



**Yolo Bypass Integrated Project
End of Year Final Report
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

The **Yolo County Integrated Resource Water Management Plan** is composed of a set of water related projects loosely grouped by watershed. For purposes of the Yolo County IRWMP, projects in the Yolo Bypass are called the **Yolo Bypass Integrated Project (YBIP)**. Since Fiscal Year 2007-08, **Yolo Basin Foundation** has been under contract with the **Yolo County Water Resources Association** to serve as the facilitating entity for the YBIP.

In the past 12 months there has been progress in bringing forward the concept of integrated planning for the Yolo Bypass. This integration is happening at the local level through Yolo County's participation in numerous ways. At the Regional level there is the regional Flood Management Plan Project Development Team. At the state level, Kris Tjernell, Special Assistant for Water Policy at the CA Resources Agency (CNRA), is working with the multiple state and federal agencies while being in close communication with local stakeholders. Yolo Basin Foundation is working closely with representatives from the three levels of government plus keeping in communication with farmers and wetland managers and agency staff from Department of Water Resources (DWR), Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) and US Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR).

During the FY 2015-2016 Yolo Basin Foundation organized and facilitated two Yolo Bypass Working Group meetings with the following agenda items:

December 8, 2015 – What's up for the Yolo Bypass in 2016, attended by 28 stakeholders.

1. Integrating Flood protection and fisheries habitat improvements (conceptual ideas and modeling efforts)
2. Drainage and Infrastructure Improvements (Proposition 1 grant proposals)
3. Eco Restore projects in the Yolo Bypass
4. USACOE Sacramento River Flood Control Project Reauthorization (GRR)
5. Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area update

May 24, 2016 – Attended by 42 stakeholders

1. USACOE Sacramento River Flood Control Project Reauthorization Informational Briefing
2. Regional Flood Management Plan for Lower Sacramento River/North Delta (Yolo Bypass)
3. Salmon Biological Opinions: Yolo Bypass, Timeline for developing alternatives for USBOR and DWR
4. Wallace Weir Improvements: Objectives and timeline
5. Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Memorandum of Understanding

During the FY 2015/2016 for the YBIP Yolo Basin Foundation participated in the following stakeholder groups and other related meetings:

1. Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration Working Group, also known as Yolo Bypass Biological Opinion Working Group and previously known as Post Value Planning Team and Yolo Bypass Integrated Stakeholder Group.
2. Coalition for Delta Projects
3. Delta Conservancy (as Yolo Basin Foundation community liaison to the Delta Conservancy Board)
4. Public scoping meeting on GRR
5. USACOE permitting workshop
6. Meetings with Yolo County Supervisor
7. Meetings with Cindy Tuttle (formerly with Yolo County), Petrea Marchand (Yolo County consultant and Yolo County Habitat Conservancy), and Doug Brown (Project Development Team representative)
8. Meetings with Kris Tjernel (CNRA)
9. Meetings with DWR managers Jeremy Arrich (Flood Protection Branch) and Karen Engstrom (Environmental Services)
10. Meeting with GRR team for NGO stakeholders
11. Meetings with DWR staff and consultants on Tu-Flow hydraulic model and Fisheries Behavior modeling.

Yolo Basin Foundation will continue to participate in the many planning and project implementation efforts currently underway in the Yolo Bypass. Please refer to **Yolo Bypass Planning and Project Implementation Summary, November 2016**.