

## Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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**Board Meeting**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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### AGENDA

- 7:00      1.      Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the July 5, 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: Lake County Invasive Mussel Prevention Program.
- 7:30      5.      Consideration: Review of 2015/2016 Independent Audit.
- 7:40      6.      Consideration: Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code.
- 7:45      7.      Presentation: Aquatic Weed Management in District Canals.

- 8:00 8. Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation.
- 8:20 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.
- 8:25 10. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:30 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
- 8:45 12. 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.
- 8:47 13. Consideration: The Board will 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 July 29, 2016.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 2, 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, August 2, 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  
Erik Vink, Vice Chair  
Tom Barth  
Ann Brice  
Mary Kimball

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Special Projects Supervisor  
Jon O'Brien, Environmental Resources Associate  
Jennifer Reed, Project Manager  
Kristin Sicke, Assistant General Manager  
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager  
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain  
Norman Newell  
Dave Pratt  
Carolyn Ruttan

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the July 5, 2016 regular Board meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

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: Lake County Invasive Mussel Prevention Program**

Lake County Invasive Species Program Coordinator, Carolyn Ruttan, gave a presentation on the Lake County Invasive Mussel Prevention Program. Currently, Clear Lake is not known to contain any dreissenid mussels (quagga or zebra); however, the lake is vulnerable to future infestations through the inadvertent transport from boaters.

The primary concerns of mussel infestation in Clear Lake are the threat to water supply for the residents of Lake County and the downstream water users, and the recreational and economic impacts to the community. Mussel infestations alter the ecology of a lake by displacing and destroying native species and can lead to clogged water conveyance systems. This issue is of concern to the District because of the potentially severe impacts to the District's Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir facilities if the mussels were to infest either of these waterbodies.

Ruttan reviewed the county's screening, inspection, and decontamination processes; there are currently 27 screening businesses in Lake County. Resident screenings occur annually, and visitor screenings occur monthly. Ruttan stressed the invasive and pervasive nature of these mussels and encouraged attendees to share the message with others. She discussed grant funding that the county has recently received to continue prevention efforts for keeping Clear Lake free of dreissenid mussels.

**5. CONSIDERATION: Review of 2015/2016 Independent Audit**

Norman Newell, Smith & Newell, CPAs, reviewed the requirements for an independent audit and stated that the audit resulted in a clean unqualified report for the District. He then reviewed highlights of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/2016 Independent Audit, including significant changes from FY 2014/2015 and two findings/recommendations included in the audit: regarding the floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program funds still held by the District, and the misclassification of Construction in Progress Projects that appear to have been completed.

District staff recommended the Board accept the filing of the FY 2015/2016 Independent Audit.

M/S/C accepted the filing of the FY 2015/2016 Independent Audit.

**6. CONSIDERATION: Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code**

Assistant General Manager Sicke reported that a biennial review of the District's Conflict of Interest Code (Code) is required under Government Code Section 87306.5, and the District is to confirm the review with Yolo County no later than October 1. Sicke informed the Board that Legal Counsel Katrina Gonzalez reviewed the current Code and concluded that no revisions were needed at this time. She reported that the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) plans to undertake a major update to the Political Reform Act in the next year or two, which will likely include an update to the conflict of interest regulations. Legal counsel will monitor developments relating to this matter and will inform the District of any changes that would affect District policy.

**7. PRESENTATION: Aquatic Weed Management in District Canals**

General Manager O'Halloran informed the Board that the upsurge in aquatic weeds within the District's canals this year has been an inconvenience for the District and its water customers.

Environmental Resources Associate O'Brien gave a presentation on the origin and geographic extent of the aquatic weeds, and reviewed the actions the District is taking to minimize the problem. During this agricultural season, O'Brien has observed sago pondweed, horned pondweed, green algae, and upright burhead in the District's canals. Historically, the District has only treated sago pondweed, and sporadically other weeds; however, this year the weeds seem to be more pervasive and at higher levels. Within problematic areas of the canals the appropriate herbicides have been applied; O'Brien provided before and after images to illustrate improvements realized from treatment.

The intensification of aquatic weeds within the District's canals results in an increase of 1) expenses and hassle for the District and its water customers, 2) groundwater use, and 3) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit costs. O'Brien concluded that there is a need for a District understanding of aquatic weed growth and control methods. Metrics established for monitoring the issue will allow the District to track progress towards improved weed control over time.

Director Kimball asked if O'Brien and staff have checked in with other water districts to see what they are doing to resolve the issue. O'Brien noted that he has spoken with other local water districts and understands they are employing similar methods. Director Brice asked if the UC Davis is helping to provide research or potential solutions. O'Brien replied that to-date they have not been involved, but that he is meeting with an aquatic weed specialist in August from the University of California Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station (University). He would appreciate any additional contact recommendations for working with the University.

Duane Chamberlain questioned whether the chemicals affect the crops. O'Brien stated that all plants receiving the affected water would need to be at a three-leaf stage, and prior to application District

staff ensured associated fields were at the right stage. Director Brice asked if water customers were supportive of the District's program. O'Halloran stated that they are frustrated with the inconvenience associated with aquatic weed growth, but are supportive of the District acknowledging the problem and taking action to resolve or improve conditions.

#### **8. PRESENTATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation**

General Manager O'Halloran gave a presentation on recent activities with the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) and Yolo County Farm Bureau (Farm Bureau) in the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). O'Halloran and staff provided public comments at the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and California Water Commission (CWC) meetings on the Draft Basin Boundary Modifications. DWR will be finalizing groundwater basin boundaries in September and it is anticipated that the WRA and Farm Bureau's proposed boundary modification will be accepted. O'Halloran reviewed the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) concept model for the Yolo Subbasin, the GSA formation timeline, and the potential "white area" solutions. The Yolo Subbasin GSA-eligible entities meeting in July was well attended. There seemed to be general agreement on consolidating the WRA with any future GSA.

#### **9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Directors Rominger and Brice attended the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Board Meeting on July 15, 2016 at Roosevelt Ranch. Director Barth attended the Yolo Subbasin SGMA Meeting on July 21, 2016. Director Kimball attended a meeting with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation at Séka Hills.

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

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on the Governor's Executive Order B-37-16: Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life. Bezerra reported that the *Improve Agricultural Water Use Efficiency and Drought Planning* section of the Order would likely affect the District in the future with the amendment of Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) requirements. The updated draft AWMP requirements will be publicly released by January 10, 2017.

#### **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 40,000 acre feet of storage in Indian Valley Reservoir at the end of the season to be available for carryover. The number of agricultural wells historically permitted in Yolo County was also reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the June 30, 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. Assistant General Manager Stevenson provided a brief update on the WRA’s subsidence monitoring efforts; a report is expected by the end of the year.
- d) The following upcoming events were announced:
1. August 4: WRA Technical Committee Meeting, YCFCWCD Boardroom
  2. August 17: Gala Evening at the Yolo County Fair, Woodland
  3. August 22: SWRCB’s Information Fair on Water Rights Measurement and Reporting, Sacramento
  4. August 23: Implementing the Water Rights Priority System in the Sacramento Valley, Sacramento
  5. September 1: WRA Technical Committee Meeting, YCFCWCD Boardroom
  6. September 11: Yolo Land Trust’s A Day in the Country, Barger Keasey Family Farm, Davis
  7. September 12: NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force, Williams
  8. September 13: RD 2035/Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency Joint Surface Water Intake Facility Dedication Ceremony, West Sacramento
  9. October 21: Yolo Basin Foundation’s Bucks for Ducks, UC Davis Arc Pavilion

## **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: #52939-52952.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

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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