

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, September 1, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the August 4, 2015 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. 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. Presentation: Northern California Water Association Activities Update.
- 7:30 5. Presentation: Weed Management and Habitat Development Program Update.
- 7:50 6. Presentation: Rocky Fire Impacts to Indian Valley Reservoir Facilities.
- 8:05 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.

- 8:10 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:15 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) Financial Report
 - c) General Activities
 - d) Upcoming Events
- 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. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:30 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 August 28, 2015.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 7:00 PM**

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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, September 1, 2015, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Brice convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Ann Brice, Chair
Bruce Rominger, Vice Chair
Mary Kimball
Erik Vink

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager - Administration
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager - Resources
Anthony Lopez, Facilities Supervisor
Jon O'Brien, Environmental Resources Associate

Members of the Public

Tom Barth
Duane Chamberlain
David Guy
John McKean
Dave Pratt
Don Rominger
Bob Schneider
Frank Siefertman, Sr.
Jim Watson

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the August 4, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Rominger and Vink
Noes: None
Absent: Director Mayer
Abstain: None

2. OPEN FORUM

General Manager O'Halloran introduced Jim Watson, new general manager for the Sites Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA).

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

General Manager O'Halloran announced that two changes need to be made to the agenda.

1. Consideration of the revised Sites JPA Governance Agreement, which was received after the agenda was posted and needs action prior to the next meeting.
2. The Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) emailed the District, after the agenda was posted, that CalOES needs information on file for the District to participate in cost recovery related to the Rocky Fire.

M/S/C determined by a 4/4 vote that the need to take action that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted and approved adding consideration of the Sites JPA Governance Agreement to the agenda.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Rominger and Vink
Noes: None
Absent: Director Mayer
Abstain: None

M/S/C determined by a 4/4 vote that the need to take action that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted and approved adding action to declare recovery of the Rocky Fire an emergency and start the recovery process.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Rominger and Vink
Noes: None
Absent: Director Mayer
Abstain: None

3A. CONSIDERATION: Update to the Sites JPA Agreement

Director Kimball reported that the Sites JPA General Manager Jim Watson had been hired from an impressive group of applicants and has been very busy since being hired.

Watson introduced himself by providing a brief self-introduction and reviewing his history related to water infrastructure projects. He reported on the need to finalize the JPA Agreement to facilitate the JPA's development of a short-term and long-term budget, establishment and allocation of costs and developing an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Budget. The O&M Budget needs to be presented at the State Water Commission's September 21 meeting.

Watson reviewed the changes to the Agreement which include voting rights, allocation of costs by phases and areas of interest. He noted that a Sites JPA member could participate in just the Administrative costs if that was its only area of interest in the Site's Project.

General Manager O'Halloran reported that neither he nor Director Kimball had the opportunity to review the revised Agreement as yet. He recommended approval of the Agreement contingent on review by Kimball and himself to confirm that the changes are as presented.

M/S/C approved the revised Sites JPA Governance Agreement as provided, contingent on the review by Director Kimball and General Manager O'Halloran for consistency with the presentation provided to the Board.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Rominger and Vink
 Noes: None
 Absent: Director Mayer
 Abstain: None

4. PRESENTATION: Northern California Water Association Activities Update.

David Guy, President of the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) reported that NCWA supports the Sites JPA and Sites Project. However, his purpose this evening is to provide an overview of NCWA's current activities. He reviewed several broad issues including the current dry year dynamics at the state level, water community communications/water education, groundwater activities, a Sacramento Valley Regional Growth Group, implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, water quality issues, proposed legislation related to water, a Salmon Recovery Program, federal legislative activities, water rights, regional integrated water management, and the Bay-Delta.

Chair Brice noted that Guy seems to be everywhere and is an unbelievable advocate for Northern California water interests.

General Manager O'Halloran reported that NCWA provides a great benefit to the District as an early warning system for legislative and regulatory issues. O'Halloran tries to ensure that the activities of NCWA, legal counsel, and the General Manager are well coordinated. He noted NWCA has a long-range vision with sustainability in mind.

5. STAFF REPORT: Weed Management and Habitat Development Program Update.

General Manager O'Halloran introduced Environmental Resources Associate Jon O'Brien, who was hired to address the District's current vegetation management issues, develop a plan, and to define relevant issues.

O'Brien provided a PowerPoint presentation showing portions of the District's canal system. O'Brien noted that steps needed to develop a weed management program include defining weed management goals, identifying the weeds and corresponding control methods, documenting management activities and their results, and adding habitat value to the canal system.

Director Kimball noted that she would like to see more pilot habitat projects.

Tom Barth commented that he is concerned regarding activities that are needed at Lamb Valley Slough and its culverts before winter rains.

O'Halloran briefly reviewed a Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area (MERCOSA) meeting that had been held to prepare for this year's winter rains and to discuss the long-term plan for addressing management of the drainage system within MERCOSA.

6. STAFF REPORT: Rocky Fire Impacts to Indian Valley Reservoir Facilities.

Facilities Supervisor Lopez reported that the Rocky Fire had burned within 300 yards of the Cache Creek Dam without causing any infrastructure damages. However, the Rocky Fire did damage power poles and power lines from the Indian Valley (IV) Reservoir to the District substation near the PG&E Mendoza/Cortina line. Lopez provided a PowerPoint presentation showing the general alignment of the IV power poles, burned areas and damages to the District's power poles and lines. Extrapolating from prior pole repairs, he estimated the cost of the repairs and noted access issues. He reviewed potential access points to the remote repair sites, some of which will not be accessible by land if the ground is wet.

Lopez reported that he had met with several contractors to show them the damages, ascertain if they could complete the needed repairs this fall and to obtain a cost estimate. He expects to receive quotes back within 2 weeks.

General Manager O'Halloran reported that Dana Carey, Yolo County OES Coordinator, reported that the Rocky Fire has been declared a State Disaster, so the District should be able to recover 75% of its losses. The Federal Emergency Management Agency may become a recovery participant.

O'Halloran reported that the District has no concerns about the District's current abilities to monitor activities at the IV dam. Given the extremely low water levels there is no need for remote operational capabilities provided by the PG&E tie in. However, if El Nino brings heavy rains and runoff, it will be very important to have that PG&E connection. He reported due to the short time frame to complete the work and to the potential to lose access to the repair sites if storms come early, there is not adequate time to go through the formal bidding process. A contractor needs to be selected and work initiated and completed as quickly as possible in preparation for the rainy season and possible El Nino rains.

The District is working with Yolo OES regarding cost recovery, and will be providing information as required.

M/S/C by 4/4th vote declared as an emergency the repair of the Indian Valley power poles and lines in order to provide PG&E power to the Indian Valley Dam and restore full local and remote operational capabilities to the dam in preparation for winter storms and authorized General Manager O'Halloran to represent the District as needed for state and federal cost recovery.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Rominger and Vink
 Noes: None
 Absent: Director Mayer
 Abstain: None

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Director Kimball reported that the date for the regular Sites JPA meetings has been changed to the 3rd Monday of the month. Meeting locations have been rotating among member agencies, so the website should be checked for location prior to a meeting.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The District did not expect to need legal counsel, so Legal Counsel Bezerra was informed that he need not attend the meeting.

9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager O’Halloran provided reports on:

- a) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions – The August shutoff and the September restart of water releases was reviewed. The Water Conditions Report and hydrographs of real-time groundwater monitoring wells were reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights of the July 2015 Monthly Management Financial Statements were reviewed.
- c) Upcoming Event - October 29, 2015, NCWA Reception at Matchbook Winery celebrating the Sacramento Valley and its special farms, fish and wildlife.

10. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no discussion.

11. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: #51609 - 51615

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Rominger and Vink
Noes: None
Absent: Director Mayer
Abstain: None

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ann T. Brice, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O’Halloran, Secretary