

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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**Board Meeting**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the February 2, 2016 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. Presentation: Yolo County Resource Conservation District
- 7:30 5. Consideration: Rocky Fire Damage Cost Recovery.
- 7:35 6. Consideration: Temporary Permit for Diversion to Underground Storage During High Flow Events.
- 7:40 7. Consideration: Adoption of Revised Rules and Regulations.
- 7:50 8. Consideration: Setting Public Hearing to Consider Increasing the Non-Agricultural Water Rate.

- 7:55 9. Consideration: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation.
- 8:05 10. Presentation: Proposition 218 Rate Structure Consideration.
- 8:25 11. 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 12. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:35 13. 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
- 8:45 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.
- 8:48 15. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:50 16. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel Under: Brown Action Section 54956.9(a) Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. vs. Department of Water Resources, et al., which includes the YCFCWCD.
- 8:58 17. Closed Session Report:  
Report action and vote, if any, taken in Closed Session.
- 9:00 18. 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 February 26, 2016.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 7:00 PM**

**YCFCWCD Offices**  
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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 7:09 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Rominger convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Bruce Rominger, Chair  
Erik Vink, Vice Chair  
Tom Barth  
Mary Kimball

District Staff

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

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain  
John McKean  
Heather Nichols  
Dave Pratt  
Don Rominger  
Frank Siefertman, Sr.  
Todd Turley

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the February 2, 2016, Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Barth, 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**

General Manager O'Halloran announced that he would like to remove Item 7 from the agenda. Chair Rominger announced that Item 7 was deleted from the agenda.

**4. PRESENTATION: Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD)**

General Manager O'Halloran introduced RCD Executive Director Heather Nichols, noting that the RCD and the District share similar values and have a very long history of working together on projects.

Nichols provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the RCD's activities and partnerships to improve water quality, storm water management and wildlife habitat and to reduce soil erosion. She noted several specific projects including the development of a canal vegetation maintenance manual with the District, Putah Creek as an urban creek restoration project, the Covell Ditch to enhance the ag-urban interface, restoration of riparian habitat, the planting of native grasses and hedgerows, and providing educational opportunities through these projects, workshops and tours. Nichols reviewed the RCD's funders and clients for the fiscal year 2014/15, noting that the RCD is always looking for projects and partners to support its mission.

Nichols reported that the RCD and the District have a shared services agreement with each other, which provides flexibility in sharing resources including staff. She noted that the RCD had utilized District employee O'Brien extensively during 2014, when the District had no water to sell.

**5. CONSIDERATION: Rocky Fire Damage Cost Recovery**

General Manager O'Halloran reported that Facilities Supervisor Lopez was prepared to report to the Board, but was home with a case of poison oak from trimming shrubs along the Indian Valley transmission line right-of-way. O'Halloran presented the photos provided by Lopez and said that the International Line Builders, Inc. (ILB) has been working diligently setting the power poles in place. ILB expects to complete setting power poles in mid-April. Connecting the power lines should be completed by May 1, 2016, except for the repair of the air switch. Replacement air switch parts have

not been located and, so far, no alternative has been found that will work with the existing layout. Installing a different air switch may require additional right-of-way and/or reconfiguring the existing infrastructure. This could delay the ability to connect to PG&E until after the irrigation season is over.

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

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

Abstain: None

**6. CONSIDERATION: Temporary Permit for Diversion to Underground Storage During High Flow Events.**

General Manager O'Halloran briefly reviewed some of the Temporary Permit (Permit) terms and operations to date. One of the Permit terms is submission of a plan for measurement and accounting of the water diverted and extracted. O'Halloran reviewed the plan submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Assistant General Manager Sicke reported on flow-rating issues at the United States Geological Survey's Yolo Gauge and how they impact the District's compliance with the Permit terms.

**M/S/C** adopted Resolution 16.02 to Monitor Groundwater Use During the 2016 Irrigation Season.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

Abstain: None

**7. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Revised Rules and Regulations.**

This Item was deleted from the agenda.

**8. CONSIDERATION: Setting Public Hearing to Consider the Non-Agricultural Water Rate.**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the components of the District's water rates and the rate setting process. He noted that the District considers the Non-Agricultural Water Rate annually. The majority of non-agricultural water is provided by contracts that address rate increases. However, there are some customer's subject to the Non-Agricultural Water Rate that are not under contract. As such, the Non-Agricultural Water Rate is subject to the Prop 218 process.

M/S/C set a public hearing for 7:10 pm on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 to take public comments and consider increasing the Non-Agricultural Water Rate from \$62.80 to \$65.90 per acre-foot.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

Abstain: None

**9. CONSIDERATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation.**

General Manager O'Halloran reported on activities related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation, on recent actions taken and those anticipated in the near future. He reviewed the options considered for modification of the Yolo Basin boundary and the recommended configuration.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 16.02 to Submit a Basin Boundary Modification Request contingent upon determination and consensus among the various interested parties of the final boundaries.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

Abstain: None

**10. PRESENTATION: Proposition (Prop) 218 Rate Structure Consideration.**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the last three years budget and deliveries, including losses to groundwater, which benefits many more people than the District's customers. He noted as an equity issue that the other beneficiaries should be providing some funding to the District. The problem is how should this problem be addressed. He introduced Legal Counsel Richard Shanahan of Bartkiewicz, Kronick and Shanahan.

Shanahan provided historical, legal and technical information regarding the Prop 218. He provided a handout comparing Assessments/Standby Charges and property-related fee under Prop 218, which he reviewed.

**11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Chair Rominger announced Board Committee assignments.

Director Barth announced SGMA Steering Committee meetings planned for March 2016.

**12. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

There was no Attorney's report.

### **13. 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 fill curve, Cache Creek flow forecasts, Clear Lake fill curve and hydrographs and table showing real-time groundwater monitoring wells were reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights of the January 2016 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) Delta Region SGMA Meeting - Walnut Grove, March 2
  - 2) Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative Meeting – W. Sacramento, March 3
  - 3) Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Annual Meeting - Chico, March 4
  - 4) Solano SGMA Public Workshop - Davis, March 7
  - 5) Lake County Rotary Presentation - Clearlake, March 8
  - 6) NCWA Sacramento Valley Groundwater Group - Yolo County Farm Bureau, March 14
  - 7) Ag Roundtable Groundwater Presentation -Yolo Fliers Club, March 15
  - 8) Ag City Breakfast - Hotel Woodland, March 17
  - 9) Yolo SGMA Public Workshops - Winters, Woodland, and Clarksburg, March 21-29
  - 10) ACWA Spring Conference - Monterey, May 3-6

### **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: 52359-52371.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

Abstain: None

### **16. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel Under:**

Brown Act Section 54956.9 (a) Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. vs. Department of Water Resources, et al, which includes the District.

Persons present other than the Board and Legal Counsel Shanahan were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager Sicke, Assistant General Manager – Resources Stevenson, and Special Projects Supervisor Barton.

**17. CLOSED SESSION REPORT.**

Chair Rominger announced that there was no action to report in Closed Session.

**18. 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