

Curt Aikens, Yuba County Water Agency General Manager (project management and contract administration) - Mr Aikens has been the General Manager of the Yuba County Water Agency since January 1, 2001 and served as the Assistant Administrator for Project Management since January of 1998. Before employment with YCWA, Mr. Aikens was employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company for 19 years, including serving as the Colgate District Manager for 4 years where he was responsible for 120+ employees and an annual budget of about \$10 million. Mr. Aikens has a B. S. in Mechanical Engineering from UC Davis and a Masters in Business Administration from Golden Gate University. He is very knowledgeable of engineering, water supply, flood control, legal and environmental issues related to the Yuba River. As General Manager, Mr Aikens oversees all day-to-day operations of YCWA and manages a staff of about two dozen employees that operate and maintain powerhouses, reservoirs, dams, tunnels and canals. Mr. Aikens' responsibilities include a substantial amount of coordination with numerous federal and state agencies, local government and environmental organizations with regard to facility operations on the Yuba River. In his General Manager role, he is a participant in numerous collaborative groups and projects including the Upper Yuba River Studies Program, Yuba Feather Work Group, Yuba River Technical Working Group, Yuba River Conservancy, and the Yuba-Feather Flood Protection Program.

YCWA is a local government entity created in 1959 that has the authority to improve flood protection, beneficial use of water, generation of electricity, recreation and fishery habitat on the Yuba River. It owns and operates the Yuba River Development Project which includes New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir, two diversion dams and two hydroelectric plants. YCWA delivers about 300,000 acre feet of water to seven irrigation districts that serve about 80,000 acres of irrigated agricultural land.