

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the November 3, 2015 Regular and November 6, 2015 Special 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.
- 7:15 4. Consideration: Rocky Fire Damages Cost Recovery.
- 7:20 5. Consideration: Sites Project JPA – Third Amendment and Restated Sties Project Agreement.
- 7:25 6. Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Update.
- 7:30 7. Presentation: Development of a District Ag Water Management Plan.
- 7:35 8. Presentation: Application for a Temporary Permit for Diversion to Underground Storage During High Flow Events.

- 7:50 9. 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.
- 7:55 10. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:00 11. 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
- 8:10 12. Closed Session:
a) Under Government Code Sections 54954.5(e) and 54957 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation - General Manager
b) Under Government Code Sections 54954.5(f) and 54957.6 – Conference with labor negotiators.
Designated Representatives: Ann Brice/Jim Mayer
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager
- 8:45 13. Consideration: General Manager job description and contract approval.
- 8:55 14. 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.
- 8:58 15. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 9:00 16. 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 4, 2015.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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**FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 8, 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, December 8, 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
James Mayer
Erik Vink

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Special Projects Supervisor
Kristin Sicke, Assistant General Manager
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager - Resources
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

John McKean
Dave Pratt
Don Rominger
Bob Schneider
Frank Siefertman, Sr.

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the November 3, 2015 Regular and November 6, 2015 Special Board Meetings as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

2. OPEN FORUM

General Manager O'Halloran introduced recently hired Assistant General Manager Sicke. Ms. Sicke thanked the Board and General Manager O'Halloran for the opportunity to join the District team, and that she was excited and eager to help contribute to achieving the District vision.

Chair Brice announced that Special Projects Supervisor Barton had just received a plaque commemorating forty years of service to the District.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda.

There were no changes made to the agenda.

4. CONSIDERATION: Rocky Fire Damages Cost Recovery.

Special Projects Supervisor Barton reported on the executed contract with International Line Builders, Inc. (ILB) and the status of cost recovery efforts. ILB is still trying to locate the needed air switch, the cost of which was not included in the contract. The District is investigating the potential for hazard mitigation assistance regarding the power poles.

M/S/C approved continuation of the declared emergency related to the Rocky Fire damage recovery.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Sites Project Joint Power Authority (JPA) – Third Amendment and Restated Sites Project Agreement.

General Manager O’Halloran reported that this item includes the Third Amendment to Sites Project Agreement. He noted that the JPA has still not resolved the questions regarding the Associate Member status. This will be the last District action as a full member of the JPA, if the proposed changes to the By-Laws are adopted.

M/S/C approved the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Sites Project Agreement with the correction made to the District’s name in the last paragraph of the Recitals.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

6. PRESENTATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Update.

General Manager O’Halloran reported that the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) had hired the Center for Collaborative Policy to provide facilitation services in the SGMA process. He reviewed the groundwater sub-basins and numerous water agencies within Yolo County and how they relate to the implementation of the SGMA. O’Halloran is proposing that the boundaries of Yolo County be set as the boundaries for the required Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). He has already discussed this with representatives of the adjacent counties. A letter will be going out from the WRA and the Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB) to the adjacent counties regarding the establishment of GSA boundaries to help them focus on the need to define their own GSA boundaries, an issue that must be resolved over the next few months.

O’Halloran said that the next steps after establishing the GSA boundary is establishing the GSA itself and then developing a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP).

Assistant General Manager Sicke reported on the on-going development of a website www.yologroundwater.org, a joint effort of the WRA and the YCFB. The website is a portal for information on the SGMA process in Yolo County, providing the public information regarding the SGMA, reports and data on groundwater conditions, and the ability to sign-up for SGMA meeting notices.

7. PRESENTATION: Development of a District Ag Water Management Plan.

Assistant General Manager – Resources Stevenson reported that the District is required by the SBX7-7 Agricultural Water Management Plan (Steinberg Statue of 2009) to update its Agricultural

Water Management Plan (AWMP) every five years starting in 2015. He reported on the types of information being incorporated into the 2015 AWMP. Stevenson reported that the law requires that the Board hold a public hearing regarding the AWMP before considering its adoption.

8. PRESENTATION: Application for a Temporary Permit for Diversion to Underground Storage During High Flow Events.

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed Executive Order B-36-15 requiring that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) work with applicants to expedite temporary water rights permits for projects that enhance the ability of local and state agencies to capture water from high precipitation events this winter and spring for local storage or recharge and later beneficial use. He reviewed a meeting with the State Board, the Department of Water Resources and the Governor's representatives regarding implementing the directive. The District is preparing the necessary paperwork to request a temporary appropriation authorization to capture high winter storm flows for recharge throughout the District.

Director Mayer encouraged the District's efforts, which will force the State to refocus attention to the appropriation process and procedures, even though it will create extra work for District staff preparing the required documents and then operating the canal system to facilitate groundwater recharge.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Chair Brice reported on the Northern California Water Association subcommittee meeting regarding a project in the Upper Yolo Bypass.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on:

- a) Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) vs. Department of Water Resources (DWR) et al regarding DWR's process for considering and funding grant applications. Due to some preliminary rulings, the NRDC will be filing an amended complaint. Although the District provides more than 99% of its water volumetrically, it was identified in the NRDC lawsuit as providing water other than volumetrically.
- b) Development of a proposal by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) to amend Prop 218 to include storm water and flood control agencies, and to allow the use of tiered water rates for urban agencies. Special Projects Supervisor Barton noted that ACWA Region 4 members expressed concern that this change could allow the mandating of tiered water rates, which was found illegal under Prop 218.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager O'Halloran provided reports on:

- a) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions - The Water Conditions Report, the Clear Lake weather forecast and hydrographs of real-time groundwater monitoring wells were reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights of the October 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.
- d) Upcoming events announced were:
 - 1) District Office Closed – Half-day December 24, 2015 – January 1, 2016
 - 2) Irrigated Lands Program meetings
 - December 15 at 10:00 am - Winters Community Center
 - December 16 at 10:00 am - Yolo County Farm Bureau
 - December 16 at 6:00 pm - Yolo County Farm Bureau
 - December 17 at 2:00 pm - Clarksburg Community Church

12. CLOSED SESSION:

Chair Brice announced adjournment to Closed Session to consider:

- a) Under Government Code Sections 54954.5(e) and 54957 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation - General Manager. The only person present other than the attending Board members was General Manager O'Halloran.
- b) Under Government Code Sections 54954.5(f) and 54957.6 – Conference with labor negotiators. The Designated Board Representatives were Directors Brice and Mayer. The unrepresented employee was General Manager O'Halloran. No persons were present other than the attending Board members.

Chair Brice reconvened the Board meeting to Open Session and announced that there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

13. CONSIDERATION: General Manager Job Description and Contract Approval.

M/S/C approved a new contract for General Manager O'Halloran effective January 1, 2016.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

14. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no discussion.

15. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 52006 - 52017

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ann T. Brice, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary