

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the April 4, 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. Presentation: Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP)
- 7:40 5. Consideration: Public Hearing and Consideration of Approving Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Establishing the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
- 7:50 6. Consideration: January and February Storm Events Damages Repair Update
- 8:00 7. Consideration: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2017/2018 District Budget

- 8:20 8. Directors' Reports: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 8:25 9. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District
- 8:30 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
- 8:45 11. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:50 12. Consideration: Consider the approval and the payment of bills
- 8:55 13. Closed Session: Under Government Code Section 54956.8 – Real Estate Negotiations
- Designated Negotiator: General Manager
 - Assessor's Parcel Number: 010-013-029
 - May Negotiate with: Peter Robertson
- 8:58 14. Adjourn

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By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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**FLOOD CONTROL &
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 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, May 2, 2017, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Vink convened the meeting. The following attendees were at the meeting:

District Board

Erik Vink, Chair

Tom Barth

Ann Brice

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

James Barrett

Rob Beggs

Bill Cruickshank

Petrea Marchand

Joe Otto
Dave Pratt
Don Rominger
Rob Roscoe
Bob Schneider
Frank Siefertman, Sr.
Judy Wohlfrom

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the April 4, 2017 regular Board meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Barth and Kimball

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: Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP)

Assistant General Manager Stevenson introduced Petrea Marchand of Consero Solutions, the consultant involved in developing and implementing the Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (Yolo HCP/NCCP). Marchand reported that the Yolo Habitat Conservancy is developing the Yolo HCP/NCCP to provide for the conservation of species and to streamline the Endangered Species Act (ESA) permitting process. The Yolo HCP/NCCP will also conserve the natural communities and agricultural land on which these species depend for habitat, and will address the effects of future anticipated activities on these species and their habitats. The Yolo HCP/NCCP will result in conservation of 33,362 acres of agricultural and other lands and permit up to 17,551 acres of covered activities over 50 years.

Marchand reported that the Yolo HCP/NCCP will improve habitat conservation efforts in Yolo County (County), encourage sustainable economic activities, and maintain agricultural productivity and character of the region. She informed the Board that the third public draft is currently open for a 90-day public comment period and that the Yolo Habitat Conservancy had received over \$10 million

in state and federal grants over the last 15 years. She reported that individual landowners could benefit from selling an easement on their land; and that the Yolo HCP/NCCP did allocate some coverage to the District should they need assistance with ESA permitting in the future.

Director Rominger inquired on the date the Yolo HCP/NCCP was expected to be finalized and the potential access of grant funds for projects. Marchand relayed that the Yolo Habitat Conservancy Board had already authorized staff to apply for conservation easement grants this year with the Wildlife Conservation Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Delta Conservancy. Marchand emphasized that the focus of the Yolo HCP/NCCP and program overall is to conserve more habitat than what is being used and to streamline the permitting process.

Director Kimball questioned whether the Yolo HCP/NCCP efforts intersect with the Yolo Land Trust. Marchand reported that the Yolo Land Trust was considered a partner, and that the Yolo Land Trust had traditionally monitored multi-species conservation easements. The Yolo Habitat Conservancy wants all organizations that have overlapping programs to work together.

Director Brice inquired whether the Yolo Habitat Conservancy could hold easements. Marchand reported that they could, but did not want to; their primary function is to monitor and manage the Yolo HCP/NCCP and program.

Chair Vink questioned the number of species that were listed in the Yolo HCP/NCCP. Marchand reported that there was a total of 12 species listed in the Yolo HCP/NCCP, and that the County had a separate plan for all species, which serves as a voluntary, non-regulatory conservation plan.

5. CONSIDERATION: Public Hearing and Consideration of Approving Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Establishing the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

Chair Vink opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m., and declared the hearing was meant to give interested persons an opportunity to present their comments to the Board concerning the approval of the Joint Exercise of Powers (JPA) Agreement (Agreement) establishing the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency. Chair Vink inquired of any oral or written comments received and staff declared that none were received to-date.

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the County since 2014 and highlighted the exceptional collaboration among the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA), the Yolo County Farm Bureau, and other local agencies. O'Halloran conveyed the importance of the District's involvement in the process

given the history of groundwater management, and the potential uncertainty in the future of groundwater levels.

O'Halloran reported that the process serves as an early warning system and planning process for all participants in the County. The structure of the proposed Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (Agency) provides economies of scale for all regional planning and reporting while maintaining the local autonomy of individual agencies. He continued to emphasize that the Agency would be responsible for defining sustainability for the Yolo Subbasin and would begin the process with water balances for the region. The District plans to work with other water districts and the County to manage the white areas and to implement creative solutions for increasing the available groundwater supply. O'Halloran highlighted the two primary objectives of the process and proposed Agency: 1) have decision-making happen at a local, grass-roots level, and 2) keep costs minimal. He acknowledged that there was still a lot of work to do, but that we had made a lot of progress working towards the State's June 30, 2017 deadline.

Chair Vink opened the discussion up to public comment. Judy Wohlfrom, local landowner, questioned the source of funds for the JPA and what the financial impact would be to the landowner. General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the proposed two-year budget as shown in the exhibit of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, and discussed the structure and financial contribution of member agencies and affiliated parties. He reported that the first two years would be funded primarily by local agencies, and that future funding could potentially require a County-wide assessment. O'Halloran reported that the Agency was in an excellent position to obtain state funding to assist with writing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and hopefully, to implement some groundwater projects.

Joe Otto, local landowner, commented on how the legislation forced management at the local level, which was embraced in the County and illustrated by the local involvement and collaboration as the collective asset was truly appreciated. Bob Schneider, Tuleyome Board Treasurer and local landowner, requested a moment to reflect on the history of the WRA formation and the historical improvements in the County: the infrastructure improvement to divert water at the Capay Dam and provide irrigation water to farms; the collaboration and infrastructure for the regional surface water project; and the implementation of aquifer storage recovery wells to increase storage and ensure future sustainability. Schneider emphasized that it was a monumental vote and decision today by the Board, which would be followed by laying the planning framework and implementing the plan.

Rob Roscoe, local landowner, commended General Manager O'Halloran and staff on the time and effort for bringing together many disparate parties and continuing to implement groundwater storage efforts. He discussed the cost savings potential from avoiding state intervention, applauded the work being done by the District, and supported the decision to form the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.

Chair Vink officially closed the public hearing.

District staff recommended the Board adopt Resolution 17.07 Approving Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Establishing the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 17.07 Approving Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Establishing the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. 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 Chapman Reservoir Inlet Emergency Repair Project had been completed, and the West Adams Canal Road Erosion and Cache Creek Bank Emergency Project was progressing well and anticipated to be complete in the next few weeks. Sicke reported that the tree at the Capay Dam had been removed and after inflating the Capay Dam for the irrigation season it appeared that there was no damage to the bladder.

District staff recommended that the Board declare continuation of the emergency conditions related to the January and February storm events damage 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 will include the removing the tree at the Capay Dam; the Capay Dam Energy Dissipators Repair Project; and other miscellaneous erosion and 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 damage recovery and recognized all the emergency projects listed as part of the emergency declaration.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2017/2018 District Budget

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017/2018, which ended on April 30, 2017. O'Halloran highlighted the agricultural water rates as the primary driver for the District's budget, and explained that they were based on the rate schedule set in 2015.

O'Halloran reported on the proposed FY 2017/2018 Budget as prepared by staff, and as reviewed and recommended by the Board's Finance Committee. O'Halloran detailed the primary difference between FY 2016/2017 and FY 2017/2018 by highlighting the special items of interest. Chair Vink reported on the two Finance Committee meetings and the Committee's approval of the FY 2017/2018 Budget.

District staff recommend adoption of the proposed O&M and Capital Budgets for FY 2017/2018.

M/S/C adopted the proposed O&M and Capital Budgets for FY 2017/2018.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Rominger reported that he would be attending the meeting in Lake County with Clearlake Oaks County Water District. Director Brice reported that she participated in the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Executive Committee meeting by phone.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on two items: 1) Assembly Bill (AB) 1427 (Eggman), which would revise current legislation on underground water storage rights; and 2) AB 1667 (Friedman), a bill that would revise the components and requirements of agricultural water management plans.

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 March 31, 2017, 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. May 3: SGMA Tri-Counties/North Delta Meeting, Davis
 2. May 3: Cacheville CSD Board Meeting SGMA Presentation, Cacheville
 3. May 4: WRA TC and Storm Water Management Plan Working Group Meeting, District Boardroom
 4. May 5: Madison Flood Workgroup Meeting, District Boardroom
 5. May 9: Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting SGMA Public Hearing, Woodland
 6. May 9-12: ACWA Spring 2017 Conference, Monterey
 7. May 17: Meeting with Clearlake Oaks County Water District and Lake County, Clearlake

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no discussion.

12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approval for the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Checks: #53990-53992, 53994-54012.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

13. CLOSED SESSION AND REPORT

Under Government Code Section 54956.8 – Real Estate Negotiations

Designated Negotiator: General Manager

Lake County Assessor’s Parcel Number 010-013-028 and 010-013-029

May Negotiate with: Peter Robertson

Persons present other than the Board and Legal Counsel Bezerra were General Manager O’Halloran, Assistant General Manager Stevenson, and Assistant General Manager Sicke.

Chair Vink reported that there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O’Halloran, Secretary