

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, March 6, 2018
7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the February 6, 2018 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: Request for District Endorsement of November Water Bond Initiative
- 7:25 5. Presentation: 2018 Irrigation Season Operations
- 8:00 6. Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation
- 8:20 7. Directors' Reports: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District

- 8:25 8. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District
- 8:30 9. 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 10. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:47 11. Consideration: Consider the approval and the payment of bills
- 8:50 12. 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 March 2, 2018.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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**FLOOD CONTROL &
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 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, March 6, 2018, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Kimball convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Mary Kimball, Chair

Tom Barth

Bruce Rominger

Erik Vink

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

Tim Hayes

Dave Pratt

Don Rominger

Fanny Ye

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the February 6, 2018 regular Board meeting with a modification to voting in Item 5: Nomination of Erik Vink to Yolo County Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Board. Director Vink did not abstain and voted “aye”.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

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: Request for District Endorsement of November Water Bond Initiative

General Manager O’Halloran informed the Board that the Legislature placed a \$4.1 billion water bond on the June 2018 ballot while a privately-funded initiative hopes to qualify an \$8.9 billion water bond for the November 2018 ballot. Supporters of the November Water Bond Initiative have requested that the District endorse the proposed November Water Bond. O’Halloran continued to explain that the November Water Bond has \$640 million for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation projects, which would be available to the District through the state’s competitive process. The District would be interested in funding storage projects, continued modernization of the canal system, and additional monitoring.

M/S/C endorsing the November Water Bond Initiative and added Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to the list of Northern California Water Association (NCWA) supporters.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

Abstain: None

5. PRESENTATION: 2018 Irrigation Season Operations

General Manager O’Halloran reviewed the reservoir levels at Clear Lake and Indian Valley, which had 0 acre-feet and 232,436 acre-feet, respectively. O’Halloran stated that an additional 20,000 acre-feet in Clear Lake would help ensure an unallocated season. Compared to the start of last irrigation season, the 2018 irrigation season will need to start earlier, and the ground will not be as

saturated because of the lack of rain. Additionally, without entitlement rights in Clear Lake, the District will have a waiting list because of the flow restrictions at Indian Valley Reservoir, which would be about 640 cfs and 450 cfs at the beginning and end of the irrigation season, respectively. O'Halloran informed the Board that staff would implement an equitable waiting list to accommodate the flow restrictions.

Chair Kimball inquired how staff have communicated the waiting list potential to farmers and whether we needed to start this early in the process. O'Halloran reported that a sandwich meeting with growers was held about two weeks ago to discuss the potential for an allocated season and waiting list implementation. He continued to state that another meeting will be convened after the next few rainstorms. O'Halloran also informed the Board that the District sent a letter to water users in February that detailed the expected conditions for the 2018 irrigation season. A notable change since 2012, is the installation of more groundwater wells, which will provide farmers with more flexibility and assistance during surface water shortages. O'Halloran stated that any groundwater wheeling among farmers will need to be coordinated with the District office.

Director Rominger questioned whether the penstock restrictions at Indian Valley Reservoir would allow all the water to be released within the irrigation season. O'Halloran stated that he will run the numbers to determine whether all water demands could be accommodated.

O'Halloran finished his report by providing an update on the Moore Siphon Replacement Project, the status of the capital projects, recent staffing changes, and the vegetation control program.

6. PRESENTATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation

General Manager O'Halloran provided an update on SGMA implementation in the Yolo Subbasin. O'Halloran reported that the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Working Group was planning to initiate the development of Sustainable Management Criteria based on the six undesirable results at future meetings. O'Halloran also informed the Board that the next YSGA Board meeting was scheduled for March 19, 2018.

Director Vink questioned which of the six undesirable results would potentially be the most challenging. O'Halloran discussed his concerns with water quality levels and constituents such as boron and nitrate; he believes water quality will be the most challenging. O'Halloran continued to report that there were many possible actions for helping with declining groundwater levels and reduced storage issues, and he doesn't see those two undesirable results as an issue. O'Halloran stated that he believes the next challenging undesirable result would likely be groundwater and surface water interaction because of all the uncertainty involved.

Director Rominger commented that there were a lot of shallow wells in the Yolo Subbasin that could be more of an infrastructure issue, and O'Halloran confirmed that the YSGA would create a process for investigating issues and discerning whether they were related to water supply or infrastructure.

Director Barth reinforced his desire to resolve the "white areas" and get buy-in from landowners for annexation. O'Halloran reported that he plans to have a discussion with the Yolo-Zamora landowners to determine those that would like to be annexed into the District as an "Area B" to the District.

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Rominger reported on the NCWA annual meeting he attended on March 2, 2018.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

Legal Counsel Bezerra updated the Board on the State Water Resources Control Board water right fee litigation and provided an overview of the litigation history. The District continues to pay water rights fees under protest.

9. 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 February 28, 2018 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. March 7: Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) /YSGA Executive Committee Meetings, District Boardroom
 2. March 12: NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting, Oroville
 3. March 19: WRA /YSGA Board of Directors' Meeting, Woodland Community Center
 4. March 20: Yolo County Farm Bureau Ag Roundtable Meeting, Yolo Fliers Club
 5. April 4: Anne Schneider Lecture: Surface and Groundwater Interaction, Sacramento
 6. May 8-11: ACWA Spring Conference, Sacramento

10. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Rominger inquired whether the District took E. coli samples in the canal system and Assistant General Manager Stevenson reported that the District does not, but the University of California, Davis has performed a diurnal study over the past couple years. Stevenson was uncertain of the results from the study.

Director Rominger continued to question whether maybe the District could offer E. coli sampling as a service to almond growers since they will be impacted from Food Safety Act sampling requirements. Stevenson informed that there are issues and sensitivities to sampling locations and timing; however, if regulations become more flexible the District may be able to assist with water quality samples.

Director Rominger inquired of whether the boron in Cache Creek could be cleaned out and Stevenson and O'Halloran reported that an economical solution is not available. Bear Creek is the main source and tributary springs have high boron levels.

Director Rominger asked whether those connected to the monitoring network could have access to the remote sensing information. Stevenson reported that the District could set up email notifications in the short-term and provide flowmeter remote access in the long-term.

11. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Checks # 055208 – 055224.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Brice

Abstain: None

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:

Kristin Sicke, Assistant Secretary

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