

2013 PROGRESS REPORT

**SUPERVISOR DON SAYLOR, DISTRICT 2
YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

This mid-term summary from 2013 highlights of Don's work over the past two years in his four areas of focus:

1. Maintain and strengthen the safety net for the most vulnerable populations in our county;
2. Pursue economic development and job creation to address the high unemployment levels in Yolo County and leverage our amazing assets more effectively; and
3. Build stronger partnerships among government agencies and between the public and private sectors to share resources and services.
4. Provide responsible environmental stewardship.

Each of these focus areas has been embraced and adopted by the Board of Supervisors as a Strategic Plan Goal for Yolo County with a suite of tactical objectives. The Yolo County Strategic and Tactical Plans can be viewed at the [Yolo County Website](#).



Following is a summary of some of the highlights of efforts in which Don has engaged to maintain and strengthen the Yolo Safety Net in his first term.

- **County Three-Year Tactical Plan Safety Net Element.** At Don's initiation, the three-year Yolo County Tactical Plan 2012-15, adopted by the Board of Supervisors 5-0, includes a suite of actions to address the Strategic Goal: ***Enhance and Sustain the Safety Net.*** The County seeks to promote healthy living, protect vulnerable populations and assure a community able to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.
- **Yolo Food Connect.** In early 2012, Don launched a coalition from across the spectrum of the food system to focus on improving the Yolo food system and agricultural economy and assuring healthy food for all Yolo residents. The group conducted a major Food Connect Summit in October 2012. Yolo Food Connect continues to conduct quarterly forums to address emerging hunger and food system issues and is now integrating with the Ag Food Alliance to build a strong and sustainable Food Policy group.
- **Indigent Health Care.** As the Board of Supervisors Liaison to the Health Council and Chairman of the Future of the Safety Net Committee Don supported the implementation of the Low Income Health Program in Yolo County, effective July 1, 2012. This program expanded the range of services available and expanded the insured population from 1200 to about 2400 with no added cost to the County.
- **Expanded Family Resource Centers.** As the Chairman of First 5 Yolo, Don worked with the Commission and staff to implement 8 Family Resource sites throughout the County, effective July 1, 2012. Each of these sites has an Early Learning Specialist and provides a food distribution program for low income families, along with other services.

- **Ambulance Services.** Over the past two years, Don has served as the Yolo County representative on the Board of the Sierra/Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Authority. Based on concerns about response time and accountability, Don asked that an assessment of ambulance services be conducted. Based on the results, Yolo County has withdrawn from SSV and is forming a separate ambulance authority. As an early indicator of improvements to come, there is an ambulance stationed in Winters for the first time in decades and response times have dropped from over 18 minutes to about 3 minutes.
- **Local Mental Health Board Strategic Plan and Laura's Law.** As the Board of Supervisors Liaison to the Local Mental Health Board, Don encouraged and supported the development of a strategic plan for this Board. In addition, Don is supporting the implementation of provisions of Laura's Law in Yolo County.
- **AB 109 Criminal Justice Realignment.** Over the past two years, Don has worked to include offender drug and mental health treatment and other evidence based support services as part of a balanced approach to corrections realignment.
- **Soup's On.** Over the past two years, Don's Soup's On benefits have brought the community together to raise nearly \$75,000 that was donated directly to three separate beneficiaries: Suicide Prevention of Yolo County; Foster and Kinship Care Education Foundation; and the Food Bank of Yolo County for their Kids' Farmers Market program. Don is committed to continuing these events to address specific needs through leveraged infusions of fundraising.

Yolo County possesses immense assets, including talented and dedicated people; a world class university; superb climate, soil and water for a vibrant agricultural economy and proximity to great cities; and access to rail, road and waterways. Job creation and economic development will require significant attention in the years ahead as we work to leverage Yolo County's amazing assets. Following are some of the highlights of our work to date to champion job creation and expand economic opportunities in Yolo County.

- **County Three-Year Tactical Plan Element.** At Don's initiation, the three year Yolo County Tactical Plan 2012-15, adopted by the Board of Supervisors 5-0, includes a suite of actions to address the Strategic Goal: ***Champion job creation and economic opportunities.*** These actions are designed to achieve the goal of a balanced thriving economy that offers a job opportunity for every citizen who wants to work, ample services, and up to date infrastructure for long-term sustainability.
- **Yolo/Solano Ag Economy Summit October 2011.** Along with his colleagues, Yolo County Supervisor Chamberlain and Solano County Supervisors Mike Reagan and John Vasquez, Don co-chaired an economic summit on the agriculture and food industry. Subsequent to the summit, Don championed the creation of a "Farmbudsman" position jointly funded by Yolo County and Solano County. The Farmbudsman position was funded in the 2013-14 budgets of both counties and the position was filled in January 2013.
- **Yolo County Airport.** As a member of the Board of Supervisors County Facilities Committee, Don has participated in ongoing discussions about the potential economic development of the Yolo County Airport located on County Road 95. Within five miles of UC Davis, this airport is already the home of a world class aircraft service company and several other businesses.
- **Workforce Improvement Board.** The WIB serves as the oversight and policy body to direct Yolo County's job development, career preparation and placement services. As the Board of Supervisors' liaison to this group, Don has supported the ongoing efforts of WIB to assist Yolo residents in their job searches and to assist Yolo businesses in recruitment and training.
- **County and Regional Economic Development.** Don has been active in the economic development efforts of the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization, the Metro Chamber, the Next Economy coalition, and the Designing a Sustainable and Innovative Davis Economy (DSIDE), an initiative launched by then Davis Chamber of Commerce President Bill Alger and Don, as Mayor of Davis, almost four years ago.

Strengthen Partnerships & Share Resources

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Yolo County residents operate in a culture of collaboration. Our cities, school districts and county government have long traditions of sharing resources and working together to serve our people. This culture and framework has served us well through these past challenging years.

As a County Supervisor, Don has been committed to working with others to create stronger partnerships building on this framework of public sector collaboration and engaging the non-profit sector and business community. While shared service can sound like a bureaucratic bird walk, in Yolo County we are seeing amazing results. Here are just a few examples:

- Woodland-Davis Surface Water Project will improve water quality and reliability and saves rate-payers in both cities millions of dollars through collaboration.
- Animal services initiatives are well on the way to reduced costs and improved services.
- Countywide assessment of ambulance services has opened the door to improved response times and more accountability for emergency services.
- Shared library facilities in Winters provides improved service to both the school district and the broader community.
- Co-locating family services on school sites in West Sacramento, Davis and Knight's Landing provides access to services for families in need in a place that they frequent.

For each of these achievements there is a backdrop of organizational effort and a culture of collaboration that requires ongoing care and feeding. Following is a summary of some of the vehicles in which Don is engaged to strengthen the capacity for these partnerships.

- **County Three-Year Tactical Plan Element.** At Don's initiation, the three year Yolo County Tactical Plan 2012-15, adopted by the Board of Supervisors 5-0, includes a suite of actions to address the Strategic Goal: **Collaborate to maximize Success.** Yolo County works with internal and external partners to maximize success for all residents through shared vision and collaborative service development.
- **Yolo Leaders.** This is an ad hoc coalition of elected and appointed officials from all governmental jurisdictions in Yolo County. The Yolo Leaders was launched by Winters Mayor, Cecilia Aguiar Curry, Davis School Board Trustee, Gina Daleiden, and Don five years ago to bring their colleagues together to address state/local fiscal reform proposals. Don continues to serve as a member of the expanded steering committee for the Yolo Leaders effort. Coordination of Yolo Leaders is now a part of the LAFCO Shared Service program under the guidance of Executive Director Christine Crawford. This coalition gathers three times each year to focus on issues that cross multiple jurisdictional lines.
- **LAFCO Shared Service Program.** Don serves as a member of the Yolo County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) along with one other County Supervisor, two city council members and a public member. The primary responsibilities of LAFCO are to review the capacity of local governments to provide services to their constituents and to evaluate proposals to adjust service boundaries through annexations or incorporation. In addition, the Yolo LAFCO has launched a unique Shared Services program to encourage local governments throughout Yolo County to pool resources. The LAFCO Shared Service effort has resulted in a joint assessment of animal welfare and control services that is currently in an implementation planning stage.
- **Yolo Managers Group.** As an outgrowth of the Yolo Leaders effort, the four city managers, County Administrative Officer, and LAFCO Executive Director meet monthly to coordinate shared service effort and address emerging issues. This is the implementation and daily management arm of Yolo Shared Services.
- **Alliance of Non-Profit Leaders.** Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong is leading a coalition of non-profit leaders to identify needs and solve problems. This Alliance meets quarterly and is currently focused on capacity building.

- **SACOG Shared Service Task Force.** For the past four years Don has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, first representing the City of Davis and now Yolo County. SACOG is a six-county regional transportation planning agency and has earned a national reputation for coordinated transportation and land use planning; integrating planning for agricultural regions through a rural urban connections strategy; and progressive consensus building. Don currently chairs the SACOG Transportation Committee, and is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and Shared Service Task Force. The Shared Service Task Force has developed a program of providing planning and technical assistance for member jurisdictions, economic analysis support for specific projects, shared human resources analysis, and regional advocacy forums on issues such as flood protection and water supply.
- **Cities, Counties, Schools Partnership (CCS).** The CCS partnership is a joint effort of the California League of Cities, the California School Boards Association and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Don was appointed by the President of CSAC to represent the counties on the statewide Executive Board of the CCS partnership.
- **Commission on State Mandates.** In 2012, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Don to serve as a member of the Commission on State Mandates, to represent local government on this seven-member body. The Commission is responsible for considering local governments' claims that state actions create unfunded mandates and determining appropriate methods for reimbursement if the claim is found to be valid. A few months ago, the Commission approved a reimbursement method for a claim from school districts for reimbursement of special education behavioral plans that has been in the works for nearly 20 years and will result in approximately \$1 billion in payments owed to school districts.
- **Saving California Communities.** In 2009, as state and local governments were facing tremendous revenue shortfalls, it became clear that changes were needed in the state/local fiscal relationships. A grass roots coalition called [Saving California Communities](#) (SCC) began with an initial mission to advocate for the resources necessary to support healthy California communities. Don serves as one of the members of the SCC steering committee, along with Davis City Councilmember Lucas Frerichs, DJUSD Trustee Susan Lovenburg, and Davis Campbell, former Yolo County Board of Education Trustee. Among the guiding principles of SCC is that state level reforms are necessary to support functional governments that align authority, responsibility, resources and accountability. SCC has conducted a series of forums on public policy topics ranging from a variety of proposed state government and fiscal reforms, redrawing legislative districts in 2011, and gun violence in 2013.

In Yolo County, we are deeply engaged in public safety, innovation, and preserving and strengthening our agricultural treasure. We are compelled by good management practice and the necessities of the times to be vigilant in our financial management of the public's money. Over the past two years, Don has been increasingly drawn into environmental stewardship initiatives. Here are some examples of efforts underway.

- **County Three-Year Tactical Plan Element.** The three year Yolo County Tactical Plan 2012-15, adopted by the Board of Supervisors 5-0, included a suite of actions to address the Strategic Goal: **Protect Open Space and the Environment.** Our shared vision for this goal is: efficient utilization of resources to provide recreational opportunities for county residents, improve water quality, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and ensure that natural resources are available for future generations.
- **Community Choice Aggregation.** In 2012, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted a Climate Action Plan that relies primarily on the formation of a Countywide Community Choice Aggregation program to purchase and possibly generate energy that has a lower carbon footprint than currently used. For the past year, Don has chaired a multi-jurisdictional team examining the CCA approach. CCA is a linch pin for implementation of the Climate Action Plan.
- **Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District.** Don currently serves as the Chairman of the AQMD Board of Directors. The AQMD is responsible for regulating stationary air pollution sources and engaged in ongoing monitoring of air quality, allocating clean air funds to worthy projects, assessing policies on such topics as off road vehicles like tractors, and assisting local businesses in meeting state and federal emissions standards.
- **Yolo Habitat Conservation Joint Powers Authority.** Don currently serves as Chair of the Habitat JPA, responsible to prepare an integrated habitat conservation plan for all of Yolo County. This plan is essential to direct the patterns of mitigation that may be otherwise imposed by state or federal agencies or other entities. A draft plan will be released in 2013 for public input.
- **Berryessa/Snow Mountain National Conservation Area.** Don sponsored a resolution by the Board of Supervisors to support federal legislation to establish a NCA in our own wild area just west of Winters. Find out how you can become involved in this advocacy effort [here](#).