



Joint One Water and Adaptation Committee and Subcommittee on Imported Water

Update on proposed extension of the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program and amendment to the agreement with California Department of Water Resources

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Subject

Update on proposed extension of the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program and amendment to the agreement with California Department of Water Resources

Purpose

Provide information to the Board of Directors on the proposed extension to the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program and the amendment to the agreement with California Department of Water Resources, which currently expires at the end of 2025.

Fiscal & Budget Impact

The proposed agreement contains a price range for Yuba transfer water between \$75 to \$525 depending on the water year type.



Yuba River

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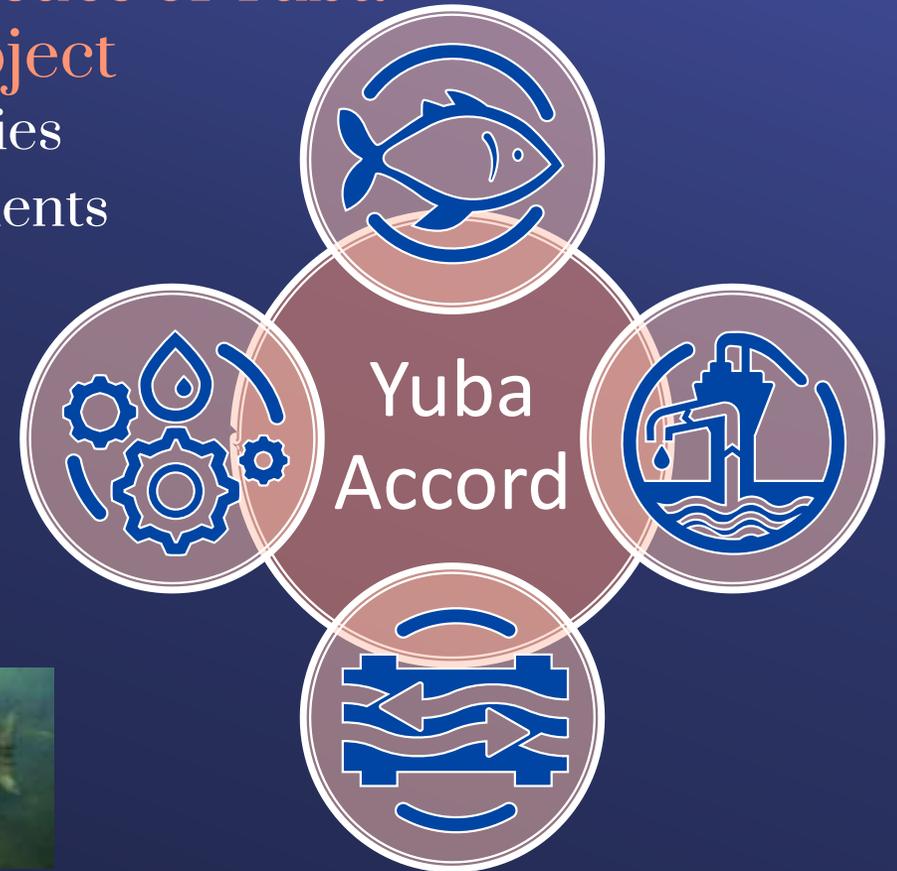
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Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program

Background

- Yuba River Accord
 - Implemented by Yuba County Water Agency (Yuba)
 - Settlement to resolve issues of Yuba River Development Project
 - Instream flows for fisheries
 - Conjunctive Use Agreements
 - Water Purchase Agreements
- *Revenue for programs*



Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program

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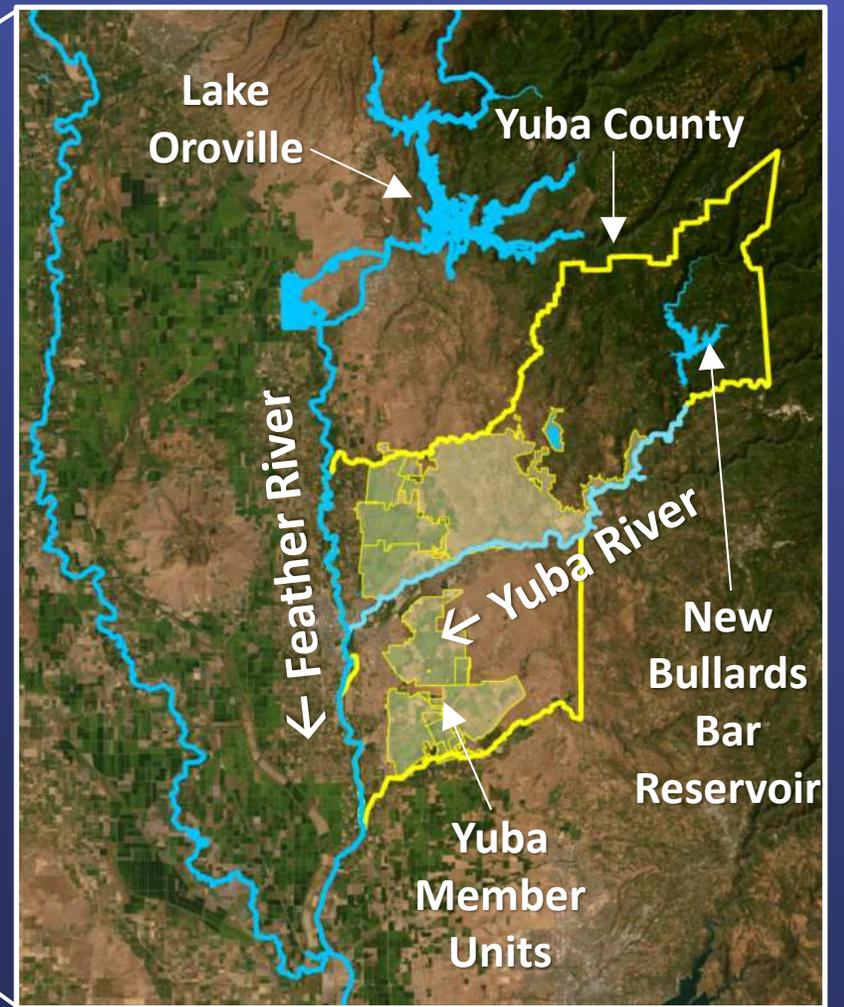
- DWR purchases water from Yuba
 - Storage or groundwater substitution supplies
 - Supplies offered to participating State Water Contractors and the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority
- Dry Year Water Purchase Program agreement
 - Metropolitan – DWR agreement authorized in 2007
 - Provides supplies to maintain regional reliability
- Yuba River Accord terminates end of 2025



Water Purchase Agreement



Banks Pumping Plant



Metropolitan Benefits

Metropolitan's Yuba Transfer Purchases



- Total purchases of ~253 TAF provide dry year benefits
- Metropolitan only pays for supplies if there is conveyance capacity through the Delta



Agreement Terms

Existing DWR – Yuba Water Purchase Agreement

Key Terms

- Terminates on 12/31/2025
- 5-year pricing for Storage Component Supply
 - \$64/AF - \$447/AF depending on water year type
 - 20% pricing discount for initial quantities in Dry and Critical Years
- Annual pricing negotiations for Groundwater Substitution Supply
- Metropolitan responsible for carriage water losses
 - Historically range from 20-35%
- Yuba can sell up to 10 TAF to third parties after providing 60 TAF to DWR

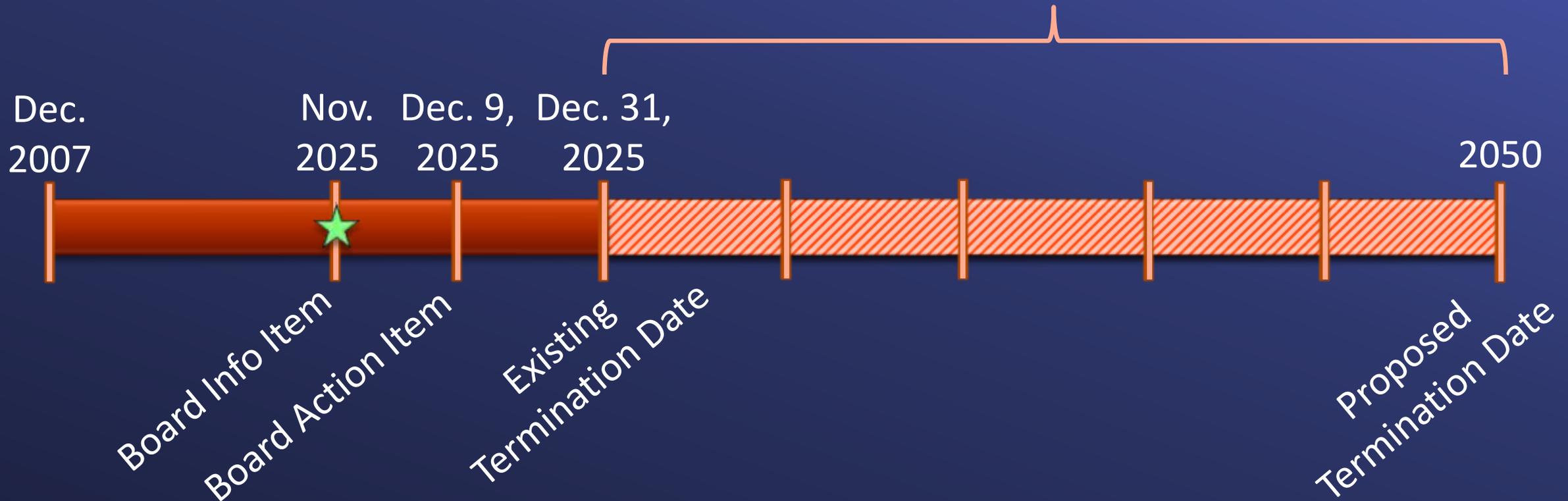
Draft Key Terms

- ★ Terminates on 12/31/2050
 - 5-year pricing for Storage Component Supply
 - ★ \$75 - \$525/AF depending on water year type
 - 20% pricing discount for initial quantities in Dry and Critical Years
 - Annual pricing negotiations for Groundwater Substitution Supply
 - Metropolitan responsible for carriage water losses
 - Historically range from 20-35%
- ★ Yuba responsible for streamflow depletion losses associated with Groundwater Substitution Supply
 - TBD among Yuba, DWR, and USBR
- ★ Yuba can sell up to 10 TAF to third parties after providing 30 TAF to Participating Contractors

Proposed
Extension &
Amendment

Proposed Timeline & Next Steps

Storage Component price negotiation & amendments every 5 years



- Staff will return to the Board in December for Authorization to amend the agreement

Summary

- Strong and successful partnership between environmental, agriculture, and urban interests
- Water Purchase Agreement provides valuable dry-year supplies to Metropolitan
 - **253 TAF purchased to-date**
- Existing program terminates 12/31/2025
- Proposed amendment will extend to 2050, providing Metropolitan with dry-year supplies as needed
- Staff will seek Board authorization for extension and amendment in December 2025



