

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting Tuesday, January 4, 2005 7:00 P.M.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, then please contact Christina Cobey at (530) 662-0265 or (530) 662-4982 fax. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the December 7, 2004 Regular Board Meeting.
- 7:02 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances and opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.
- 7:07 3. Board Consideration: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda.
In order to add an item to the agenda, it must fit one of the following categories:
a) A majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or
b) A 4/5ths determination that the need to take action that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
- 7:10 4. Board Consideration: Adoption of Resolution Honoring Lynnel Pollock.
- 7:20 5. Election of Officers: The Board will vote for its 2005 officers.
- 7:30 6. Committee Appointments: The 2005 Chair will appoint Board representatives to District committees and to other groups.
- 7:40 7. Wild & Scenic Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report and Discussion: The Wild & Scenic Ad Hoc Subcommittee will report on and discuss current activities related to potential State Wild & Scenic legislation.
- 7:50 8. Directors' Reports: Each member of the Board will have the opportunity to report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District.

- 8:00 9. Attorney's Report: The Board will receive a report from the Attorney regarding current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:10 10. General Manager's Report and Recommendations: The Board will receive a report from the General Manager or designated representatives regarding current general activities and projects of the District.
- a) General Activities
 - b) USGS Contract Review
 - c) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
 - d) Water Management Plan Update
 - e) Water Use Efficiency Grant Proposal (**Board Consideration**)
 - f) Off-Season Maintenance and Construction Program
 - g) Mid-Year Budget Review and Recommended Adjustments to Capital Budget (**Board Consideration**)
- 9:45 11. General Discussion: Opportunity for Board members to ask questions for clarification, provide information to staff, request staff to report back on a matter, or direct staff to place a matter on a subsequent agenda.
- 9:55 12. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 10:00 13. Adjourn

The public may address the Board concerning an agenda item either before or during the Board's consideration of that agenda item. Public comment on items within the Board's jurisdiction is welcome, subject to reasonable time limits for each speaker. Upon request, agenda items may be moved up to accommodate those in attendance wishing to address that item. Times listed for consideration of agenda items are approximate only. The Board may consider any agenda item at any time during the Board meeting.

I declare that the foregoing agenda was posted at the office of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA on December 28, 2004.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2005

The regular January meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chairman Vink convened the meeting with Directors Brice, Eoff, Rominger and Scheuring present. Also in attendance were:

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel
Francis Borcalli, Engineering Consultant
Michael Horgan, District Engineer

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Supervisor
Petrea Marchand, Yolo County Planning & Public Works
Lynnel Pollock, Past Yolo County Supervisor
Bob Schneider, Cache Creek Wild
Dave Pratt, Cache Creek Wild

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C approved the minutes of the December 7, 2004 Regular Board meeting as corrected.

RESOLUTION HONORING LYNNEL POLLOCK

Board members individually commended Past Yolo County Board of Supervisor Lynnel Pollock for her exemplary and dedicated public service. They also thanked her for her support of the District and her dedication to the protection of water in Yolo County.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 05.01 Honoring Lynnel Pollock. Director Vink presented her with a plaque. Ms. Pollock thanked the Board for its support during her tenure.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Vink outlined the past Board policy of rotating Directors through the positions of Chair and Vice-chair, and to appoint a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary to the Board.

M/S/C the Board unanimously voted to continue the rotation policy, electing Ann Brice as Chair and Bob Eoff as Vice-chair. The Board also appointed Tim O'Halloran as Secretary and Christy Barton as Assistant Secretary to the Board.

Chair Brice thanked Director Vink for his service as 2004 Chair and presented Mr. Vink with a commemorative gavel.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chair Brice reported she had contacted various Board members independently regarding their interest in committee appointments. The Board discussed this matter and the following appointments were made:

Standing Committees

Budget	Eoff and Vink
Personnel	Brice and Eoff
Water Management Plan Update	Scheuring and Rominger
Environmental Issues	Brice and Rominger
Public Education	Vink and Brice
Yolo County 2X2	Brice and Rominger
Lake/Flood Control Communications	Brice and Scheuring

Ad Hoc Committees

Wild and Scenic	Brice and Rominger
-----------------	--------------------

Other Appointments

NCWA Primary	Eoff
NCWA Alternate	Vink
Conaway Ranch JPA	Scheuring and Vink
Conaway Ranch JPA Alternate	Rominger
WRA	Scheuring
ACWA/JPIA Director	Vink

WILD AND SCENIC AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Director Rominger reported that the committee is continuing to meet with other interested parties to develop suggested language and an approach to potential Wild and Scenic legislation.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Eoff reported that the December 15, 2004 NCWA Board of Directors meeting agenda included the 2005 budget and planned meeting dates for 2005 among other items.

Director Vink reported that the District-Yolo County 2X2 and Conaway JPA groups did not meet in

December.

Director Brice reported she had a good time at the District Christmas Party.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. O'Halloran reported on the following:

- a) General Activities:
 - 1) At the request of a Director, it was confirmed that the District's ACWA/JPIA insurance includes errors and omissions coverage for Directors' actions within the scope of their District activities;
 - 2) The Yolo Fliers (Golf) Club (YFC) has requested District irrigation water service. Three issues being discussed are: Encroachment into the District's right-of-way which will be addressed through an encroachment permit, water cost which will be charged at the non-agricultural rate, and the YFC request for an interruptible supply. The last issue of interruptible supply has not yet been resolved. Questions and discussion on the YFC matter followed regarding: water service priorities when supply is limited; environmental review requirements for new water service; amount of water requested; nature of agreement for service; and current District Rules and Regulations;
 - 3) Director Brice assigned review of water service priorities to the Water Management Plan Update Committee.

- b) USGS Contract - Mrs. Barton reported on the District's contract with the USGS for operation and maintenance services for stream flows, lake and reservoir levels and precipitation measurements. She provided information on the contract purpose and cost. Board and staff discussion followed.

Mr. O'Halloran advised on the value of USGS services at the sites in Lake County and of the future possibility for District staff taking over measurements at the Willow Slough sites in Yolo County.

Mr. Schneider requested Willow Slough historical flow measurement data.

- c) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions – Mr. O'Halloran reported on the current rainfall, water level and storage conditions at Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir. Particular constraints dictating available irrigation water storage in Clear Lake were discussed.

Mr. O'Halloran also reported that recent rainfall throughout the distribution system had caused only minor flooding problems.

- d) Water Management Plan Update – Mr. O'Halloran reported on the status of the District's

Water Management Plan Update (WMPU). He also reported on the efforts of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) Board and Technical Committee to complete Volume I of the Yolo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and to seek funding for Volume II of the plan.

The District's WMPU is intended to serve as a guidance document for the District for the next five years and will be coordinated with the WRA's IRWMP process.

- e) Water Use Efficiency Grant Proposal – Mr. O'Halloran outlined the purpose for seeking a Water Use Efficiency Grant to help fund the collection of base line data on water flows into and out of District canals and area sloughs. The grant application would be for approximately \$200,000 with an equal District cost-share contribution. The grant would fund equipment purchases. The application filing deadline is January 11, 2005.

If the proposal is funded, it will provide necessary base-line data for understanding District and slough flow patterns. This data would be useful for planning and evaluating current and future water management strategies. The Board discussed the project cost, equipment portability, data usage strategy and grant competition in Yolo County.

M/S/C support of District application for a Water Use Efficiency Grant in the amount of \$200,000 with a \$200,000 District in-kind contribution.

- f) Off-Season Maintenance and Construction Program – Mr. O'Halloran reported on the status of the current District Work program, discussing the Winters Canal erosion repair, Cottonwood Canal Headgate replacement, Yolo Central Canal crossing replacement, Chapman Reservoir outlet automation and Frederick's Flume automated gate installation projects. He advised that the first three projects were emergency work. He also discussed the major issues associated with the projects which include: critical timelines, environmental compliance process, design standards, construction bid constraints, costs and OSHA compliance requirements.

Mr. Borcalli provided details on each project including the evaluation criteria of: Risk, (e.g. property damage), Safety (staff and public), Operations and Maintenance costs, and Level of Service.

Board, staff and public discussion followed on project costs, design standards, challenges of overall system needs versus available funding, methods of construction and work scheduling.

- g) Mid-Year Budget Review and Recommended Adjustments to Capital Budget – Mr. O'Halloran reported on the status of the Expense and Capital Budgets which was previously reviewed by the Finance Committee. He advised that water sales above projections helped offset the new water right fees and the ERAF tax shift imposed by the State, leaving the Expense Budget in an acceptable condition.

Mr. O'Halloran then outlined proposed adjustments in the Capital Budget to acknowledge shifts in work priorities. A list of added projects was provided along with order of magnitude costs. Board discussion followed regarding timing, priorities, overall work plan size, financial constraints and staff/consultant cost portions.

M/S/C adoption of revised Capital Budget dated January 4, 2005.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Rominger inquired about the planned Special Board meeting to examine a policy for a systematic environmental process. Mr. O'Halloran advised that it will be scheduled for sometime in February 2005.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

M/S/C after review approved the following claims for payment:

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #33091-33100

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Ann T. Brice, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary