

## MISSION STATEMENT

—Addresses Cache Creek and Westside Watersheds Tributaries to the Colusa Basin Drain and Yolo Bypass—

**Mission:** Minimize the risk from flooding in Yolo County while enhancing water supply, ecosystem functionality, recreation, and community values.

The Mission will be accomplished by:

- Providing the leadership information and direction necessary to develop acceptable flood, environmental, agricultural, and open space policies for all lands of Yolo County west of the Yolo Bypass and Colusa Basin Drain.
- Working collaboratively with the agricultural, environmental, local government, and regulatory agency stakeholders in the development of policies that reduce the risks associated with localized and regional flooding.
- Developing performance measures and reporting periodically to stakeholders and the public regarding the progress we have made in developing acceptable policies.
- Becoming aware of relevant federal, state, and regional flood and environmental policies and transmitting our understanding of these policies and their impacts to stakeholders.
- Utilizing the most appropriate technology available to forecast impacts associated with flood and environmental management policies and recommending actions based upon the technology while respecting the quality of life in Yolo County.
- Being sensitive to the costs associated with environmental and flood management policies, which could become a burden to property owners, local governments, and other stakeholders.
- Pursuing our work in a collaborative, cost-effective, and efficient manner in order to demonstrate that we are trustworthy guardians of the public's resources.

### Program Elements:

- Public Outreach
- Flood Emergency Preparedness
- Watershed Assessment
- Flood Hazard Mitigation Projects Planning and Development
- Projects Implementation and Maintenance
- Program Administration and Funding

## **Initial Priorities:**

- **Technical Understanding of Watershed Conditions**  
*Update hydrologic/hydraulic analyses*  
*Evaluate critical ecological processes, functions, and species dependent on flooding*  
*Topographic mapping*
- **Sustainable Administrative Structure**  
*Investigate alternative institutional structure functional responsibilities*  
*Investigate alternative funding vehicles for program implementation*
- **Focused Geographic Areas of Concern**  
*Cache Creek watershed and floodplain*  
*Watershed floodplains affecting Esparto/Madison and Dunnigan*
- **Emergency Preparedness**  
*Assess flood hazards and risks*  
*Support Yolo County OES and other agencies in emergency response planning*
- **Regional, State, Federal Agencies Coordination**  
*Cache Creek/Cache Creek Settling Basin investigation*  
*Floodplain map revisions*