

networks. The project idea and name are based on the research of an author who identified five cultures of the world, or blue zones, with the highest concentration of people living to 100 years or older. The organization is passionate about introducing an initiative that will bring about lasting, permanent changes that will benefit future generations for many years to come. Participating communities have seen double-digit drops in obesity and smoking rates, economic investment in downtown corridors, grant funding awards to support policies and programs aimed at improving health equity and measurable savings in healthcare costs.

The **Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust** (SBRLT), whose mission is to protect and maintain the natural and agricultural resources of the Sutter Buttes and the surrounding region for present and future generations, has several projects which are important to quality of life in the region.

Monitoring and Management: They complete annual monitoring on all their easement and fee owned properties, making a site visit to each property every year. The land trust currently has 4 easements that protect agriculture and habitat. The land trust has two fee owned properties which it manages: a 100-year-old schoolhouse in West Butte, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and North Butte in the Sutter Buttes.

Upcoming SBRLT Projects

Conservation Easement Projects in Process	Acres	Easement Value	Funding Partners	Location
Danna Farms	875	\$7,240,000	NRCS, DOC	<i>Yuba County, agricultural land near Plumas Lake area</i>
Magnolia Ranch	952	\$20,000,000	USAF, NRCS, DOC	<i>Yuba County, agricultural land off South Beale Road</i>
Laughlin Farms	152	\$646,000	NRCS, DOC	<i>Sutter County, agricultural land in Meridian</i>
Singh Ranch	320	\$960,000	CRT, NRCS, WCB	<i>Sutter County, agricultural and ranch land in Sutter Buttes</i>
Total	2,299	\$28,846,000		
Mitigation Projects in Process				
Star Bend & Matthews Preserves	38	N/A	SBFCA, SVC	<i>Sutter/Butte County, riparian habitat along Feather River</i>
Bear River Preserve	617	N/A	TRLIA, SVC	<i>Yuba County, riparian and special status species along Bear River</i>
Feather River Preserve	164	N/A	TRLIA, SVC	<i>Yuba County, riparian and special status species along Feather River</i>
Total	819			
Potential Conservation Easement Projects				
Atkinson Farm	1,000	\$20,000,000	DOC, NRCS, WCB	<i>Sutter County, agricultural land near East Nicolaus</i>
Fedora Farm	300	\$500,000	DOC, NRCS	<i>Sutter County, agricultural land in Meridian</i>
Beale Air Force Base	5,000	\$25,000,000	USAF, DOC, NRCS,	<i>Yuba County, agricultural and ranch land along the western flank of the base</i>
Sutter Buttes	3,500	\$8,750,000	NRCS, WCB	<i>Sutter County, habitat, agricultural, and ranch land in Sutter Buttes</i>
Total	9,800	\$54,250,000		
ALL PROJECTS	12,918	\$83,096,000		

City of Live Oak Projects:

Complete Live Oak Community Trail Project

This one-mile rail conversion project establishes a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian trail through the center of Live Oak on former railroad right-of-way. The project has four phases, with the first phase completed in 2010 and the third phase completed in 2015.

2022 UPDATE: Phase 4 will be completed during 2022/2023. Phase 4 runs from Kola Street to Epperson Way utilizing the old Railroad Right of Way. It includes a bike/pedestrian trail and landscaping. The city continues to seek funding for phase 2.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Master Plan

Live Oak has received funding from SACOG for development of a bicycle and pedestrian facilities master plan. The plan was completed and accepted by the City Council in 2016.

2022 UPDATE: The City of Live Oak continues to seek funding for improvements outlined in the plan. Total improvements are approximately \$21 million.

City of Marysville Projects:

Ellis Lake Restoration

A public works project to restore the 37-acre Ellis Lake area (between 9th and 16th streets and from B to D streets). This park and open space is a regional landmark attracting visitors from throughout the Yuba-Sutter area and the north state region. The lake was developed in the 1930s by the Work Progress Administration (later renamed Work Projects Administration). The intended scope of work would include a master plan for facility improvements around the lake, including parking, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation, together with water quality improvements for the lake itself.

2022 UPDATE: The aeration project was completed in 2020. The city is working with the Yuba Water Agency to complete a nutrient management study which was completed in the summer 2021. This will allow the city to look at next steps for cleanup of the lake water. The city is working with the Yuba-Sutter GoldSox, Yuba-Sutter EDC and other community partners to identify grant opportunities and private funding to address the exterior grounds and surrounding facilities, including the Bryant Field baseball facility. The Yuba Water Agency approved grants for treatment of the lake to reduce phosphates and improve water quality. City is currently securing contracts with outside services to complete in spring of 2022 prior to algae blooms. The city, with the assistance of YSEDC has applied for a \$2.4 million Proposition 68 grant to make improvements and add amenities to the greenspace around the lake. The city will continue to look for funding opportunities to allow for improvements.

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian “Bike Hub”

The city is preparing a Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan within the city limits to connect to the broader regional bike and pedestrian trail that extends throughout Yuba County and across the Feather River into Yuba City. The purpose for the Bike Hub is to serve as a convenient portal and gateway to the regional trail system, offering a central facility for competitive bike rallies and individuals to access the regional system, and provide bicycle and pedestrian-related retail services available under one roof, including bike rental and repair shops, outdoor gear and apparel, juice bar, community meeting center and visitor center.

2022 UPDATE: Feasibility plan is still in process. No update to this project. Funding has not become available.

Proposition 68 Per Capita Program

The city received \$177,952 in Proposition 68 grant funding under this program. The city has proposed this funding be used for the replacement of the play equipment and play surfacing at Gavin Park in East Marysville and the addition of an accessible path based on the city’s Park and Open Space Master Plan.

2022 UPDATE: Project is in design phase. \$100,000 in additional funding provided through SACOG’s 2021 Community Design Program. First Five Yuba County also provided \$5,000 of funding for play equipment. Expect to award and commence construction in late spring/early summer of 2022.

City of Wheatland Projects:

Wheatland Community Gardens

When completed, the proposed Wheatland Community Garden will consist of approximately 24 planters, including 20 12-foot by 4-foot planter boxes and four U-shaped boxes with access for disabled persons. The total garden size is estimated at 50 feet by 150 feet. The garden will be secured by a decorative perimeter fence and key-code lock. The community garden will also include a gathering and picnic area, park benches, work-tables, and a shed for storage. Total estimated budget was \$50,000 per site, with one site remaining.

2022 UPDATE: The first phase of the Wheatland Community Garden, completed in 2013 continues to flourish. The second Phase of the Wheatland Community Garden project is pending.

City of Wheatland Business Park Feasibility Study

This study will determine the feasibility of a business park within the Johnson Rancho annexation area. The study will attempt to identify preferred location, size, feasibility and action steps

2022 UPDATE: This \$100,000 project was completed July, 2020

Wheatland Aquatic Center

The City of Wheatland received a generous \$1 million private donation for future operations, maintenance and recreational programming of a future Wheatland Community Pool. The city has seven years to complete the project beginning July 2019.

2022 UPDATE: The city submitted a Prop 68 Rural Recreation and Tourism Facilities grant in January 2022. Award announcements are expected later this year

City of Yuba City Projects:

Yuba City Pedestrian Trail – Railroad Right of Way Conversion

The project includes the conversion of existing railroad right of way, across the city, to facilitate a bike and pedestrian trail that ultimately links the Sutter Bike Path from the west to the east into the city's bike network and across the city's 5th Street Bridge. Ultimately connecting into the trail network in Marysville/Yuba County. This is a multi-phased project that will promote quality of life and ultimately economic development for the city.

2022 UPDATES: The first phase involves completing a Feasibility Study with assistance from a \$200,000 Caltrans grant. The Feasibility Study will be completed in 2022. Final design and construction will be substantially more expensive since there are two crossings of State Highways, as well as numerous city arterial street crossings.

Tactic 2 – Promote and support collaboration and shared resources for regional public safety:

Regional Projects:

Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium: The purpose of the Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium (SYHC) is to connect our homeless population with programs and services that can help them overcome obstacles that are preventing permanent housing solutions for individuals and families. Through partnerships there were 546 people permanently housed in 2021 and over 3,000 clients were provided services. SYHC secured \$1.897 million in funds for services provided by the Coordinated Entry Sites, its partnering agencies and service providers.

Sutter County Projects:

Sutter County Evacuation Routes: Sutter County has partnered with an evacuation software firm to identify evacuation routes and zones. The purpose of this software is to make evacuations more manageable in the event of future events and need.

Better Way:

Better Way Shelter is a low barrier homeless shelter that provides 40 individuals with a temporary place to stay for up to three months. This voluntary program works with single individuals 18 years old and above who are

Sutter County residents. Participants in the shelter work alongside a case manager and housing navigator to find transitional or permanent housing. Better Way follows the *Housing First* model and case managers work with participants to secure housing while receiving supported services.

2022 UPDATE: In 2021, Better Way has provided services to 156 individuals. Of those, 65 were chronically homeless, 10 were veterans and 7 were people between 18 to 24. Of the 156, 91 reported previously living in a place not meant for human habitation. Better Way has permanently housed 59 individuals.

Yuba County Projects:

Know Your Zone: To better prepare Yuba County residents and businesses for evacuation or emergency events, an interactive map has been launched online that provides important emergency information.

14FORWARD Homeless Temporary Shelter

Yuba County partnered with several nonprofit agencies and the private sector to develop 14FORWARD, the first temporary shelter and resource center for the homeless in the region. The site includes 20 two-person structures, an onsite manager, dog facility, and provides services and resources to move the homeless toward permanent employment and housing.

2022 UPDATE: 14Forward added five new temporary structures, increasing capacity to 50 individuals. In 2021, the facility served 191 people with shelter and services; 85 had a mental health disorder, 92 had a chronic health condition, and 74 had a physical disability. 25% of participants exited to permanent housing.

City of Marysville Projects:

Marysville Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project

This project includes all Tier 1 improvements identified in the 2016 Marysville Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Pedestrian improvements included closing a sidewalk gap near downtown and high visibility crosswalks with RRFBs and speed feedback signs to improve safety near two schools. A raised intersection improves safety and access to Ellis Lake Park. These improvements support the economy by improving access to downtown and promote walking to schools and parks by improving challenging crossings. Together these improvements create a foundation for active transportation in Marysville, promoting a healthy lifestyle and supporting the local economy with improved downtown access.

2022 UPDATE: This \$550,000 Project Completed

Tactic 3 – Promote the role of the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development District: YSEDC/YSEDD completed the 2021 annual updates in March 2021 which were submitted and approved by EDA. All updated documents were made available on YSEDC’s website and promoted through social media platforms and email blasts. YSEDC and the CEDS committee is currently working on 2022 update and anticipates it will be completed March 2022.

There was substantial increased understanding of the role of the district and the services offered in 2021 due to the additional COVID pandemic resources outreach efforts. These efforts included management of Small Business Economic Emergency Relief funding grant and loan programs; expanded technical and financial assistance; and business assistance webinars, and procurement and distribution of PPE (Personal Protection Equipment). This outreach was accomplished on Social Media platforms, email blasts, print media and YSEDC’s and partner web pages.

Economic Disaster, Recovery and Resiliency

Mitigation planning is essential to the region's ability to withstand and recover from disasters. Yuba County Office of Emergency Services has completed its five-year update of its Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan (MJMH plan). This 2021 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update serves to update the 2015 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Yuba County LHMP. The purpose of hazard mitigation is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards. Yuba County, two incorporated communities, and nine special districts prepared this LHMP Update to the FEMA approved 2015 Yuba County LHMP, to make the County and its residents less vulnerable to future hazard events. https://www.yuba.org/departments/emergency_services/multi-hazard_mitigation.php



Sutter County has completed its update for its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Sutter County partnered the cities of Yuba City and Live Oak and several special districts to update their 2013 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Flood, drought, earthquake, and wildfire are just a few of the hazards to Sutter County. While natural hazards such as these cannot be prevented, an LHMP forms the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses by breaking the repeated cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction. <https://www.suttercounty.org/government/county-departments/emergency-services/office-of-emergency-management-oem/hazard-mitigation>

YSEDC completed a Yuba-Sutter Pandemic and Disaster Economic Recovery and Resilience plan. <https://www.ysecdc.org/strategy>. YSEDC and Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce provided resources, tools and an education webinar to 3,900 area businesses to develop their own disaster mitigation plan.

Yuba Water Agency, Yuba Project – Prescribed Burns in North Yuba River Watershed: The Yuba Project calls for ecological restoration treatments across a large area of National Forest land in the Yuba Watershed and is one piece of a much larger effort – known as the North Yuba Forest Partnership – that is working to plan, analyze, finance, and implement forest restoration across 275,000 acres of the watershed. Yuba Project treatments (and all the treatments planned under the North Yuba Forest Partnership) will enhance watershed health by improving forest health and resilience to changing climatic conditions, reducing surface and ladder fuels (vegetation that enables a fire to climb up from the forest floor into the tree canopies) to a level that would allow safe fire suppression, protect and improve wildlife habitat, and improve soil conditions. The watershed benefits from the project include avoided costs in the millions from reduced risk of catastrophic fire and risk to water infrastructure, water quality and post-fire cleanup of sediment and woody debris inflows; direct water resource benefits from reduced evapotranspiration and increased runoff from a healthier forest; and regional benefits to people and communities in terms of insurability, security, employment opportunities and associated economic benefits.

Report on Economic Development Activities

Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation is committed to maintaining an understanding of the community it serves and is actively involved by having a seat on boards, commissions, projects and events within the community. Workforce Investment Board, Sutter-Yuba Homeless Consortium, California Finance Consortium, Yuba-Sutter Lodging Association, local nonprofit capacity building and the military privatization P4 initiative are just some of the boards/organizations/programs of which are comprehensive and achievable goals of the CEDS.

YSEDC engaged in the following economic development activities throughout the 2021 year to support the implementation of CEDS. The following provides a summary of these activities that:

- Promote economic development and opportunity

- Support efforts to attract, maintain, promote and expand regional industries and businesses
- Maximize effective development, alignment and use of workforce
- Provide technical support and access to business and financial resources
- Obtain and utilize adequate funds and other resources
- Support the work of local governments in their efforts to provide sound physical infrastructure

Promote Economic Development and Opportunity

Activity	Time Frame
1. Implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Plan	Ongoing
2. Maintain Economic Development District status for the region. This includes preparing the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2020-2025 • Update CEDS annually • CEDS Annual Performance Report • Conduct a regional SWOT Analysis every five years 	Completed Annually Annually FY2025 – 2030
3. Collaboration and coordination with state, regional, county, and local economic efforts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve on committees and boards to provide guidance • Provide venues for collaborative meetings 	Ongoing
4. Provide technical assistance to jurisdictions through technical assistance programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain data mining tools on YSEDC site • Provide socioeconomic, transportation, demographic, etc. data as needed • Assist with grant research, writing, administration as needed 	Ongoing

Support efforts to attract, maintain, promote and expand regional industries and businesses

Activity	Time Frame
1. Maintain and continue Business Attraction Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to partner with Greater Sacramento Economic Council, Center for Economic Development, Go-Biz, etc. • Respond to RFP's 	Ongoing
2. Maintain and ensure Yuba-Sutter Business Consortium remains viable to private and public sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide venue, schedule and conduct meetings, develop and maintain programs and maintain administrative functions • Ensure collaboration and interest of partners • Review, develop and lead programs of the consortium 	Ongoing
3. Promote, support and enhance agriculture-based tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve on the Board of Yuba-Sutter Lodging Association 	Ongoing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop Highway 65 corridor and Sports and Entertainment Zone. 	
<p>4. Promote the continued viability of military installations near the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and protect Beale Air Force Base as the region's largest employer Support expansion of Beale's existing missions, recruitment of new missions, and regional pledge to protect Beale from reduction or closure Provide support for Beale Air Force Base's infrastructure needs 	Ongoing
<p>5. Brand and Market the region for development, investment, and regional growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create marketing campaign for business attraction Promote visitor services and tourism Collaborate with private and public sector organizations to increase marketing of Yuba-Sutter 	Ongoing

Maximize effective development, alignment and use of workforce

Activity	Time Frame
<p>1. Support the efforts of and collaborate with workforce development centers, community one stops, colleges and universities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure continued partnerships with local agencies and educational institutions 	Ongoing

Provide technical support and access to financial resources

Activity	Time Frame
<p>1. Continue to assist jurisdictions with infrastructure development projects by providing technical assistance, funding opportunities and resources</p>	Ongoing
<p>2. Continue Bear Essentials program to provide businesses with access to resources, tools and lending programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct two business walks within the district annually Conduct business resource workshops Conduct and/or assist with business development workshops Assist businesses with expansion projects Foster growth and development of local firms to create and retain jobs, increase the business and tax base Provide financial readiness and loan accelerator program Provide business education workshops 	Ongoing

Obtain and utilize adequate funds and other resources

Activity	Time Frame
<p>1. Pursue additional funding from EDA while leveraging funding from additional private and public sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue EDA funds for Lending Program 	Ongoing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue EDA funds for infrastructure for Highway 65 corridor and Sports and Entertainment Zone 	
2. Continue providing information on local, state, and federal economic and infrastructure development programs	Ongoing
3. Continue to provide administration and reporting of EDA-funded Yuba County Taxiway Project	2017-2022
4. Pursue funding from other sources for Multi-Jurisdiction Multi-Hazard Mitigation	Completed

Support the work of local governments in their efforts to provide sound physical infrastructure

Activity	Time Frame
1. Maintain communication with jurisdiction leaders regarding public works projects, provide technical assistance and funding sources as needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure public works projects are included in CEDS document and progress is annually updated and reported. 	Ongoing

Schedule of Goals - YSEDC

- YSEDC will continue to assist in the development and implementation of the CEDS by providing research, statistical updates, printing, planning and scheduling CEDS Committee meetings.
- YSEDC will provide both technical assistance, demographic and economic mining resource tools, and capital access for both the public and private sectors through grant research and writing and small business loans throughout the year.
- YSEDC to continue its community involvement by maintaining memberships, seats and associations with public, private, and non-profit organizations to maintain an excellent overview of the economic conditions of the district.
- YSEDC to continue its two business walks (fall and spring), surveys, and business development assistance programs to maintain a comprehensive understanding of the needs and desires of the stakeholders of the community and to assist in employment development.

Schedule of Goals - Region

The region will continue to work toward achieving its goals as stated in the CEDS and support the public works projects of the member jurisdictions within the District.