



**To:** Colleagues, Yolo County Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Helen M. Thomson, Chairwoman  
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**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Key Accomplishments – 2010

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**Yolo County Vision for 2022:**

Yolo County 2022 has preserved agriculture and used open space and natural areas to separate our distinctive communities.

Yolo County 2022 is a place for healthy living supported by easy mobility and a 21<sup>st</sup> century technology community.

Yolo County 2022 has a strong local economy and an abundance of water.

Yolo County 2022 has strong, interdependent services and relationships with city partners.

**Yolo County Goals for 2012:**

\*Financially sustainable county government

\*Environmentally sensitive and quality county infrastructure, facilities and technology

\*Top quality workforce providing responsive services

\*Preservation of agriculture and open spaces with planned economic development

\*Partnering and collaborating for a successful Yolo County

\*Safe and healthy communities

At year's end 2010, I am taking this opportunity to highlight a few of the accomplishments of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, and to acknowledge the hard work and dedication each of you has offered to the Yolo County community.

As the great recession deepened this past year, our budget challenges were severe. Beginning with a Board of Supervisors, CAO, and Department Head retreat in February, much attention to detail, study of the issues, attendance at budget workshops and creativity went into the year-long effort to balance the budget. Thank you for your willingness to actively participate in the deliberations, debate, and difficult decisions which resulted in a balanced budget by November.

The Clerk to the Board, staff, Supervisor's Deputies and Assistant Supervisor's Deputies, the CAO staff, County Counsel and her staff and the Department Heads are all worthy of special thanks and recognition this year. A special "shout out" to Patrick Blacklock, who in his first year as Yolo County CAO provided competent and compassionate leadership. Despite our intense concentration on the budget, a lot of other work was accomplished as you'll see in this report.

I especially want to acknowledge our employees who have contributed toward these achievements by their work in this county, even as they faced the consequences of those budget decisions we made.

Despite the challenges, we continue to serve the residents of Yolo County, especially our most vulnerable. We continue to look optimistically toward the future and beyond Yolo County, by planning for and protecting the valuable resources of this region. Thank you to all who contribute to these efforts and who make Yolo County our "home" place.

## Budget and Finance

- Devoted strategic planning efforts specifically to budget planning in preparation for an initial estimated \$21 million shortfall in the General Fund, which grew during the year to \$24 million.
- Added seven additional meetings to the Board of Supervisors calendar and held comprehensive budget workshops which included an in-depth review of each program budget, line-by-budget line, within each department, as well as to review a countywide staffing study.
- Directed staff to build the 2010/11 budget based on an array of revenue allocations, program reductions and, unfortunately, staff lay-offs.
- Approved an initial county budget in June of \$308 million and amended the adopted county budget in November after the Legislature adopted the State Budget, which was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2010. Appropriations were increased by \$1,577,254 and the contingency was reduced from (\$4,195,775) to (\$3,176,084).
- Over \$20 million was received in ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) funds by the County and utilized as described below:

Department	Description	Bonds	Grants: Programs & Projects	Grants: Assistance to Residents
General Services	Funded energy efficiency improvements to Yolo County buildings, which will reduce electricity payments.		\$129,000	
General Services	Funded an airport runway improvement project at the Yolo County Airport that will increase the airport's ability to accommodate air traffic, resulting in the ability to rent more hangars and otherwise increase the capacity of the airport.		\$938,722	
General Services	New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds and Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds funded installation of solar energy panels at detention center and associated administrative buildings, as well as Employment & Social Services. The County will pay for the interest payments on the bonds with reduced electricity payments resulting from the project. Created or saved an estimated 100 jobs in construction, design and engineering over the 4-6 month term of the construction project.	\$4,019,214		
Auditor	Delays 3% withholding on government contractors to January 2010			
Employment & Social Services	Funded 29 jobs for adults from March 2010 to August 2010. Total amount awarded unknown until County reimbursed for the 29 placements. CalWorks Emergency Contingency Fund subsidized employment.		pending	

Employment & Social Services	Placed 210 youths in subsidized employment from May 2009 to March 2010. Also provided funding for 4 county staff jobs.		\$1,184,787	
Employment & Social Services	Funded job training for adults. Did not create or save jobs because expenditures used entirely for job training programs.		\$1,139,754	
Employment & Social Services	Funded payments to food banks and rent assistance and utility assistance to low-income individuals. Did not create or save jobs because expenditures solely on assistance payments.			\$472,392
Employment & Social Services	Provided assistance with earned income tax credit to individuals (Community Service Block Grant program). Funds did not directly create jobs because the focus is helping low-income individuals receive tax refunds to which they are entitled.			\$44,866
Employment & Social Services	Funded increased payments for foster care and adoptions, but did not create or save jobs. Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage.			\$1,215,728
Employment & Social Services	Funded Rapid Response Services to assist private companies and connect dislocated workers with services and employment opportunities during layoffs.			\$372,307
Employment & Social Services	Increased federal participation in In-Home Supportive Services provider wages. Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage.			\$1,700,583
Health	Funded purchase of equipment for Women, Infant, and Children Program.		\$15,361	
Health	Funded contract with CommuniCare for assistance with childhood immunizations			\$31,000
Economic Development	Project will include construction of two communications towers and upgrade of computer aided dispatch. Recovery Zone Bonds (government facilities) to Yolo Emergency Communication Agency. Construction not yet started.	\$3,800,000		
Child Support Services	Funded 6 Child Support Officers and 5 Administrative Clerks for one fiscal year, resulting in maintenance of ability to recover child support payments.		\$649,645	
District Attorney	Funded victim and witness assistance.		\$16,308	

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District Attorney	Funded 0.5 DA investigator and 1 Probation Officer through the Anti-Drug Abuse Recovery Act program.		\$336,123	
Probation	Funded nine probation officers for a two-year period to implement an innovative program to reduce recidivism.		\$2,692,000	
Sheriff	Combines \$15,000 award with \$70,000 from Yolo cities' awards to fund a correctional officer at the jail for one fiscal year.		\$85,000	
Planning & Public Works	Funded rehabilitation of County Road 22.		\$907,937	
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Planning & Public Works	Funded rehabilitation of County Road 93A.		\$276,234	
		<b>\$7,819,214</b>	<b>\$8,761,570</b>	<b>\$3,836,876</b>

## Legislation

The Legislative Subcommittee was very active this year, working with our Intergovernmental Affairs staff. A legislative platform was adopted with federal, state, regional, fiscal and grant priorities. 54 bills in the State Legislature were tracked and positions on 21 bills were taken (see chart below). Six bills which we supported passed the Legislature (highlighted with an asterisk) and were signed by the Governor.

Bill	Author	Subject	Position	Status
AB 12*	Beall & Bass	Foster care for non-minor dependents	Support; concerns about County costs	Chaptered
AB 754	Chesbro	Medi-Cal, mental health plans	Support	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 1409	Perez	Public contracts, county highway work authority	Oppose	Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
AB 1681	Yamada	All-mailed ballot elections	Support	Vetoed
AB 1745	Ammiano	Burial permit fees, indigent burials	Support	Vetoed

AB 2036	Berryhill	Public contracts, fees for contract documents	Opposed initial version; removed opposition per amendments	Chaptered
AB 2092	Huffman	Delta Stewardship Council planning and administration fee	Support if amended (DCC)	Failed passage on Senate Floor
AB 2151	Torres	Public safety employee insurance liability	Oppose	Vetoed
AB 2198	Cook	\$30 Million Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund appropriation	Support	Held in Assembly Appropriations
AB 2398*	Perez	Product stewardship, carpet	Support	Chaptered
AB 2515*	VM Perez	Drinking water, point of use treatment	Support	Chaptered
AB 2530*	Nielsen	Williamson Act	Support	Chaptered
AJR 38	Arambula, Caballero & Fuller	Public resources: Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project	Oppose	Enrolled - chaptered by Secretary of State
SB 85*	Cogdill	Local government finance - Education Revenue Augmentation Funds	Support	Chaptered
SB 715	Wolk	Williamson Act	Support	Held in Assembly Agriculture
SB 808*	Wolk	Delta levee maintenance	Support (DCC)	Chaptered
SB 991	Wolk	Delta Flood Control Appropriation	Support (DCC)	Enrolled - held at desk per Joint Rule 57 (until adoption of state budget)
SB 1020	Wolk	State budget; performance based budgeting	Support	Failed passage
SB 1084	Liu	California Economic Security Task Force	Support	Held in Assembly Appropriations
SB 1174	Wolk	Future Sustainable Communities Pilot Project	Support if amended (DCC)	Held in Assembly Appropriations
SB 1214*	Wolk	Crisis Nursery sunset and emergency placements	No position; support if amended for previous version	Chaptered

*\* Bills passed which were supported by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.*

A significant effort by the Board and staff was also dedicated to Delta issues including BDCP, Habitat, and water. Thanks to our intergovernmental and legal staff as well as our Board sub-committee for their many hours in hearings, workshops, and negotiations with state and federal agencies and water contractors.

## **General Government**

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- The Board of Supervisors joined California Communities CaliforniaFirst AB 811 Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Statement Financing program. Unfortunately, as a result of opposition from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, all AB811/PACE programs are currently on hold
- We partnered with the U.S. 2010 Census Bureau to disseminate information, encourage participation and work to achieve an accurate and complete count for our county.
- Approved agreement with OverDrive, Inc. for digital delivery to the Yolo County Library of audiobooks, e-books, video and music.
- Updated the County's Strategic Plan vision and goals and adopted a list of fiscal year 2010/11 actions which support those goals.
- Considered local revenue options involving collaboration with cities and other partners, adopted principles for collaboration and established a subcommittee on local revenue raising options.
- Approved 2010 housing goals and priorities and established a subcommittee to advise staff on housing developments and policy.
- Adopted a Social Media policy.
- Co-hosted the "Building a Safer Community for At-Risk Seniors: A Yolo County Crisis to Action Summit," Hosted by Supervisor Jim Provenza.
- Approved participation in Delta impact studies to provide scientific and economic analysis.
- Approved reorganization of the County Administrator's office to include Human Resources, General Services and Parks & Resources.
- Responded to the draft Tribal Environmental Impact Report for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's proposed Cache Creek Casino Resort Event Center project, which was later put on hold.
- Approved the YoloArts panel recommendations for public art in the three new Yolo County branch libraries.
- Adopted a moratorium on certain habitat projects undertaken as mitigation for activities and impacts occurring outside of Yolo County.
- Authorized a no-cost solar agreement to install solar panels at the Davis, Clarksburg, Esparto, Knights Landing and Yolo branch libraries.
- Supervisor Mike McGowan was elected California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President.

- Dedicated the renovated and expanded Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library and approved naming the Children’s Annex after Supervisor Helen M. Thomson.
- Approved appropriations to purchase a web-based agenda management system.
- Co-sponsored with PAWS, an animal welfare educational forum, held in West Sacramento and attended by over 100 people.

Grants and awards received of note:

- \$6,000 grant for the Archives from the National Endowment for Humanities.
- \$50,000 grant for YoloLINK Community Database and Directory from Kaiser.
- \$232,000 grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board to construct facility improvements at the Clarksburg Boat Launch.
- \$28,890 in grants for projects that stimulate excellence in library services and promote widespread access to learning and information resources from the California State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- Awarded a Silver medal for our County’s booth at the California State Fair booth.
- The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library in West Sacramento was one of three recognized with the 2010 Estela and Raúl Mora Award for exemplary efforts in promoting El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children’s Day/Book Day) from REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking.
- Chairwoman Thomson and Supervisor McGowan each were recognized with a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Circle of Service Award.

**Law & Justice Services**

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- Appropriated \$200,000 in Community Oriented Policing Services funds to purchase a replacement airplane for the Sheriff’s Department.
- Appropriated \$40,000 in Asset Forfeiture funds for upgrading the Public Defender’s case management system.
- “Flipped the switch” on the County’s new 1-megawatt solar photovoltaic project installed to supply power to both the Monroe Detention Center and the Juvenile Detention Facility.
- Approved agreements with all four cities and the University of California, Davis for provision of animal services.

Grants and awards received of note:

- \$66,786 Disproportionate Minority Contact Enhanced Technical Assistance Project II grant from the Correction Standards Authority.
- \$322,264 grant for the Sheriff’s Boat Patrol, Boat Safety, and Search and Rescue Programs from the California Department of Boating and Waterways.

- \$58,000 and \$79,589 grants for increased intensive community supervision of offenders convicted of sexual assault as well as increased support for their victims from the U.S. Department of Justice, Cal EMA.
- \$30,000 grant for the Evidence-Based Supervision Program from the California EMA, Justice Assistance Grant program.
- \$43,989 grant for the Sheriff's Department Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Program from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.
- \$230,000 for the Workers' Compensation grant, \$38,942 for the Life and Annuity grant and \$132,796 for the Automobile Insurance Fraud grant, all from the California Department of Insurance.

## **Health & Human Services**

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- Supported and staffed numerous Novel H1N1 Influenza vaccine clinics in communities throughout Yolo County.
- Held workshop on Environmental Health-related fees and received resulting Environmental Health Fee and Customer Service Task Force Report.
- Received updates on fiscal year 2010/11 budget issues from Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health.
- Received report from Employment & Social Services updating information presented in budget workshops.
- Received regular updates on YCHIP – the Yolo County Healthcare for Indigents Program – as well as Federal Healthcare Reform.
- Participated in the activities of the Future of the Safety Net Healthcare Providers Group.
- Appointed David Kears Interim Health Director and Dr. Christian Sandrock Interim Health Officer.
- Directed staff to prepare updates to the Yolo County Code regarding sewage disposal and water quality to incorporate 2030 General Plan actions, reflect current state and industry standards and require pre-sale testing of domestic wells and septic systems.

### Grants and awards received of note:

- Accepted generous private donations in the amount of \$185,000 for the purpose of limiting the reductions of existing mental health services to Yolo County consumers provided by Pine Tree Gardens via the Turning Point Community Program and by Yolo County Care Continuum.
- \$128,315 grant for education to increase consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, and promotion of physical activity from the California Department of Public Health.
- \$125,000 Blue Shield Foundation grant to engage key community stakeholders, providing planning for the State of California Medi-Cal 1115 Waiver Health Care Coverage and develop and Integrated Chronic Illness Management Program to integrate physical and mental health services. County healthcare providers groups donated \$25,000 to leverage the grant.

## **Planning & Public Works**

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- Adopted the updated Off-Street Parking and Loading ordinance.
- Accepted the Yolo County City/County Drainage Manual prepared by the floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program.
- Adopted the countywide Transportation Impact Study Guidelines.
- Accepted as complete the County Road 22 Rehabilitation Project.
- Received first annual report on Yolo County's Green Procurement Policy.
- Supported the Yolo County Building Amnesty Program – a program for owners of property in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County which provided opportunities to apply for building permits through the Planning & Public Works Department for buildings, additions, remodels, electrical, plumbing and mechanical work that was not completed with the benefit of permits and the associated inspections.
- Approved spending plan for fiscal year 2009/10 Proposition 1B Local Streets and Roads fund in the amount of \$3.2 million.
- Accepted the Yolo County Central Landfill Scale House project as complete.
- Adopted a Clustered Agricultural Housing Ordinance.
- Adopted a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
- Accepted as complete the Esparto Main Street Revitalization project.
- Began the Road 98 Safety Improvement Project, including obtaining rights of way from property owners.

### Grants and awards received of note:

- The 2030 Countywide General Plan was this year's recipient of the "Comprehensive Planning for a Small Jurisdiction" award from the Sacramento Chapter of the American Planning Association.
- Jim Campbell, Planning and Public Works Principle Engineer, was recognized with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Salutes! "Employee of the Year" award.
- The 2030 Countywide General Plan was recognized with the SACOG Salutes! Blueprint Excellence Award.
- Bogle Vineyards, whose large winery expansion was supported by the Board of Supervisors, won the SACOG Salutes! Regional Business of the Year award.

## Capital Improvements

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- Installation of roof on the County Administration Building in Woodland.
- Construction of new Winters branch library.
- Renovation and restoration of Davis branch library.
- \$7.5 million solar project at the Justice Campus.
- Roof repairs at County Services Building at 600 A Street, Davis.
- Adult Day Health Care Roof recoating and concrete project.
- Worked with Yolo County Housing and ADMH to purchase, rehabilitate, and furnish two houses for Mental Health consumers in Woodland and West Sacramento.
- Demolished structures and removed most of the antenna pylons at the Davis Global Communications Site
- Sold unused property valued at \$500,000 to CommuniCare Clinics for their expansion in Woodland.