

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the November 1, 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: Clayton Fire Damages Recovery
- 7:15 5. Presentation: District Property Rights Usage and Organization
- 7:35 6. Presentation: California Energy Commission Grant for Low Head Hydro
- 7:45 7. Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation

- 7:55 8. Directors' Reports: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 8:00 9. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District
- 8:05 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
- 8:20 11. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:22 12. Consideration: Consider the approval and the payment of bills
- 8:25 13. 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 December 2, 2016.

By: _____
Kristin L. Sicke, Assistant General Manager



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 6, 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, December 6, 2016, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice Chair Vink convened the meeting. The following attendees were at the meeting:

District Board

Erik Vink, Vice Chair
Tom Barth
Ann Brice

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

Keith Ahart
Jim Barrett
John McKean
Dave Pratt
Don Rominger
Frank Sieferman, Sr.

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the November 1, 2016 regular Board meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Kimball and Rominger

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: Clayton Fire Damages 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, after the bid solicitation process, the District entered into a contract with Hot Line Construction, Inc. (Hot Line), for the Clayton Fire Emergency Recovery Project (Project). The Project requires the removal and replacement of fire damaged wood power poles, anchors, and insulators. Sicke stated that Hot Line completed work on November 16, 2016, and that power was restored on November 30, 2016. District staff continues to work with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for 75% cost reimbursement through the California Disaster Assistance Act. Special Projects Supervisor Barton reported that Facilities Supervisor Lopez had accepted the Project as completed and that the emergency conditions are no longer in effect.

Sicke also reported that the District should be receiving a check from Cal OES for 75% cost reimbursement from the Rocky Fire damages of 2015.

5. PRESENTATION: District Property Rights Usage and Organization

Special Projects Supervisor Barton reported on the history of the investigation and organization of the District's property rights. The District's property rights are an asset to the District, which include fee simple land and easements over private property. The District frequently receives requests for clarifying or identifying parcel ownership, rights-of-way, and easements. It is

imperative for the District to know when projects are occurring near District property or canal rights-of-way.

Barton summarized the history of the District's predecessors and the process of researching property rights based on the applicable agency and ownership information. Barton described the available resources for researching property rights: 1) District Property Rights Index; 2) County of Yolo's Assessor, Clerk-Recorder, and Archives databases; 3) Yolo historical map documentation; and 4) County of Yolo parcel map information. Barton reported that often a benefit of property rights research is the discovery of water rights information.

As an example of a recent investigation, Barton provided a summary of the progression and transfer of the Moore/Woodland Ditch property rights and water rights from James Moore to the District. The Moore Canal is the crown jewel of the District's canal system and has the most complicated property rights history. Prior to Barton's retirement, it was a priority to catalog the history of the Moore Canal and obtain germane property rights information.

General Manager O'Halloran stated that the goal is to have the canal property rights information electronically available in a geographic information system.

6. PRESENTATION: California Energy Commission Grant for Low Head Hydro

Assistant General Manager Stevenson reported on the partnership with Natel Energy to potentially participate in a grant funding opportunity through the California Energy Commission (CEC) for low head hydroelectric (hydro) power plants over appropriate sections of the District's canals. The three sites currently under consideration are along the West Adams Canal, at the Alder Drop, and at Chapman Reservoir. Stevenson stated that a solar plant would also be installed next to each of Natel Energy's low head hydro units to maximize the power production opportunities.

Stevenson 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. Stevenson reported that prior to discussing business arrangement options with Natel Energy, the economics would need to be updated since the numbers previously examined were prior to the drought and storm water recharge operations.

The District plans to discuss business arrangement options with Natel Energy to determine the economic responsibilities of each party in advance of Natel Energy formally accepting the CEC grant funding.

7. PRESENTATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the November Yolo Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Yolo SGMA) Working Group and Yolo SGMA Subcommittee meetings, which occurred November 9 and 23, 2016, respectively. O'Halloran relayed that discussions at both meetings revolved around the fate of voting, fees, and white area administration as part of the governance structure of the Joint Powers Authority.

O'Halloran stated that in his discussions with "white area" groundwater pumpers there seems to be a majority preference for water district administration as opposed to county administration. The interim solution would be for the County of Yolo to contract with local water districts to provide Yolo SGMA assistance to white areas, until a long-term solution such as annexation could occur. 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, and would hold Area B responsibilities.

O'Halloran stated that an initial draft of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) has been circulated for review, and the hope is to have a formal draft JPA for Board-level consideration by the end of January 2017. O'Halloran stated the expectation for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) is to transition and legally become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in 2017. GSA-eligible entities have requested information on the extent of WRA contributions provided to-date, and what the potential GSA contributions will include in the future.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Brice reported that she attended the Board meeting and Yolo Bypass Event of the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) in November. Director Barth reported that he attended the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) Board meeting while at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Fall Conference in Anaheim.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on the Sacramento Valley Water Users' upcoming presentation to the State Water Resources Control Board on 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).

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, 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. December TBD: Yolo SGMA Subcommittee Meeting, District Boardroom
 2. December TBD: Yolo SGMA Working Group Meeting, District Boardroom
 3. December 12: NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting, Western Canal Water District
 4. December 13-15: Yolo County Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Meetings, Winters/Woodland/Clarksburg
 5. December 16: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan Update Technical Workshop, District Boardroom
 6. January 9: Cache Creek Resources Management Plan (CCRMP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, Woodland
 7. January 12: NCWA Water Communications Committee Meeting, Montna Farms
 8. January 19: WRA Technical Committee: Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency Regional Water Treatment Facility Tour, Woodland
 9. January 30-31: California Irrigation Institute (CII) 2017 Conference, Sacramento
 10. January 31: Christy Barton's Retirement Party, Yolo Fliers Club

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Brice thanked District staff for the recent Holiday party. Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on the retirement of Paul Bartkiewicz and the bestowment of ACWA's Lifetime Achievement Award.

12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approval for the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Checks: #53881-53403 and #53348-53449.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Kimball and Rominger

Abstain: None

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Erik Vink, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary