

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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**Board Meeting**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Tuesday, November 7, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## AGENDA

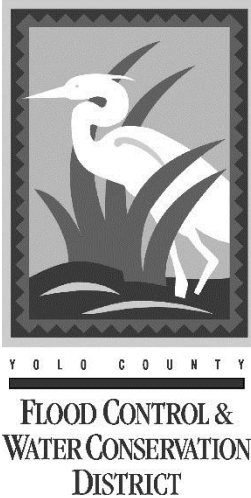
- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the October 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 7:02 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances, opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items
- 7:07 3. Consideration: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda  
In order 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: January and February Storm Events Damages Repair Update
- 7:15 5. Presentation: Indian Valley Reservoir Hydroelectric Power Contracts
- 7:30 6. Presentation: 2017 Irrigation Season Review
- 7:45 7. Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation

- 8:00 8. Directors' Reports: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 8:05 9. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District
- 8:10 10. 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
- 8:25 11. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:27 12. Consideration: Consider the approval and the payment of bills
- 8:30 13. 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 November 3, 2017.

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




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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 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 (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice Chair Kimball convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Erik Vink, Chair  
 Tom Barth  
 Mary Kimball  
 Bruce Rominger

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
 Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager  
 Kristin Sicke, Assistant General Manager  
 Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett  
 David Evers  
 Blake Harlan  
 Dave Pratt  
 Don Rominger  
 Rob Roscoe

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the October 3, 2017 regular Board meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Brice 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. CONSIDERATION: January and February Storm Events Damages Repair Update**

Assistant General Manager Sicke reported on the January and February storm events that impacted the District's infrastructure. Sicke provided the Board with an update on recovery, and an estimated timeline for repair and replacement of the damaged infrastructure. Sicke reported that the remaining projects to initiate were the Capay Dam Energy Dissipators Project and the Cache Creek Dam and Indian Valley Reservoir Access Road Slide Repair Projects.

District staff recommended that the Board declare continuation of the emergency conditions related to the January and February storm events damages recovery. Emergency projects under the emergency declaration include the West Adams Canal Road and Cache Creek Bank Erosion Emergency Repair Project; Chapman Reservoir Inlet Repair Project; Indian Valley Access Road Slide Repair Project; Canal System Sediment/Debris Removal and Road Erosion and Repairs Emergency Project, which included removing the tree at the Capay Dam; the Capay Dam Energy Dissipators Repair Project; and other miscellaneous erosion, road, and culvert repair projects from the January and February storm events.

M/S/C declared continuation of the emergency conditions related to the January and February storm events damages recovery and recognized all the emergency projects listed as part of the emergency declaration.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

Abstain: None

#### **5. PRESENTATION: Indian Valley Reservoir Hydroelectric Power Contracts**

Assistant General Manager Stevenson reported on the District's history of hydroelectric power plant contracting at Indian Valley Reservoir. Stevenson reported on PG&E's green power program called the Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer (RES-BCT), and the amendment to allow a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to participate so long as the generating and benefitting accounts are located in the same jurisdictional boundary. A benefit of participating in the RES-BCT would be a better pricing structure with the District receiving more money per kWh than what has historically been paid through the PG&E's Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) process. Since the District does not have significant power needs in Lake County, Stevenson reported that the District had entered into a JPA with Lake County as approved at the June 6, 2017 Board meeting. After about three weeks of negotiation, PG&E has declared that their interpretation of RES-BCT does not allow for the District to participate because there is not enough documentation proving the Indian Valley hydroelectric facility is within the District's geographical boundary. Stevenson reported that the District has about 50 water contracts around Lake County and has been providing service for decades, which should prove the District's service area extends up through Lake County.

Director Rominger inquired on the potential annual savings for Lake County if the JPA was successfully approved by the RES-BCT Program, and Stevenson said about \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year is estimated for savings, which would depend on the year. Chair Vink recommended bringing in the elected representatives to assist the District in resolving the miscommunication.

Assistant General Manager Sicke reported on the history of PPAs with PG&E, which have been executed on an annual basis to allow the District to produce and sell energy to PG&E during the irrigation season. The PPA requires a \$2,500 scheduling fee to cover PG&E's scheduling costs associated with connecting the generating to the benefitting accounts. Sicke reported that the District would be pursuing an additional PPA for December 1, 2017, through the start of the irrigation season to allow for hydropower generation during flood releases or large storm events.

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the District's investigation of partnering with Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA), a local energy provider. VCEA is a good price, but not equivalent to the RES-BCT pricing, and would not be available until Spring 2018.

#### **6. PRESENTATION: 2017 Irrigation Season Review**

General Manager O'Halloran presented on the highlights of the District's 2017 irrigation season, which included a summary of the current surface and groundwater conditions, and the total surface water deliveries for 2017. He reported that the District was working on the Moore Siphon Replacement Project and preparing an emergency contingency plan should the siphon rupture before the project can begin.

O'Halloran presented on the 2017 irrigation season distribution losses and irrigation diversions. Director Rominger asked if staff know what's Capay Valley diversions versus what's actual losses in the District. O'Halloran reported that will hopefully be clarified and cleaned up during the implementation of Senate Bill (SB) X7-7 and SB 88, which require measurements on meter gates and measurements on all diversions greater than 10 acre-feet per year, respectively. O'Halloran continued to report on the trends in irrigation and recent request for new turnouts along the canal system. Director Kimball inquired on the recent request for new turnouts, whether they were for new land in production or a reconfiguration of crops. O'Halloran reported that they were a combination of new land in production and a reconfiguration of historical crop type.

O'Halloran reported that the District had three "rides" during the 2017 irrigation season with increased efficiency and orders coming through the ditchtenders. The District is continuing to explore automation and online ordering capabilities while also improving or maintaining its level of service.

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

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the recent meetings of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) and committees, including the environmental seat selection subcommittee meeting on November 1, 2017. O'Halloran reported that the YSGA and District will be entering into an agreement for technical and administrative services, which will compensate the project for management costs affiliated with YSGA activities. O'Halloran reported that Sicke was working with consultants to complete the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) proposal for submission to the Department of Water Resources by November 13, 2017. O'Halloran continued to reinforce the desire to rely heavily on empirical data and monitoring to prove sustainability in the Yolo Subbasin.

Director Kimball mentioned that she had spoken with the Yolo County Resources Conservation District (RCD), which she believed would be a balanced environmental entity for the county; however, they do not have the funding available. Kimball questioned whether the environmental seat would be brought back to the District Board prior to selection. O'Halloran reported that the environmental seat selection would not be brought back to the District Board. He continued to remind the Board that the YSGA JPA Agreement would be reopened in two years and that changes could occur at that time.

## **8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Directors Barth, Brice, Kimball, and Rominger attended the District's Harvest BBQ. Director Barth attended the Yolo County Landowners Association annual meeting.

## **9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on the State Water Board's Draft Scientific Basis Report for Sacramento River and Delta Flow Requirements.

## **10. 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 October 31, 2017 financial statements report were reviewed and the actual FY 2017/2018 Budget was compared to the projected FY 2017/2018 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 8: California Department of Food and Agriculture's Managed Groundwater Recharge to Support Sustainable Water Management Forum, Sacramento
  2. November 13: Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) and YSGA's Board of Directors Meetings, Woodland
  3. November 15: Yolo County Farm Bureau's Realtor Program, Woodland
  4. November 15: Workshop on Groundwater-Watersheds-Sustainability Planning, UC Davis
  5. November 28-December 1: ACWA Fall Conference, Anaheim
  6. December 7: WRA Technical Committee and Storm Water Resources Plan Meetings, District Boardroom
  7. December 7: Public Policy Institute of California Tour, District Boardroom
  8. December 11: Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting, Willows
  9. December 14: WRA and YSGA Executive Committee Meetings, District Boardroom

## **11. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion.

**12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Checks # 054718 – 054730.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

Abstain: None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary