SAFCA on potential expansion of the Yolo Bypass; joint advocacy with Solano County to the California Natural Resources Agency on revitalizing the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership; guidance to staff in the successful completion of an MOU resolving the Big Notch Project litigation and a separate MOU resolving the Fair Ranch in-stream flow transaction litigation.

Ongoing and Emerging Issues: Leading current issues include the Yolo Bypass Comprehensive Study (led by the Army Corps of Engineers, examining Bypass expansion), Big Notch Project operations, implementation of DWR 2025 MOU (local project funding elements), Bay Delta Plan Update including Healthy Rivers and Landscapes, and state of emergency proclamation re. golden mussels.

Future Goals / Next Steps: Generally, advance the County's interests in agricultural and economic sustainability and other issues mentioned in the Position Statement, including through engagement and collaboration with state and regional agencies.

Anticipated Board Report, Dates and Actions: None presently.

Anticipated Duration of Ad Hoc Effort: Through completion of the Chief of Engineers Report in connection with the Yolo Bypass Comprehensive Study, anticipated in May 2028.