

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the March 3, 2015 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. Consideration: Sites Reservoir Project and JPA Update.
- 7:40 5. Consideration: Selection of Independent Auditor.
- 7:50 6. Staff Report: Groundwater Well Program Solicitation.
- 8:10 7. Staff Report: 2015 Allocated Irrigation Season Update.

- 8:25 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.
- 8:30 9. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:35 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 April 3, 2015.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 7, 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, April 7, 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
James Mayer
Erik Vink

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager - Administration
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager - Resources

Members of the Public

Keith Ahart
Fritz Durst
John McKean
Dave Pratt
Shane Tucker
Mike Urkov

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the March 3, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

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

2. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

4. CONSIDERATION: Sites Reservoir Project and JPA Update.

Fritz Durst past-chair and current board member of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) reported he had two purposes in mind when he asked to address the Board.

1. Letter of Support for H.R. 1060 (Garamendi & LaMalfa) – Durst requested the Board consider a Letter of Support for H.R. 1060, a bipartisan bill intended to expedite construction of the Sites Reservoir Project (Project) and be a placeholder for future funding of the Project.
2. Potential Funding Participation – Durst reviewed the current status of the Project, potential benefits and benefactors, analysis of options including sizing, water sources, water uses, discharge options, operations, potential funding sources, and potential costs of the Project and the water. He noted that the range of costs for Project water is \$500 - \$700 per acre-foot. Durst left a large display for review that that included a map of the potential reservoir, its operational features, and a summary of the three alternatives being considered.

Durst requested that the District, as a member of the Sites JPA, consider purchasing some quantity of water from the Project to help fund the planning process and gain water after construction. He noted that the purchase of 1 acre-foot of water included 1 acre-foot of environmental water. Durst noted that the Project could benefit the District in a couple of ways. Such as - if the Yolo Bypass is designated as a salmon fishery and the District has to provide fish flows, those flows could be provided by Project exchange water from the Sacramento River saving water in the Cache Creek system; and as a funding participant, the District could be a potential recipient or provider of transferred water by water exchange.

General Manager O'Halloran recommended that the District support H.R. 1060. However, participation in Project funding by buying Project water should be thoroughly discussed as part of the budget process. He reported that the District's options regarding the Sites JPA include leaving the Sites JPA, continuing in a supportive role in the Sites JPA with a limited financial position, or staying with the Sites JPA with significant financial contribution to the planning effort with a commitment to purchase a quantity of Project water.

M/S/C authorized a Letter of Support for H.R.1060 be provided as requested by the following vote:

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

Durst reported that the current governance of the Sites JPA will have to change as the Project gets investors that will want to have a voice in the operations. He thanked the Board for the past efforts of O'Halloran and Director Tadlock.

5. CONSIDERATION: Selection of Independent Auditor.

General Manager O'Halloran reported that Financial Supervisor McGriff had mailed requests for proposals for independent audits for Fiscal Years (FY) 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 to sixteen qualified firms, and received back six proposals. The proposals were reviewed with the Finance Committee and presented to the Board for review on a spreadsheet. O'Halloran noted that the lowest annual and three-year proposal was from Smith & Newell, CPAs, who have performed the last three District audits. He noted that the District has an informal policy to limit auditors to three consecutive years. However, he recommended accepting the proposal for the first year and having their performance reviewed by the Board before authorizing any additional years.

Director Mayer as a Financial Committee member reported that the use of the same auditor for numerous years is not an issue, as long as the auditor is doing good work.

M/S/C approved the acceptance of the proposal from Smith & Newell, CPAs, for the FY 2014/15 audit, with option to extend for up to two additional years with Board approval each subsequent year.

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

6. STAFF REPORT: Groundwater Well Program Solicitation.

Assistant General Manager – Resources Stevenson reviewed the District’s 2007 test program utilizing groundwater wells to relieve canal capacity problems. Although the operational results were positive, the administrative efforts and coordination with the landowners and PG&E was at times difficult; expensive and time consuming. It was determined that the program is feasible, but that the District needs to have control over the wells to reduce overhead and increase flexibility.

Under a recently received Prop 84 Emergency Drought Grant, the District can implement a groundwater well program in which the District will either install or acquire strategically placed wells along the canal system to use groundwater to supplement the District’s supply when needed. Stevenson reviewed the key points of the program, how it would work and the criteria to evaluate a well and its location for inclusion in the program.

7. STAFF REPORT: 2015 Allocated Irrigation Season Update.

General Manager O’Halloran reported on a meeting with the growers, reviewed the allocation process, operational activities during allocation years and the rationale included in making certain operational decisions. He reported that modifications to STORM, the District’s water management software program, are under way to allow better tracking of water use locations and provide water customers with daily updates regarding their water use through the District’s website.

8. DIRECTORS’ REPORTS

Chair Brice reported on a Northern California Water Association (NCWA) event that included the Metropolitan Water District (MET) and a tour of the Sites Reservoir location.

9. ATTORNEY’S REPORT

There was no attorney report given.

10. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager O’Halloran provided reports on:

- a) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions - The Water Conditions Report and hydrographs of real-time groundwater monitoring wells were reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights of the February 2015 Monthly Management Financial Statements were reviewed.
- c) General Activities –A number of activities related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act were reviewed.
- d) Upcoming Events – No events were highlighted.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chair Brice reported on a newspaper column “Maven’s Notebook” that included an article regarding General Manager O’Halloran.

12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 51035 – 51049.

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

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