

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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**Board Meeting**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the September 6, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes
- 7:02 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances, 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: Assumption of Slough Cleaning and Maintenance Responsibilities of the Madison County Service Area of the Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area
- 7:25 5. Consideration: Clayton Fire Damages Cost Recovery
- 7:35 6. Consideration: Temporary Stormwater Diversion Permit for Groundwater Recharge

- 7:50 7. Presentation: Capital Improvement Program Discussion
- 8:05 8. Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation
- 8:15 9. Directors' Reports: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 8:20 10. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District
- 8:25 11. General Manager's Report: Report regarding current general activities and projects of the District
- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions
  - b) Financial Report
  - c) General Activities
  - d) Upcoming Events
- 8:45 12. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:47 13. Consideration: Consider the approval and the payment of bills
- 8:50 14. 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 September 30, 2016.

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



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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 7:00 PM**

**YCFCWCD Offices  
 34274 State Highway 16  
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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Rominger convened the meeting. The following attendees were at the meeting:

### District Board

Bruce Rominger, Chair  
 Tom Barth  
 Ann Brice  
 Mary Kimball

### 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

Keith Ahart  
 Duane Chamberlain  
 John McKean  
 Dave Pratt

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular Board meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Kimball and Vink

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. PRESENTATION: Assumption of Slough Cleaning and Maintenance Responsibilities of the Madison County Service Area of the Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area**

Assistant General Manager Sicke reported on the District's intent to assume the slough cleaning and maintenance responsibilities and revenue of the Madison County Service Area of the Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area (MERCESA). The Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the Local Agency Formation Commission of Yolo County (LAFCo) wish to dissolve MERCESA because the overlapping boundaries with other local agencies has caused public confusion and service inefficiencies, and the services of MERCESA can be provided more effectively by other local agencies. Sicke reported that in September 2016 the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to formally transfer the tax revenue to the District.

District staff believe this will be an excellent opportunity to support Yolo County, expand the existing slough maintenance program, and broaden the District's service portfolio. Sicke reported that staff plans to enter into a temporary agreement with the County for providing the services in the interim until the formal transfer is complete on July 1, 2017.

Director Rominger questioned the liability of the District in the case of flooding near a slough of interest. General Manager O'Halloran reported that County staff provided reference documentation to evaluate what the District's liability would be, but there is still uncertainty as to that issue.

Staff recommended the Board reaffirm the District's intent to enter into this arrangement.

**M/S/C** reaffirmed the District's intent to enter into this arrangement.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

#### **5. CONSIDERATION: Clayton Fire Damages Cost Recovery**

General Manager O'Halloran reported that the Clayton Fire in Lake County damaged ten of the District's power poles, which provide electricity to the Cache Creek Dam. O'Halloran reported that the Board declared an emergency at the September Board meeting for potential replacement of the power poles and line, and reaffirmed O'Halloran to represent the District as needed for state and federal cost recovery. Also at the September Board meeting, the Directors requested staff continue to examine alternative options to replacing the power poles and investigate whether state or federal assistance would be possible.

Assistant General Manager Sicke reported that Senator McGuire and California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) announced on September 20, 2016 that state funding will be provided for reimbursement of damages caused by the Clayton Fire through the California Disaster Assistance Act. Sicke reported that the availability of state reimbursement and the evaluation of alternatives has led staff to believe replacement of the power poles is the most reliable option. Sicke conveyed that state funding reimbursements will cover 75% of the costs incurred by the District, within the limitations of the State's reimbursement policies. Sicke reported that staff solicited six bids and received two estimates from certified public works contractors. The two proposals received estimated a cost of approximately \$150,000 for the replacement of ten power poles. District staff will review and compare the two proposals before accepting a bid proposal; construction is expected to proceed within 30 days and to be completed within 14 days, weather permitting.

Director Rominger inquired of Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) interest in cost sharing or eventually resuming responsibilities of the power poles and line. Staff reported that the poles and Cache Creek Dam were located at a dead end and that PG&E did not have any interest or need in resuming electric services in the area.

Staff recommended the Board declare continuation of the emergency conditions related to the Clayton Fire damage recovery.

**M/S/C** declared a continuation of the emergency conditions related to the Clayton Fire damage recovery.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

**6. CONSIDERATION: Temporary Stormwater Diversion Permit for Groundwater Recharge**

Assistant General Manager Sicke reported that the District diverted approximately 11,000 acre-feet of stormwater for groundwater recharge with a temporary stormwater diversion permit approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in February 2016. Sicke reported that the District completed a final report to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit, which detailed the diversions and monitoring that occurred during and after the diversion period. Sicke reported that she recently spoke with State Water Board staff and inquired of the process and timeline for applying for another stormwater diversion permit this winter. Unfortunately, there is no streamlined process for repeat customers; however, State Water Board staff are ready to accept new permits and to begin negotiations.

Director Kimball asked if others have recently applied or if we have heard of others that will apply soon. General Manager O'Halloran reported that one temporary permit has recently been granted and that we are not aware of any other interested parties.

Staff requested the Board's approval for applying for a new temporary stormwater diversion permit for this upcoming winter season.

**M/S/C** approved District staff to apply for a new temporary stormwater diversion permit for this upcoming winter season.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

#### **7. PRESENTATION: Capital Improvement Program Discussion**

General Manager O'Halloran reported that District staff are currently considered investing in and creating a more formal Capital Improvement Program (Program) to strategically plan for the future. O'Halloran discussed the intent to create a Program based on the District's Vision: 1) Economic Sustainability; 2) Water Supply Reliability; 3) Environmental Stewardship; and 4) Operational and Administrative Excellence. O'Halloran reviewed the spreadsheet that has tracked the Capital Improvement Program to-date, along with the depreciation budget, which sets up the annual capital budget. O'Halloran reported that District staff are currently in the process of prioritizing capital jobs that are necessary for the next irrigation season, and reviewed the in-house tools for making decisions and tracking assets over time. The proposed formal Capital Improvement Program will assist the District in securing financing in the future and will allow the District to move forward expeditiously in making a range of capital improvements.

#### **8. PRESENTATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation**

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the recent activities of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Steering Committee including a meeting with Reclamation District 108's Legal Counsel, Kevin O'Brien, and a meeting with the Farm Bureau, Yolo County, and individual well owners. O'Halloran reviewed the two primary fears at this stage of the Yolo SGMA process: 1) agencies losing jurisdictional authority; and 2) individual well owners not having a voice in the governance creation and formation. O'Halloran conceptualized the role of jurisdictional authority for the umbrella Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). O'Halloran reported that the individual well owners that attended the September meeting were very interested in being annexed into the District; and O'Halloran relayed the District's intent to insure any property annexed would not be at the detriment of our current water users. In working with the GSA, the District could potentially develop new water and projects for helping "white areas" while requiring recipients to pay their proportionate share.

Director Rominger asked whether the Yolo County Board of Supervisors (County Supervisors) have been participating in the "white areas" conversation since they are ultimately responsible and will play a role in ensuring groundwater sustainability in those regions. O'Halloran assured that the County Supervisors have been briefed on the concept models and recent events, and the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) plans to have meetings with the Supervisors soon.

## **9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Directors Rominger and Brice attended the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) board meeting on September 16, 2016. Director Rominger also reported that he attended NCWA and Lundberg Farms event on September 28, 2016.

## **10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported that State Water Board staff recently released a draft proposal to update minimum flow standards for the Lower San Joaquin River to the Delta. After the proposal was released, Governor Brown requested the State Water Board staff complete the remainder of their analysis on the Sacramento River basin. Bezerra reported that the Governor has directed state departments to explore the potential for a comprehensive agreement on environmental flows in the San Joaquin and Sacramento River basins and to provide an assessment by October 31, 2016.

Bezerra relayed his concerns with these assessments and the potential impacts to the District as tributaries to the Sacramento River will be rigorously examined.

## **11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager O'Halloran provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions – The Water Conditions Report and hydrographs of real-time groundwater monitoring wells were reviewed. O'Halloran informed the Board that he expects about 60,000 acre feet of storage in Indian Valley Reservoir at the end of the season to be available for carryover, which ensures about two months of delivery next season. O'Halloran reviewed the District's average groundwater level data as fall measurements were recently conducted. The average groundwater levels illustrated a 15-foot decline from spring to fall, which is approximately what is seen in a full surface water allocation season.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the August 31, 2016, financial statements report were reviewed and compared to the projected FY 2016/2017 Budget. The projected water sales for FY 2016/2017 were compared to budgeted water sales.
- c) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects both in-house and coordinating with other agencies was reviewed.
- d) The following upcoming events were announced:
  1. October 5: Water Education Foundation Groundwater Tour, District Boardroom
  2. October 12: SGMA Eligible Entities Meeting, District Boardroom
  3. October 20: NCWA's Celebrate the Sacramento Valley, Matchbook Winery
  4. October 21: Yolo Basin Foundation's Bucks for Ducks, UC Davis Arc Pavilion



5. November 4: District's Harvest BBQ, District Shop
6. November 29-December 2: ACWA Fall Conference

**12. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion.

**13. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

M/S/C approval for the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Checks: #53174-53185.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Bruce J. Rominger, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

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