

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, May 13, 2008 7:00 P.M.

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### AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the April 1, 2008 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 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
- 7:30 5. Board Consideration: Adoption of a Negative Declaration for the District's Canal Pump Pilot Program and authorization to enter into program contracts.
- 8:00 6. Staff Report: Update regarding floodSAFE Yolo – pilot program.
- 8:10 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.

- 8:15        8.        Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:25        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) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions  
                    b) General Activities  
                    c) Yolo County Water Proposals
- 8:50        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.
- 8:55        11.       Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 9:00        12.       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 May 9, 2008.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 7:00 PM**

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**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on May 13, 2008, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Vink convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Erik Vink, Chair  
Ron Tadlock, Vice Chair  
Ann Brice, Director  
Bruce Rominger, Director

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Fran Borcalli, Flood Management Program Manager  
Monique deBarruel, West Yost Associates  
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor  
Jen Reed, Project Manager  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Michael Clays, District Customer  
Don Rominger, Retired District Director  
Dave Pratt  
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome

**1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

**8.13** M/S/C approved minutes for the April 1, 2008, Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

No items.

### **3. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda**

No items.

### **4. BOARD PRESENTATION: Adoption of Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-'09**

General Manager O'Halloran presented the Board with the Operating Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2008-'09, which has been discussed and reviewed by the District Finance Committee consisting of Chair Vink and Vice Chair Tadlock. The Capital Budget will be presented to the Board at the June Regular Board Meeting.

O'Halloran noted that the total budget is both a planning document and a financial control document. The Operating Budget consists of revenues and expenses (including depreciation), while the Capital Budget contains funds for contingencies and improvements.

O'Halloran explained that the revenue key for this upcoming year depended on the availability of expected property taxes. Because of the State Budget shortfall of as much as \$20 B, many believe that there is a high likelihood that some or all of the expected property taxes will not be available to the District.

Chair Vink reported that he and Vice Chair Tadlock had met twice in the last month to review the proposed budget.

#### **8.14 M/S/C adoption of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-'09.**

### **5. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Negative Declaration for Canal Pump Pilot Program and Authorization to enter into program contracts**

Water Resources Associate Stevenson reported that the Board would be considering both a resolution to adopt the negative declaration for the Canal Pump Pilot Program, and an authorization to allow the District to enter into contracts with participating well owners/tenants.

Stevenson noted that the CEQA process was relatively simple, reflecting the small-scale of the pilot program in 2008. It reviewed biological, cultural, and historic resources, and resulted in a conclusion of no impact (negative declaration). If the pilot program is successful enough to be expanded in the future, Stevenson indicated that there would be a more formal environmental review at that time. Chair Vink inquired about notification of District customers. Stevenson replied that the District filed legal notices in the newspaper, filed notice with the Yolo County Clerk's Office, posted information on the website, and provided personal notification at a variety of meetings for growers, landowners, customers, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, and 2x2 meetings. While the District received and responded to questions about the program, it received no written comments or objections to the plan.

Monique de Barruel provided a brief update on the pilot project, which seeks to address potential challenges caused by limited canal capacity and drought vulnerability. There have been 32 well interviews and field visits, with subsequent testing of selected wells. Pump tests have been completed on four wells. The dry year has created high demand by farmers for pump testing services, so it has taken longer to complete pump tests of qualifying wells. Six wells will be

piloted this season, which de Barruel believes will provide enough data to evaluate the concept and identify issues.

General Manager O'Halloran reported that he and District Counsel Bartkiewicz have developed a sample contract, the challenges of which included determining the kinds and level of incentives and ensuring that the District has control over the use of the participating wells, with use priority given to well owners/tenants with 24 hour notice.

Chair Vink invited public comment on the proposed resolution. Bob Schneider offered his support of good conjunctive use served by this pilot program, and congratulated the District for their good work in proceeding with the pilot. With no further comments from the public, Chair Vink closed the public comment period. No written comments had been received.

- 8.15** M/S/C resolution 08.03 that adopts the negative declaration for the 2008 Canal Capacity Pilot Program, and permits the District to enter into contracts with participating well owners/tenants.

#### **6. STAFF REPORT: floodSAFE Yolo – pilot program**

Program Manager Borcalli reported on the importance of coordinating information and efforts with other agencies on issues related to Cache Creek hydrology, topographical mapping, city and county drainage, Willow Slough. General Manager O'Halloran added that while progress and issues are discussed at 2x2x2 meetings, the information does not appear to be filtering back to the full boards.

#### **7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Vice Chair Tadlock reported that he had attended the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting that day. He shared that Bob Schneider had provided comments at the meeting that were highly supportive of the District.

Director Rominger reported that he has attended water issue meetings and strategic planning sessions with County Supervisors Mariko Yamada and Helen Thomson.

Director Brice reported that she had attended the ACWA meeting and received required training in sexual harassment and ethics during the prior week. Brice also noted that the Water Awareness Poster Contest had been successfully concluded, and that this year's recipient had been recognized at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Chair Vink reported that the District annual awards luncheon, scheduled for May 22, 2008, at Hotel Woodland, will recognize Fran Borcalli.

#### **8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

District Counsel Bartkiewicz had no report. General Manager O'Halloran reported that he has asked NCWA Executive Director Ryan Broddrick and Legal Counsel Paul Bartkiewicz to give a formal briefing on Delta Water issues at the June Regular Board Meeting.

#### **9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager O'Halloran announced that Director David Scheuring, who has served the

District for several years with distinguished leadership, inspiration, and commitment, has decided to resign from the Board.

a. Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions

The water delivery season had a strong start and the system has moved quickly towards capacity delivery.

b. General Activities

O'Halloran gave a tour of the Indian Valley facilities to Spring Valley residents that constitute a community service district. Their concerns about their supply (one acre foot per day) were allayed by the presentation.

O'Halloran gave a tour of the Lake County facilities to the Lake County Grand Jury. An education campaign to reduce Clear Lake debris that comes to the dam was discussed.

c. Yolo County Water Proposals

Three weeks previously, Yolo County Board of Supervisors proposed two new groundwater ordinances and the creation of a County Water Agency. O'Halloran provided a written request to delay consideration of the groundwater monitoring proposal until he and District Counsel Bartkiewicz could assess the proposal and provide their feedback; however, the Board of Supervisors decided to proceed with all three proposals under consideration. District staff is concerned that the Board of Supervisors is proceeding without fully comprehending the extent of the current groundwater and subsidence monitoring currently done by the District. The District is going to participate in a joint Board meeting with the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to improve communications and joint input on water planning.

District Counsel Bartkiewicz and O'Halloran will be meeting with Special County Counsel Stuart Somach on May 21 to discuss the new county proposals.

**10. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

No items.

**11. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

**8.16** M/S/C approval for the following claim(s) for payment:

Yolo Flood Control Checks: # 40707-40731

**12. ADJOURN:**

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

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Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

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