

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, January 6, 2015 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meetings.
- 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. 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: Elections of Officers for 2015.
- 7:15 5. Staff Report: 2014 Year-in-Review and 2015 Anticipated Activities.
- 7:45 6. Staff Report: Review of preparations for, and impact of, the recent storm events of December 4th through December 20th.
- 8:05 7. Staff Report: Ag-water Rate Structure Modification and 2015 Budget Preparation

- 8:30 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.
- 8:35 9. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:40 10. 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) Financial Report
c) General Activities
d) Upcoming Events
- 8:50 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.
- 8:55 12. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 9:00 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 January 1, 2015.

By: _____
Tim O'Halloran, General Manager



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 7:00 PM

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

The regular 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 6, 2015, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Tadlock convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Ron Tadlock, Chair
Ann Brice, Vice Chair
James Mayer
Bruce Rominger

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager - Administration
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager - Resources
Jen Reed, Project Manager
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Blake Harlan
John McKean
Dave Pratt
Don Rominger
Frank Siefertman, Sr.

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger and Tadlock

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

2. OPEN FORUM

General Manager O'Halloran presented retiring Director Tadlock, as a token of his appreciation for his years of service, with the 1901 book – *Report of Irrigation Investigations in California*.

Chair Tadlock reported that he had learned a lot while serving on the Board from the District and from other agencies. He expressed his appreciation for the other directors, General Manager O'Halloran and the District's staff.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

4. CONSIDERATION: Election of Officers for 2015.

Chair Tadlock reviewed the District's policy regarding the rotation of officers and who would be the 2015 officers under the current policy.

M/S/C continued the current election policy electing:

Chair - Ann Brice

Vice Chair - Bruce Rominger

Secretary – Tim O'Halloran

Assistant Secretary – Christy Barton

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger and Tadlock

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Chair Brice thanked Director Tadlock for service to the District and for sharing his farming knowledge and experience.

5. STAFF REPORT: 2014 Year-in-Review and 2015 Anticipated Activities.

General Manager O'Halloran briefly reviewed what he considers to be the highlights of 2014 activities, including:

- Budgetary response to drought conditions
- Leadership and engagement in the development of new groundwater legislation
- Implementation of the Winters Canal Modernization Grant (WUE)
- Submission and award of \$2 Million Emergency Drought Response grant
- FERC related activities including Independent Consultant selection
- Cache Creek Dam hydroelectric power investigation
- Indian Valley power contract investigation and renewal
- Backup Disaster Recovery (BDR) planning
- Expansion of a District-wide Real-time Groundwater Sensor Network
- Further development of the Water Wheeling Program
- Modification of the Ag-Water Rate Structure
- Lake County's Middle Creek Restoration Project review
- Development of Strategic Plan for Water Supply Reliability and Economic and Environmental Sustainability
- Participation in NCWA's Bay Delta and Water Management Task Forces

O'Halloran also reported on the activities that he anticipates for 2015, which included:

- Continued development of a formal District Strategic Plan for Achieving Water Supply Reliability and Economic and Environmental Sustainability
- Completion of Winters Canal Modernization Water Use Efficiency Grant Project
- Initiation of Emergency Drought Response Grant
- FERC Part 12D Independent Consultant Report
- Adoption of an Annual "Water Report"
- Continued Capital Improvements
- Integration of Habitat and Environmental Values into District's Maintenance Program
- Drafting of new policies related to flow measurement and water quality
- Continued improvement of Safety and HR Programs

6. STAFF REPORT: Review of preparations for, and impact of, the recent storm events of December 4th through December 20th.

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the District's current water supply situation and changes to date in water storage at the Indian Valley Reservoir and Clear Lake. O'Halloran reported that with a couple of additional storms, the District should reach 75,000 acre-feet in storage, which would enable a shortened season in 2015 similar to that of 2009.

O'Halloran reviewed the District's preparations in advance of, during and after the recent storm events, including coordination with other agencies and the media. He provided the Board with a time lapse view of the December 10, 2014, storm event as Cache Creek flows increased across the Capay Dam. Additionally, he reported on damage to the energy dissipaters on the Capay Dam apron.

7. STAFF REPORT: Ag-water Rate Structure Modification and 2015 Budget Preparation.

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the District's current and expiring water rate schedule, rate structure options, and prior discussions regarding an expanded rate schedule. He presented a draft water rate scenario spreadsheet, reviewing its variables and assumptions. He then demonstrated how it would allow analysis of the financial impact of water rates based on the District's water supply history over a forty-year period. He reported it is important that the District develop a budget format that explains the what, why and how of the budgeting process that can be demonstrated and understood by farmers and bankers alike.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Rominger reported on a meeting with Director Tadlock, General Manager O'Halloran and Assistant General Manager – Administration Barton with JTN Energy, LLC. This meeting was held to consider the potential of reconfiguring the Indian Valley hydroelectric plant's connection to PG&E. The purpose would be to qualify for a different power sales contract with a higher return to the District.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra made no report.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager O'Halloran provided reports on:

- a) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions - The Water Conditions Report was reviewed during Item 7 of the meeting. The hydrographs of real-time groundwater monitoring wells were reviewed and discussed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights of the November 2014 Monthly Management Financial Statements were reviewed.
- c) General Activities - A list of outreach activities and projects both in-house and coordinating with other agencies was reviewed. They included:

Outreach

WRA Executive Committee (December 15)
 Irrigated Lands Program - Year of Groundwater Presentations:
 Clarksburg (December 16)
 Woodland (December 17)
 Winters (December 18)
 Woodland (December 18)
 District Holiday Lunch (December 22)
 District Office Closed for Holidays (Dec. 24 - Jan. 2)
 Cal Poly Student Engineering Tour (Jan. 3)
 WRA Executive Committee (Jan. 5)

Projects

Water Rate & Budget Preparation
 WUE Project Management & Implementation
 “Year of Groundwater” and SGMA
 FERC Part 12D – Seismic studies
 FERC Submissions
 Water Reliability and Economic and Environmental Sustainability Plan
 Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI) Water Use Model
 Indian Valley Power Contract Issues (JTN)

d) Upcoming Events

January 7 - Sites Reservoir JPA - Westside ID
 January 12 - WRA Board Meeting - Woodland Community Center
 January 15 - Yolo County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting - Waite Hall
 January 26 - Groundwater Workshop - Willows

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 50712 - 50714

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger and Tadlock

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ann T. Brice, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary