

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, January 6, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the December 9, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.
- 7:02 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances and opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.
- 7:07 3. Board Consideration: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda.
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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. Board Consideration: Election of Officers for 2009
- 7:15 5. Board Consideration: Resolution to approve the application of grant funds from the United States Bureau of Reclamation.
- 7:25 6. Board Presentation: Review of Brown Act Provisions and the District's Rules of Proceedings for Board of Directors' meetings.
- 7:35 7. Board Discussion: 2009 Water Supply Action/Direction
- 7:45 8. Board Presentation: GeoIrrigation web-based decision support and (GIS) mapping system.

- 8:00 9. Directors' Reports: Each member of the Board will have the opportunity to report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District.
- 8:05 10. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:15 11. General Manager's Report: The Board will receive a report from the General Manager or designated representatives regarding current general activities and projects of the District.
a) General Activities
b) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:25 12. General Discussion: Opportunity for Board members to ask questions for clarification, provide information to staff, request staff to report back on a matter, or direct staff to place a matter on a subsequent agenda.
- 8:28 13. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:30 14. 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 29, 2008.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 7:00 PM

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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 January 6, 2009, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Outgoing Chair Vink convened the meeting. Director Tadlock was absent. In attendance were:

District Board

Erik Vink, Outgoing Chair
Ann Brice, Incoming Vice Chair
Jim Mayer, Director
Bruce Rominger, Director

District Staff and Consultants

Fran Borcalli, floodSAFE Yolo Program Manager
Dan Holmes, Librarian Consultant
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor
Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Jen Reed, Project Manager
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Chair Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Dave Pratt
Don Rominger, Former District Director
Frank Sieferman, Sr.

1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

9.01 M/S/C approved minutes for the December 9, 2008, Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

2. OPEN FORUM

None.

3. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

General Manager O'Halloran requested that Agenda Item 8 be moved to precede Item 5, which was agreed to by the Board.

4. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Election of Officers for 2009

9.02 M/S/C election of Ron Tadlock as 2009 Chair, and Ann Brice as 2009 Vice Chair in accordance with the District practice of rotating Board Directors through officer positions. As part of this motion, General Manager O'Halloran will continue as Board Secretary, and Assistant General Manager Barton will continue as Assistant Secretary to the Board.

2008 Chair Vink thanked the Board and District staff for its support during the past calendar year, and Board members and O'Halloran expressed their gratitude for his service. In the absence of Chair Tadlock, Vice Chair Brice directed the remainder of the meeting.

5. BOARD PRESENTATION: GeoIrrigation Web-Based Decision Support and GIS Mapping System (formerly Agenda Item 8)

Librarian Consultant Holmes introduced the Board to GeoIrrigation, a subscription information mapping system for irrigation districts. Holmes demonstrated the mapping system which draws data from a growing body of data collections. It currently consists of 50 layers, with an expected addition of 10-15 layers in the near future, such as the Lidar high resolution topographical survey of Yolo County created by the Department of Water Resources and floodSAFE Yolo during the past year. The District has included historical information from 17 maps from 1871 to 1939 in order to establish current, accurate property descriptions from historical records that heretofore were accessible only through exhaustive paper records searches. As part of the subscription service, Geo-Spatial Services, the service provider for GeoIrrigation, will systematically keep data current, downloading parcel data from Lake and Yolo Counties on a quarterly basis, for example. Holmes demonstrated that the system contains regional information breadth as well as depth, (e.g., permitting access to specific data about an individual canal gate). O'Halloran reported that the system had a one-time \$18,000 set-up cost, with an annual maintenance fee of \$2,300. The STORM system currently used and updated by the District operations and maintenance staff will eventually be integrated into the GeoIrrigation system. O'Halloran noted that the variety of data (e.g., crops, pesticide use, drainage, precipitation, ownership, facilities, etc.) and its accessibility to register system users will make GeoIrrigation an invaluable tool for the District. Director Rominger noted that such data could help the District determine trends in crops, groundwater use, and other resources that would be useful for planning purposes. O'Halloran reported that 15 staff members have received training and currently have access to the GeoIrrigation system. He add that the District will be providing a workshop for Board members and others (e.g., partner agencies) so that they can access the GeoIrrigation system, once certain non-public data can be excluded from general access. Board members expressed their enthusiasm for the GeoIrrigation system and its potential for the District, and thanked

Holmes for his presentation.

6. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Resolution to Approve Application for Grant Funds from US Bureau of Reclamation (formerly Agenda Item 5)

09.01 M/S/C Resolution No. 09.01, a resolution of the District Board of Directors approving District action to submit this grant proposal. This proposal is for the replacement and installation of two automated check structures along the Winters Canal and two automated head gates also on the Winters Canal. If successful, the grant will require 50% cost share. 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent.

7. BOARD PRESENTATION: Review of Brown Act Provisions and District's Rules of Proceedings for Board of Directors' Meetings (formerly Agenda Item 6)

Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz reported that there were no changes to the Brown Act, but he briefly explained the intent of the Brown Act and the purpose of the Rules of Proceedings, and pointed out particularly relevant sections regarding conflicts of interest, closed session provisions, and teleconferencing rules.

8. BOARD DISCUSSION: 2009 Water Supply Action/Direction (formerly Agenda Item 7)

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the current water supply and other considerations for the upcoming irrigation season given the absence of carryover water supplies and lack of inflow to the reservoirs to date. Unless upcoming precipitation dramatically changes the water supply, O'Halloran noted that at best, the District faces a season in which water deliveries are allocated, and a real possibility of no deliveries at all.

O'Halloran reminded the Board that the District currently bills customers by water use only. He noted that as a matter of equity, the District might want to consider charging a water availability fee to customers who wish to retain their access to deliveries, even if they choose not to use them. Such a change would have the benefits of creating a more equitable billing structure, and leveling the revenue stream.

Director Mayer inquired about the formal communication process to customers, and O'Halloran indicated he would be sending out a letter to customers by the end of January that would be a notice of the potential for an allocated or non-delivery season for purposes of crop planning. The customer rate letter, required by Proposition 218, will be issued in February.

Director Mayer recalled that the District decided to defer changes to wheeling charges while it observed customer wheeling at the end of last season. He expressed that the District should expect more wheeling in the coming season, given water supplies, and asked that the District look at their data and address the issue of wheeling rates. Mayer also reiterated the importance of incorporating any fee changes into a long-term plan that includes public communication and input before final decisions are made.

Duane Chamberlain asked about the status of the pump incentive program. O'Halloran responded that the District hopes to expand the program, now that the program has been developed and piloted, but that expansion would present its own operational challenges. Chamberlain suggested the District include consideration of using wells in water-intensive croplands, such as rice fields, since such crops will likely not be planted in a non-delivery year. O'Halloran noted the District will be calling customers to meetings at which input can be

generated and considered by the District.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Vink reported that Northern California Water Association (NCWA) has hired Donn Zea as its new executive director.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

District Counsel Bartkiewicz reviewed the Delta Vision Strategic Plan development, and reported that it is currently under consideration of the Governor's cabinet secretary committee, which is likely to approve the plan. He noted issues of concern for NCWA and municipal and industrial users: 1) potential reallocation of Sacramento Valley water supplies to inundate the Yolo Bypass and provide higher spring and fall flows; 2) water diversion charges to fund implementation of the Delta Plan; 3) water bond legislation; and 4) Delta governance.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

a. General Activities

General Manager O'Halloran reported that the President-Elect's economic stimulus package might apply to two District projects: the Moore Siphon and the Capay Dam stabilization.

O'Halloran noted that on January 26, the District will be making a major presentation on the Capay Dam stabilization project to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Cache Creek Resource Management Plan and others.

Director Mayer recommended the District communicate with the congressional delegation on these two projects in preparation for requesting economic stimulus plan funding.

Project Manager Reed inquired about the applicability of the Indian Valley hydroelectric rehabilitation project to stimulus plan funding. O'Halloran noted that the District should take a look at this project as well.

O'Halloran also reported that the Indian Valley underwater shut-off gate inspection had occurred, but poor visibility limited the inspection to a manual one. The shut-off gate appears to be in good shape, and an undocumented, ad hoc support structure was discovered in the inspection. The question of how the shut-off gate can be used in light of urgent need remains unanswered. In response to an inquiry about current releases, O'Halloran indicated that Indian Valley continues to release 10 cfs daily in accordance with Department of Fish & Game regulations, and Spring Valley still receives .5 cfs per day by agreement.

O'Halloran reported that the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) requirements are no longer thought to be satisfied by a county boundary approach. As such, the Water Resources Association of Yolo County will be working with Counties of Lake, Napa, and Solano to develop a regional IRWMP approach. Lake County is just beginning, Napa County has its IRWMP under consideration, and Solano County has a highly developed plan, so regional partners are in different states of IRWMP

development along county lines.

b. Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions

O'Halloran noted that there was nothing to report that had not already been discussed in the meeting, and reminded the Board that current conditions appear in the January 6 Water Conditions Report made available to the Board and attending public at this meeting.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Vink noted that the Board had not formally appointed a District representative to the WRA, and that General Manager O'Halloran, as alternate representative, had been representing the District since Director Scheuring's resignation from the Board.

Congratulations to District staff, particularly Bonnie Zentner, were offered for a successful District holiday party.

13. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

9.3 M/S/C approval for the following claim(s) for payment:

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #41859-41876

14. ADJOURN

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

Ann Brice, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary