

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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

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AGENDA

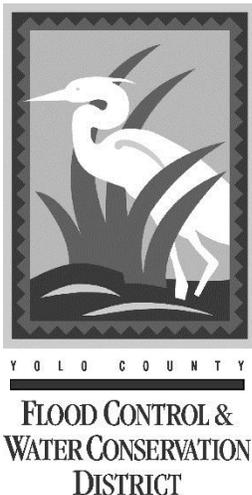
- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the October 4, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes
- 7:02 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances, opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items
- 7:07 3. Consideration: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda
In order to 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. Presentation: Northern California Water Association Issues Update
- 7:40 5. Consideration: Resolutions Establishing ICMA Retirement Corporation as the District's Retirement Plan Provider
- 7:45 6. Consideration: Clayton Fire Damages Cost Recovery
- 7:50 7. Consideration: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan Update

- 8:00 8. Presentation: California Energy Commission Grant
- 8:10 9. Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation
- 8:20 10. Directors' Reports: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 8:25 11. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District
- 8:30 12. 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 13. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:47 14. Consideration: Consider the approval and the payment of bills
- 8:50 15. Adjourn

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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 October 28, 2016.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 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 (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 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
 Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager
 Kristin Sicke, Assistant General Manager
 Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain
 David Guy
 John McKean
 Dave Pratt
 Don Rominger
 Frank Siefertman
 Khara Strum

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the October 4, 2016 regular Board meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director 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: Northern California Water Association Issues Update

David Guy, President of the Northern California Water Association (NCWA), updated the Board on legislative, regulatory, and water management activities that NCWA and its member agencies are engaged in. Guy discussed NCWA's recent effort to change the conversation in the Sacramento Valley regarding environmental water perceptions. Through this campaign, NCWA seeks to effectively meet the water needs of people, the economy, and the environment by serving functional flows directly linked to beneficial uses.

Guy reported that in October 2016 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released the Working Draft Scientific Basis Report (Basis Report) for New and Revised Flow Requirements on the Sacramento River as part of the review and update to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan). The Basis Report considers key findings from the State Water Board's 2010 technical report on the "Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Francisco Delta Ecosystem" (Delta Flow Criteria Report), which recommended the Bay-Delta Plan update consider 75% of unimpaired Sacramento River inflow from November through June. Excerpts of the Basis Report were distributed. Guy encouraged the Board and District staff to examine the potential implications to the District and to submit comments on the Basis Report.

NCWA intends to shift the conventional paradigm by encouraging State Water Board to consider out-of-stream functional flow strategies instead of in-stream strategies when setting future policies that could have lasting implications. Guy mentioned the recent, progressive work done by California Trout (CalTrout), University of California, Davis, Audubon California (Audubon),

and the Public Policy Institute of California. He encouraged the Board and attendees to watch CalTrout's short film *No Going Back* to learn more about balancing competing water needs within the region. Guy continued to discuss the idea of water reconciliation ecology, which is exemplified by the natural ability of Sacramento's floodplains to work for both fish and farms. As part of their outreach efforts, NCWA is highlighting successful projects throughout the Sacramento Valley that are effectively employing new and creative ways to grow food for people, and food for fish and wildlife. NCWA believes changing the conversation and thinking outside of the box will continue to help shape water policy and infrastructure, resulting in a more prosperous California for environmental conservation and agriculture.

Chair Rominger inquired whether the State Water Board is aware of the progressive conversations and projects with CalTrout and Audubon, and if staff have been invited out to project sites. Guy stated that the State Water Board is interested in the work and collaboration efforts, and have been invited out to the locations, but more field trips could be offered to continue to educate and advocate for the region's needs.

Director Barth questioned whether the San Joaquin River stakeholders were having a "functional flow" discussion and to what degree the functional flows would be reduced relative to the unimpaired flow schemes. Guy stated that San Joaquin River's landscape and conditions did not provide for the discussion since they do not have a bypass system like the Sacramento River watershed. He stated that the functional flows should be a lot less than what is being proposed; however, flows have not been numerically quantified.

Legal Counsel Bezerra discussed his concern with the potential impacts to previous findings on Cache Creek's contributions or connection to the Delta, such as the curtailing diversion exclusions under Term 91 as determined in Revised D-1641. General Manager O'Halloran directed everyone to the Basis Report excerpt and discussion of the Cache Creek contributions to the Delta. He reported that District staff plan to examine the Basis Report components that discuss Cache Creek's connectivity to the Yolo Bypass, and ultimately the Delta, as these findings could have potential ramifications for future stormwater diversion permit requests.

Director Kimball asked what NCWA's role is in ramping up public outreach or future conversational pieces since getting all State agency staff on the ground is very critical. Guy discussed the weekly salmon events that had occurred over the past two months, but agreed that outreach needed to be ramped up. He welcomed any recommendations for ideas or people to assist with the effort. Rominger reiterated that State scientists and staff need to be educated and involved in the process.

Director Brice questioned what the federal involvement is in the Bay-Delta Plan update. Guy stated that there was a good federal team in place consisting of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service; and noted that Governor Brown recently retained the services of Bruce Babbitt to integrate the state and federal process, since the federal government ultimately drives the fish story.

O'Halloran requested that the Board consider how the District should financially manage this process as involvement and participation could become protracted. The Board requested District staff provide thought and strategy updates at future Board meetings.

5. CONSIDERATION: Resolutions Establishing ICMA Retirement Corporation as the District's Retirement Plan Provider

Assistant General Manager Stevenson reported on the District's intent to replace VALIC and establish ICMA Retirement Corporation as the District's retirement plan provider. Stevenson reported that a staff member committee was charged with finding less expensive options and after an extensive search, ICMA Retirement Corporation was unanimously selected by the District employees. ICMA Retirement Corporation is a non-profit formed to provide retirement services for local government agencies and appears to be an excellent fit for the District.

Director Kimball asked if other water districts used ICMA Retirement Corporation. Stevenson reported the staff member committee found that two of the 21 water districts surveyed currently have ICMA Retirement Corporation as their retirement plan provider.

Staff recommended the Board adopt Resolutions 16.09 and 16.10 authorizing ICMA Retirement Corporation and VantageTrust to provide retirement plan services for the 457 Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust and the Governmental Money Purchase Plan and Trust, respectively.

M/S/C adopted Resolutions 16.09 and 16.10 authorizing ICMA Retirement Corporation and VantageTrust to provide retirement plan services for the 457 Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust and the Governmental Money Purchase Plan and Trust, respectively.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

6. CONSIDERATION: Clayton Fire Damages Cost Recovery

Assistant General Manager Sicke reported on the Clayton Fire and its impacts to the Cache Creek Dam (Dam) facilities. The Clayton Fire damaged ten of the District's power poles and resulted in lost power and communication, including Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), at the Dam. Sicke reported that the Board originally declared an emergency at the September Board meeting for potential replacement of the power poles and line, which was continued at the October Board meeting.

Sicke reported that, after the bid solicitation process, the District entered into a contract with Hot Line Construction, Inc. for the Clayton Fire Emergency Recovery Project (Project). The Project requires the removal and replacement of fire damaged wood power poles, anchors, and insulators. The Project is estimated to cost \$150,000 and expected to be completed by January 1, 2017. Sicke also reported that the District has submitted a Project cost estimate to the California Office of Emergency Services for 75% cost reimbursement through the California Disaster Assistance Act.

District 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

7. CONSIDERATION: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan Update

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the purpose and process of the District's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan Update. As mentioned at the October Board meeting, the proposed Plan's foundation will be built upon the District's previous CIP work, as well as the District's Vision, which includes 1) Economic Sustainability; 2) Water Supply Reliability; 3) Environmental Stewardship; and 4) Operational and Administrative Excellence. O'Halloran stressed the importance of strategic planning for the future, and stated that the Plan Update will serve as a basis for securing financing for future District capital improvement projects.

O'Halloran reported that Kennedy/Jenks Consultants had provided a CIP Plan Update Proposal (Proposal) as included in the Board package, which is estimated to cost about \$63,000 and cover three tasks: 1) District Water System and CIP Assessment and Development; 2) Technical

Workshop – Basis for CIP Updates; and 3) Project Management. O’Halloran stated that he had met with the Infrastructure Committee in October 2016 and the next necessary step was to formally ask for Board approval prior to moving forward and accepting Kennedy/Jenks Consultants Proposal.

Director Barth requested confirmation that no engineering analysis would be conducted in the CIP Plan Update. O’Halloran confirmed that the existing scope of work did not include specific engineering analysis; however, the additional work can be conducted if needed and as approved by the District.

Staff recommended the Board authorize O’Halloran to enter into an agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants for a District CIP Plan Update.

M/S/C authorized General Manager O’Halloran to enter into an agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants for a District CIP Plan Update.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

8. PRESENTATION: California Energy Commission Grant

General Manager O’Halloran reported on the partnership with Natel Energy to participate in a grant funding opportunity through the California Energy Commission (CEC) for advancing cutting-edge technologies and strategies to reduce energy use and costs in the agriculture and water sectors as part of CEC’s Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC). O’Halloran stated that Natel Energy is launching a new low-head hydropower product and was recently awarded “provisional” grant funds in the amount of \$900,000 for a pilot project consisting of low-head hydropower turbine units in selected locations in the District’s canal distribution system. The CEC grant requires 50 percent cost share. The District plans to discuss business arrangement options with Natel Energy to determine the economic responsibilities of each party. O’Halloran reported that the District would be the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency and evaluate the property right status of site locations. He noted that Natel Energy would be the project manager and would conduct the civil design for each location. O’Halloran stated that an update on the proposed business arrangements and request to move forward would be presented at a future Board meeting.

9. PRESENTATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the focus groups conducted at the District by the Stockholm Environment Institute and the University of Vermont in October 2016, along with the October Yolo Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Yolo SGMA) Working Group meeting. O'Halloran relayed that the two primary fears within the Yolo SGMA process are agencies losing jurisdictional authority, and farmers not having a voice or opportunity to participate. O'Halloran reviewed the draft concept for authority of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in Yolo County, and reinforced that GSA enforcement authority would only be triggered by uncompliant or unwilling participation by member agencies.

Chair Rominger asked whether the incompliance of one entity would bring the whole basin into incompliance. O'Halloran reported that the State Water Board will likely focus on hot spots and individual agencies.

O'Halloran assured the Board that there is a strong commitment in collaboration and teamwork among the parties involved. It is expected that the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) will transition and legally become the GSA. He reported that at the October Working Group meeting the draft GSA authority concept was well received, and the discussion primarily focused on the fundamentals for meeting the California Department of Water Resources' deadline of June 30, 2017. O'Halloran stated that one potential solution being examined for the white areas, or areas outside of local agencies, is to be incorporated or annexed into a nearby water district. He noted if any parcels were annexed into the District they would not have the same rights or obligations as existing parcels within the District.

O'Halloran announced that the next Yolo SGMA Working Group meeting would be November 9, 2016.

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Rominger reported that he attended NCWA's Celebrate the Sacramento Valley event on October 20, 2016. Director Brice reported that she attended the event commemorating the Wallace Weir Fish Rescue Project on October 6; along with the Yolo Basin Foundation's Bucks for Ducks event on October 21, 2016. Directors Barth and Brice reported that they attended the City of Woodland's Harvest Luncheon, where the Mullers were recognized as Agri-Business Persons of 2016.

11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra provided his report during Item 4: NCWA Issues Update.

12. 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.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the September 30, 2016, financial statements report were reviewed and compared to the projected FY 2016/2017 Budget.
- 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. November 2: Meeting with Natel Energy, District Boardroom
 - 2. November 3: Yolo County Landowners’ Association, Yolo County Fairgrounds
 - 3. November 4: District’s Harvest BBQ, District Shop
 - 4. November 9: Yolo SGMA Working Group Meeting, District Boardroom
 - 5. November 15: Yolo County Farm Bureau Ag Roundtable Meeting, Yolo Fliers Club
 - 6. November 29-December 2: ACWA/JPIA Fall Conference, Anaheim
 - 7. December 3: District’s Holiday Party, Hotel Woodland
 - 8. January 30-31: California Irrigation Institute (CII) 2017 Conference, Sacramento

13. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no discussion.

14. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approval for the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Checks: #53267-53271.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Bruce J. Rominger, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O’Halloran, Secretary