

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, January 2, 2007 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the December 12, 2006 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: Election of Officers for 2007.
- 7:15 5. Board Presentation: Review of Proposition 218.
- 7:35 6. Board Presentation: Review of significant District events and activities of 2006.
- 7:55 7. 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 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:05 9. General Manager's Report: 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) Indian Valley Dam Penstock Lining Update
 - c) Capay Dam Inspection Update
 - d) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:20 10. 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.
- 8:25 11. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:27 12. Closed Session:
- a) Conference with Legal Counsel Under: Brown Act Section 54956.9(a) Carman vs. YCFC&WCD and Watson vs. YCFC&WCD
- 8:59 13. Closed Session Report
- 9:00 14. 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 29, 2006.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2007

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 January 2, 2007 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Rominger convened the meeting with Directors Tadlock and Vink present. Directors Brice and Scheuring were absent. Also in attendance were:

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager
Mike Horgan, Engineer
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate
Anthony Lopez, Facilities Supervisor
Jen Reed, Project Manager
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Don Rominger
Dave Pratt
Duane Chamberlain

MINUTES

M/S/C approved the minutes of the December 12, 2006 Regular Board meeting as mailed.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Don Rominger inquired whether modifications would be made to the Fredericks Flume to divert more winter storm flows to the adjacent slough. Mr. O'Halloran advised that changes to the flume would require a structural analysis and that work was not currently planned due to other higher priorities.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M/S/C the election of Director Scheuring as Chair, Director Vink as Vice Chair, Mr. O'Halloran as Secretary, and Mrs. Barton as Assistant Secretary.

REVIEW OF PROPOSITION 218

Mr. Bartkiewicz provided a written summary of notice and hearing requirements for water rate increases under Proposition 218. He also explained in detail the items listed in the summary including the basis of Proposition 218, a recent significant California Supreme Court decision, substantive provisions and procedural requirements of the proposition and recommended Board actions addressing Propositions 218 water rate increase requirements.

Board, Staff and public discussion followed regarding the District's rate increase process, impacts of a drought situation on the process, penalties for non-compliance with the proposition and property owner rate increase protest provisions.

Mr. O'Halloran then described the difficulties associated with the District's annual water rate establishment and subsequent budget development processes. He outlined both long and short term options for the District to address these difficulties and the new Proposition 218 rate increase procedure requirements. He, also, described the importance of maintaining adequate budget reserve funds.

Additional Board and Staff discussion followed regarding inclusion of rate increase notice in the District's annual water use application form, identification of affected landowners, providing notice of rate increases to landowners and their tenants and other related matters.

M/S/C approval to delegate authority to the District Finance Committee to identify a proposed water rate increase.

REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT DISTRICT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF 2006

Mr. O'Halloran stated that it was helpful to him to review the events and activities of the past year and that he was favorably impressed with the District's responses to the many challenges it faced in 2006. He then highlighted the following:

- January 1, 2006 flood event, damages and repairs.
- Indian Valley Dam spillway releases, spillway gate operation, storage that exceeded 300,000 acre feet, better weather forecasts and real-time data availability.
- Moore Siphon repair success due to construction teamwork and regulatory agency assistance.
- Winters Canal leak and repair by District Staff.
- Carry over of additional system repairs.
- Water service waiting list occurrence.
- Public outreach including tours of the dams, informative interactions with Lake and Yolo County grand juries, cleanup of Cache Creek, presentations to service clubs, and many other activities.
- Mapping and inventory work to create a data base for informed decision making.
- Infrastructure repair cost control process, development of structure repair criteria and turnout gate standardization.

- Capay Dam assessment and emergency flash board riser system repairs.
- I.V. Penstock Relining Project.
- Water resource monitoring.
- Integrated Regional Water Management Plan development.
- SCADA communication system development.
- Dam failure emergency action planning and regional exercise with responders and regulators, coordination with Yolo County OES and Public Works Department and outreach to Spring Valley residents.
- Administration staffing, budgeting, annual audit, and web site update.
- Personnel and benefits issues.
- 2007 issues including infrastructure improvements, a county-wide flood management entity concept, regional water treatment facilities, conjunctive use vision, system maintenance and habitat enhancement.

Director Rominger thanked Mr. O'Halloran for the good overview of 2006 events and activities.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Tadlock reported that NCWA will be raising its dues by 2-1/2 cents per acre, a 2-1/2% increase. Discussion followed regarding services provided by NCWA and its leadership on various matters of concern and interest to the District.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bartkiewicz reported the Bay Delta water conveyance matter continues as a major focus of the legislature and the administration and that a new water bond is being considered.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Indian Valley Dam Penstock Lining Update:

Mr. Lopez reported that the penstock lining work is behind schedule and completion is now expected on January 20, 2007. He presented pictures and details on the repair of the 775 foot long, 60 inch diameter pipeline. He also advised that since no water was being released over the dam spillway, the District was not incurring financial damages due to the delay in project completion.

Capay Dam Inspection Update:

Mr. O'Halloran reported that the dam assessment work was on schedule.

Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions:

Mr. O'Halloran provided an overview of current and last year's maintenance and water supply conditions.

2006 New Year's Eve Storm Recovery Update and Continuation of Emergency Conditions:

Mr. O'Halloran stated that the emergency work was essentially finished and that a continuation of the emergency condition was not needed.

M/S/C a declaration of termination of emergency conditions due to the January 2006 storm event.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #37655 - 37663

CLOSED SESSION

The regular meeting was adjourned to Closed Session under Brown Action Section 54956.9(a) Carman v. YCFC&WCD and Watson v. YCFC&WCD.

Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager Barton, Anthony Lopez, Jen Reed, Attorney Wills and Attorney Bartkiewicz.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The regular Board meeting was reconvened. Chair Rominger reported that during Closed Session the Board took no action.

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

David Scheuring, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary