

## Yolo County legislators respond to budget proposal

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Local legislators were encouraged by Gov. Jerry Brown's budget proposal Thursday.

Sen. Lois Wolk, D-Davis, noted in a statement that the \$106.8 million budget is one "for a recovering economy."

"The governor's budget pays off more than \$11 billion in debt and builds the state's reserve while reinvesting in public schools and the courts, both of which have experienced significant budget cuts in recent years," she said. "This budget strengthens the safety net for the state's neediest and most vulnerable residents with proposals including a three year pilot child-care program for low-income parents seeking employment."

Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada, D-Davis, applauded "the continued restraint and responsibility reflected in Governor Brown's budget proposals."

"Attention to our state hospitals and developmental centers, along with additional resources to strengthen protections for some of our state's most vulnerable residents is also encouraging," she said in a statement.

Wolk added that the budget "begins to address the state's drought and groundwater issues."

The California Climate and Agriculture Network, a coalition of sustainable agriculture and farmer member groups, said in a statement its members were also pleased with the \$50 million for the water infrastructure projects, which will support water use efficiency in agriculture.

The network was encouraged the funding toward working on strategies for agricultural land preservation and agricultural management.

"This is good news in terms of farmland conservation which is critical for sustaining California food production and the long-term viability of family farms," said Dave Runsten, policy director of the Community Alliance with Family Farmers.

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