

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, May 5, 2015 7:00 P.M.

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the April 7, 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. Public Hearing and Consideration: Proposed Adoption of New Rate Schedule.
- 7:30 5. Consideration: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 District Budget.
- 8:00 6. Staff Report: Seepage Situation on the West Adams Canal.
- 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 May 1, 2015.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015 7:00 PM**

**YCFCWCD Offices  
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 was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice Chair Rominger convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Bruce Rominger, Vice Chair  
James Mayer  
Erik Vink

District Staff

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

Members of the Public

Nick Charles  
Janet Levers  
John McKean  
Dave Pratt  
Andrew Rodgers  
Don Rominger  
Bob Schneider  
Frank Sieferman, Sr.

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the April 7, 2015, Regular Board meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Brice and Kimball

Abstain: None

**2. OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments.

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

No items were added or removed from the agenda. However, because it was too early to open the Item 4 Public Hearing, Item 7 was moved forward to the next position on the agenda.

**7. STAFF REPORT: 2015 Allocated Irrigation Season Update.**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the forecasts for the 2015 irrigation season and calculations for the initial water allocation. He reviewed actual operational graphs from the District's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for the start of the 2015 season, and photographs of a number of control gates on the main canal system.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION: Proposed Adoption of New Rate Schedule.**

At 7:20 p.m., Vice Chair Rominger opened the public hearing to provide interested persons an opportunity to comment on proposed changes to the agricultural rate schedule and for the Board to consider adoption of a new agricultural rate schedule. He announced that notice of the hearing had been provided as required. Rominger asked staff to provide a presentation regarding the proposed rate schedule.

Before his presentation, General Manager O'Halloran reported that Janet Levers, who was in the audience, had informed staff that the notice of the hearing, which was mailed to specific landowners, was not received by her or two of her neighbors, the Tostes and Dinsdales. Levers reported that she saw the published notice of the public hearing and had received the information from the District after requesting it. She stated that she and her neighbors have been using District water for many

years. Assistant General Manager – Resources Stevenson reported that the notice should have been mailed to the owners of all properties that were listed on a water application during the prior three years. O’Halloran stated staff would investigate the issue to verify if the process used for the mailing list was working as intended.

O’Halloran reviewed the process of creating the proposed water rate schedule, its development from the 2008 and 2011 rate schedules, discussions with water customers at meetings, factors included in development of District budgets, and analysis of long-term economic sustainability. He noted that the rate structure needs to support the District’s strategic plan for achieving water supply reliability, economic sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Rominger opened the hearing for oral and written comments.

Bob Schneider, not a voting landowner, said that he supports the proposed water rate structure, but that he has concerns regarding the District’s long-term reserves. He noted that water pricing is very dynamic with spot water prices currently very high. He suggested that the water rates capture the value of the District’s groundwater recharge.

Andrew Rodgers, a voting landowner, reported that he has concerns regarding the District’s vegetation management and weed seeds being transferred through the canals. He currently takes care of part of the District’s canal. He hopes that the increased water rate will mean increased weed control. He offered to show staff the area that he is currently maintaining.

Nick Charles, a voting landowner, said that he also has weed and vegetation problems, a cumulative neglect problem.

O’Halloran noted that the situations are quite different for Rodgers and Charles. Rodgers is talking about District facilities, but Charles is referring to a natural waterway that is used by the District to move water.

Hearing no other comments, Rominger asked staff if any comments had been provided before the meeting. Staff reported that the only correspondence received was from Janet Levers requesting information as previously reported.

**M/S/C** adopted the proposed agricultural rate schedule including adjusting other rates that are based on the agricultural rate.

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Brice and Kimball

Abstain: None

Director Mayer reported that the District has been refining the agricultural water rate structure and is moving in the right direction.

O'Halloran reported that there was an error in the non-agricultural water rate that was provided in the notice and asked the Board to set a public hearing to consider the corrected proposed non-agricultural rate for the July Board meeting.

M/S/C set a hearing for July 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the proposed non-agricultural rate.

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Brice and Kimball

Abstain: None

**5. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 District Budget.**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the budget development process and thanked Finance Committee members Directors Mayer and Vink, and Financial Supervisor Barbara McGriff and other staff for their participation. He reported that the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/2016 budget was developed based on acceptance of the proposed rate schedule, and that the purpose of a budget is for both planning and financial control. O'Halloran reviewed the proposed budget including items of special note and the capital budget.

Vink reported that the Finance Committee had meetings with District staff, and had received and reviewed very detailed information. He reported that he is comfortable that the proposed budget is realistic. Mayer noted it is worth bringing attention to the proposed Cost of Living Increase (COLA). He noted that staff did not receive a COLA last year, and was subjected to furloughs instead.

M/S/C adopted the FY 2015/2016 budget as proposed.

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Brice and Kimball

Abstain: None

**6. STAFF REPORT: Seepage Situation on West Adams Canal.**

Assistant General Manager – Resources Stevenson reviewed the District’s policy of not lining canals. He then reported on seepage issues from the West Adams Canal into the Granite Pit near Capay including the seepage history, unusually high seepage this year, remedial measures taken and the current monitoring activities.

**7. This item was moved to an earlier position on the agenda**

**8. DIRECTORS’ REPORTS**

There were no Directors’ reports.

**9. ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on the State Water Resources Control Board’s (Board) current and proposed actions regarding appropriations, both post and pre-1914 water rights, riparian rights and settlement contracts. He noted that although the Board has already acknowledged that Cache Creek is not connected to the Sacramento River when the river needs additional water, Clear Lake will probably receive a curtailment notice. Although, he also noted that the notice would relate to on-going diversions of water, not to the use of already stored water.

**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 – The District’s financial situation was covered during consideration of the FY 2015/2016 budget earlier in the meeting.
- c) General Activities – No outreach activities and projects were reviewed.
- d) Upcoming Events – No upcoming events were reviewed.

**11. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion.

**12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

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

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Brice and Kimball

Abstain: None

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 51160 - 51172

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Bruce J. Rominger, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary