

## Yolo County

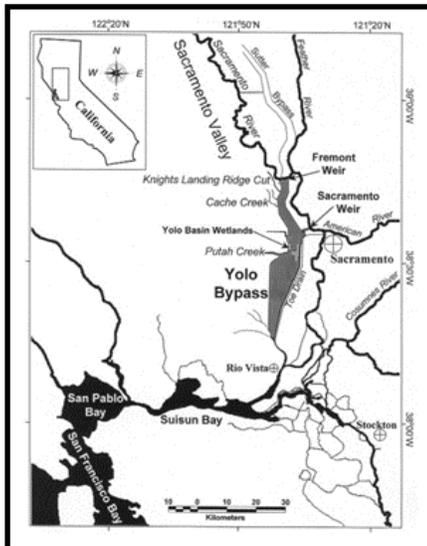
# District 4

## Board of Supervisors

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## Major projects proposed to expand flood protection and habitat protection in Yolo Bypass

State and federal water and wildlife agencies are proposing a series of major projects in the years ahead that will widen the Yolo Bypass to increase flood protection and dedicate acreage for wildlife habitat.



One purpose is to increase flood capacity, reducing pressure on levees that protect Sacramento and West Sacramento. Another is to create wildlife habitat to mitigate for the loss of endangered fish and wildlife caused by the state's transfer of northern California water to central and southern California.

Created in 1911, the Yolo Bypass is designed to safely divert floodwater around greater Sacramento. During the dry season, the land is actively farmed in rice and row crops, provides recreation and outdoor education, and serves as valuable habitat for wildlife.

Supervisor Provenza and county staff are actively negotiating with the state and federal government to ensure that Yolo County farmland is protected and that the county is compensated for impacts of state projects upon local agriculture or the local economy. We are also working to promote projects that improve local flood protection and create agriculturally friendly habitat protection.

## First Five helps kids 'thrive by age 5'

First 5 Yolo helps our youngest residents remain healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Created by voters and funded by tobacco taxes, First 5 invests in programs supporting children ages 0-5 and their families.

First 5 Yolo's largest program, Help Me Grow Yolo, offers developmental screening for young children in Yolo County and provides the resources should a developmental concern be detected. Through a new partnership with Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, Help Me Grow Yolo is expanding to cover many additional children and families.



Over the last two years, First 5 Yolo has re-affirmed its dedication to continuous quality improvement and program capacity-building through a program evaluation model that asks how much the lives of children and families have improved as a result of the program. Through this model, all funded partners receive support evaluating their programs, planning for the future, and identifying the next steps.

Supervisor Provenza serves as chair of Yolo First 5.

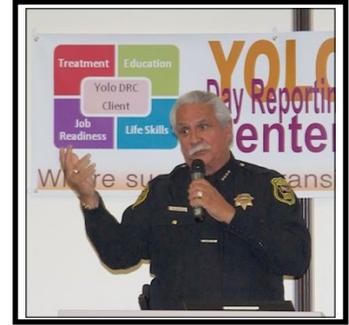
## Day Reporting Center helps smooth transition from prison to community

Men and women re-entering the community from prison or jail struggle to find success because the transition to life after incarceration is difficult. Challenges include need for job training, lack of high school diploma or equivalent, and the absence of valuable life skills.

The Yolo Day Reporting Center (DRC) provides comprehensive services as an alternative to county jail. Offenders are required to report each day for education and training while remaining drug and alcohol free.

The program teaches offenders the skills needed to find and keep a job. Clients have access to job training, education classes, drug and alcohol treatment, as well as parenting and anger management courses. The overarching goal is to reduce recidivism by addressing the underlying causes of re-offending behavior, thereby strengthening individuals and families, and improving public safety.

Since the program's inception in 2013, one out of two participants successfully transitioned to school, graduation or employment, and three quarters did not reenter the criminal justice system.



## Behind the Scenes: Clerks of the Board Julie Dachtler and Lupita Ramirez

The Yolo County Clerk of the Board's office maintains the official record of the five member Board of Supervisors -- preparing meeting agendas, minutes, materials and action summaries, and certifying and preserving official documents. The office coordinates appointments, reappointments and vacancies to the various appointed committees and commissions.



The office is supervised by the acting clerk of the board, Beth Gabor. Here we profile two hard-working employees of the clerk's office:

**Julie Dachtler** (left in photo) is a native of the Chicago area and has lived in California since 1986. She graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in Tourism and Travel. After a career as a travel agent, she began work in the Clerk of the Board's office in 2000. She is married with three children -- two boys and a girl -- with the oldest son married. Her family owns Foys Bike Shop in Woodland. Julie enjoys playing the piano, reading, cross-stitching, church activities, attending shows at the Woodland Opera House, and spending time with family and friends. Her favorite quotation is *"Be kind, watch what happens."*

**Lupita Ramirez** was born and raised in Woodland. She graduated from Sacramento State University with a degree in Business Administration and Spanish. She volunteered as a docent for Yolo County administration and the District Attorney's Office before joining the Clerk of the Board's office in 2011. She enjoys going to the movies, traveling and spending time with family and friends, and even though she has two left feet, she loves to dance and listen to music. One of her favorite quotations is *"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."*