



Authorize Purchasing up to 15 TAF of YCWA Transfer Supplies

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee
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Item 8-3

Metropolitan Board Actions

- Authorized agreement with DWR to purchase YCWA transfer supplies

- Authorized 5-year amendment to secure surface water transfer prices until 2020

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

Oct

- Authorized 1-year amendments to authorize and streamline groundwater substitution purchases

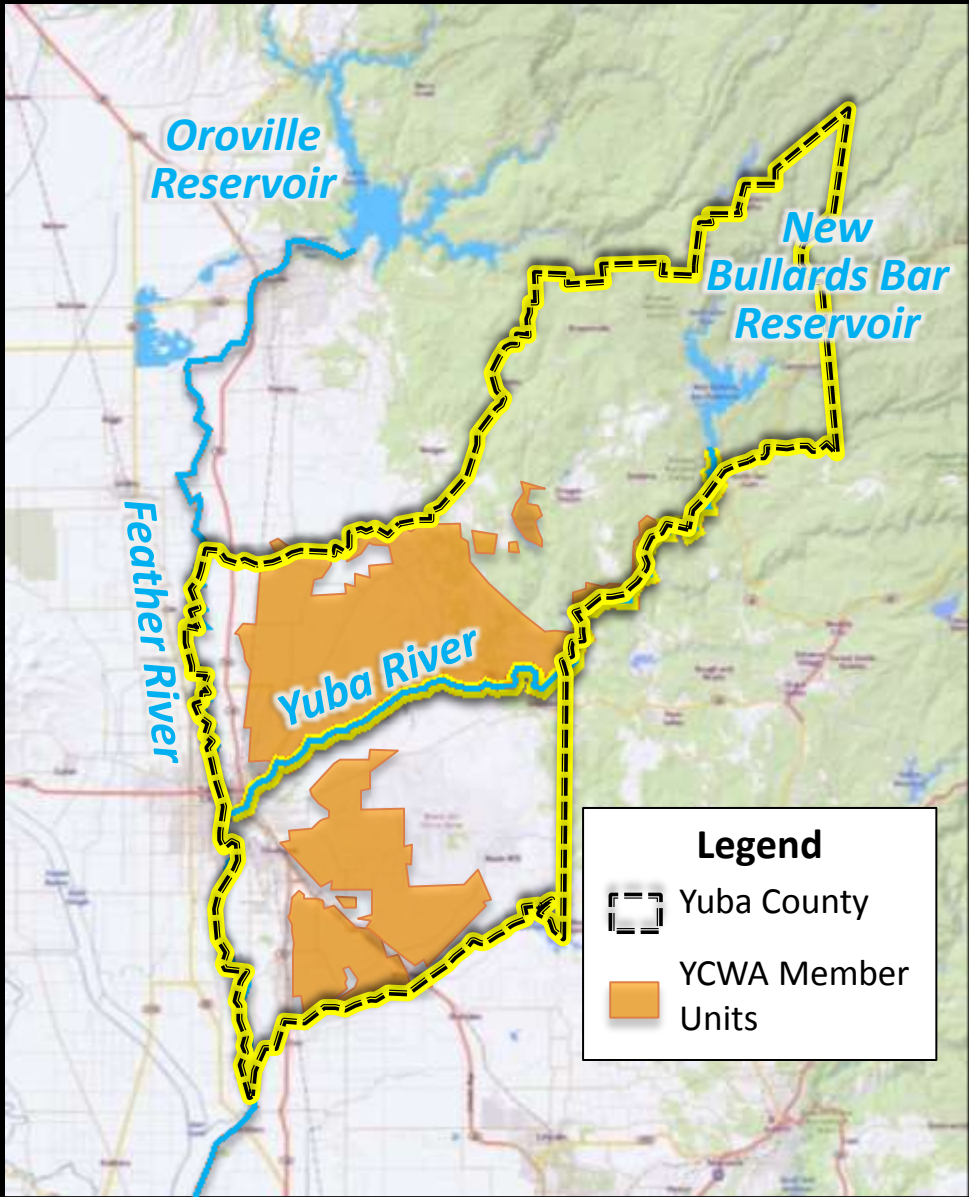
Background

- Yuba Accord is a SWRCB settlement comprised of fishery flow release and transfer agreements



- Fixed prices paid to YCWA for surface water supplies with a reopener for post-2020 prices
- Annual negotiations with YCWA member units for groundwater substitution supplies

Yuba County Water Agency



Proposed Purchase

- YCWA estimates it will make 30 TAF available to the 22 Yuba Accord buyers
- Metropolitan's current allocation is 8,192 AF
- \$665/AF purchase price (\$831/AF after estimated 20% losses)
- May 14th purchase decision with ability to reduce or suspend if Delta conveyance capacity is limited
- Water received July through September

Summary

- Recommendation:
 - Authorize purchase of up to 15 TAF of YCWA water transfer supplies
 - Authorize payments of up to \$9.975M from the Water Management Fund
- These purchases will help offset the need to drawdown storage reserves and implement deeper allocation levels

Board Options

- Option #1
 - Adopt CEQA determination
 - Authorize General Manager to pay up to \$9.975M from Water Management Fund to purchase up to 15,000 AF of YCWA groundwater substitution supplies
- Option #2
 - No action

Recommendation

- Option #1

