

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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**AGENDA**  
**Board Meeting**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Tuesday,**  
**January 8, 2013**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the December 11, 2012 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. 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: Election of Officers for 2013.
- 7:20 5. Consideration: Review of Brown Act Provisions and the District's Rule of Proceedings for Board of Directors' Meetings.
- 7:30 6. Consideration: Declaring the Covell Ditch Surplus Property.
- 7:40 7. Staff Report: 2012 Year-In-Review and 2013 Anticipated Activities.

- 8:00 8. 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 9. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:  
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:10 10. 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
- 8:20 11. 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.
- 8:25 12. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:30 13. Closed Session:  
a) Conference with real property negotiator involving APN 025-010-018, (See Government Code Section 54954.5(b) and 54956.8).
- 8:45 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 January 4, 2013.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 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 was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 8, 2013, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Mayer convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

James Mayer, Chair  
Erik Vink, Vice Chair  
Ann Brice  
Bruce Rominger  
Ron Tadlock

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager - Administration  
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Dave Pratt  
Don Rominger

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the December 11, 2012 Regular Board Meeting as corrected.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments.

**3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda.**

General Manager O'Halloran noted that there was no Closed Session Report identified on the agenda. Legal counsel noted that it was implied by the Closed Session item, as it is required. On a unanimous vote, Closed Session Report was added to the agenda.

**4. CONSIDERATION: Election of Officers for 2013.**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the Board's policy of rotating officers and provided the proposed slate of officers, if the policy is maintained.

M/S/C reaffirmed the Board's rotational policy by electing Erik Vink as Chair, Ron Tadlock as Vice Chair, Tim O'Halloran as Secretary, and Christy Barton as Assistant Secretary.

Chair Vink took his seat and control of the meeting, thanking Director Mayer for his service as Board Chair in 2012.

General Manager O'Halloran also thanked Director Mayer for being very accessible as Chair during 2012 and providing valuable insight and assistance.

**5. CONSIDERATION: Review of Brown Act Provisions and the District's Rules of Proceedings of Board of Directors' Meetings.**

General Manager O'Halloran reported that a standard item for the January Board meeting is the review of the Brown Act and the District's Rules of Proceedings. This item coincides with the beginning of Directors' terms of office, providing information for any new Director and acting as a refresher for the previously seated Directors.

Legal Counsel Bezerra reviewed the purpose of the Brown Act (Act), basic rules of the Act, general information including but not limited to closed session restrictions and agenda requirements. He reported that some changes had been made to the Brown Act that require minor changes be made to the District's Rules of Proceedings. The changes included posting of agendas on the District's website, which is no change from the District's current procedures, and updating statutory references that had changed within the Brown Act.

M/S/C adopted the revised 2013 Rules of Proceedings as provided.

**6. CONSIDERATION: Declaring the Covell Ditch Surplus Property.**

General Manager O'Halloran reported this item was a carryover from the November 2012 Board meeting. O'Halloran had wanted to meet with floodSAFE Yolo Program Manager Borcalli regarding the Covell Ditch prior to the Board taking action. O'Halloran has met with Borcalli, who confirmed the District has no need to retain interest in the Covell Ditch.

M/S/C unanimously declared the Covell Ditch surplus to the needs of the District and authorized General Manager O'Halloran to execute the transfer of the District's rights to another public agency.

**7. STAFF REPORT: 2012 Year-In-Review and 2013 and Anticipated Activities.**

General Manager O'Halloran distributed copies of and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the major activities of 2012 and those anticipated in 2013.

Among the 2012 activities identified were the creation of a new water rate structure, developing a plan to address waiting lists, submission of two grant applications to improve groundwater monitoring and modernize the Winters Canal, annexation of over 8,000 acres, acquisition of property for a regulatory pond on the Winters Canal, investigation of rehabilitating the Cache Creek Hydroelectric Project, renewed emphasis on safety and safety training and extensive involvement in the Westside Sacramento Integrated Regional Water Management Sub-Region planning. O'Halloran noted that last winter more small capital improvement jobs were able to be completed than usual due to the dry weather.

Major activities anticipated for 2013 included submittal of an Ag Water Management Plan, compliance with SB X7-7 regulations, creation of the first annual "Water Report" for the District, rehabilitation of hydroelectric facilities, refinement of the capacity allocation process to address waiting lists, integration of habitat and environmental values into the Maintenance Program, adoption of new policies related to flow measurement, water quality and property rights protection, and continued development of the Safety Program. O'Halloran has a list of capital improvements proposed, but they were not identified here. He mentioned major capital items including engineering for the Moore Dam Siphon, the Chapman Outlet Channel, potential improvements at the Cache Creek Dam, and the potential need for improvements at Indian Valley related to seismicity. O'Halloran noted that right now, small capital improvement jobs are behind schedule due to the wet weather.

**8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Mayer reported that he will not be able to attend the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) meeting scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2013. There will be presentations regarding California's water issues by guest speakers Tim Quinn, Association of California Water Agencies Executive Director and Stuart Leavenworth, Sacramento Bee Editorial Page editor.

Director Tadlock reported that the Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority (Authority) is in the process of trying to fill the General Manager position for the Authority.

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

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported he had two items that he wished to bring to the Board's attention.

Bezerra distributed a copy and reviewed Senator Wolk's bond bill intended to modify the 2014 Water Bond bill, initially proposed in 2012. He noted the items being changed and that the bond measure focuses only on water funding, not pork or policy. He mentioned a number of spot bills have also been proposed to modify the 2014 Water Bond.

Bezerra reported that on December 31, 2012 the State Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) issued a draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document related to San Joaquin stream flow requirements, which requires 35% unimpaired flows for all tributaries from January to June each year. The CEQA document notes one of the unavoidable negative impacts will be groundwater overdraft. The concern is that the Water Board may use the San Joaquin requirements as a template for other areas. He noted that the San Joaquin Basin has major salmon issues, which are not as pronounced in the Sacramento River watershed.

## **10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the following items:

- a) Current Water Conditions – the Daily Water Conditions report was distributed and reviewed. O'Halloran specifically noted the significant increases in storage since the December Board meeting.
- b) Storm report
  - Cache Creek Dam - Storm related activities at the Cache Creek dam were reported and notation was made that flood releases are being coordinated with Lake County.
  - County Road 19 – photos showing where the spills from the Clover Canal into the county road gutter which had been use for a buried pipeline had eroded down to and around the pipeline. O'Halloran complimented Yolo County for addressing the issues so promptly over the holidays.
- c) Dam Failure Emergency Action Plan – The District conducted a test/functional exercise of the Indian Valley Dam and the Cache Creek Dam Emergency Action Plans.
- d) Upcoming events
  - WRA Board meeting – January 14, 2013
  - District Special Board meeting - January 17, 2013 field trip to tour the Cache Creek Dam. Discussion will include how to move forward regarding the Cache Creek Dam Hydroelectric investigation and how best to address future legislative and regulatory processes.
  - Yolo Farm Bureau Annual meeting – March 1, 2013 honoring Denise Sagara
  - Northern California Water Association Annual meeting – March 1, 2013
  - Yolo Resource Conservation District Annual Dinner and Fundraiser – April 10, 2013

**11. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

None

**12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 47999-48003

Chair Vink announced the Board is adjourning to Closed Session with Property Negotiator/General Manager O'Halloran regarding District Property APN 025-010-018 under Government Code Section 54954-5(b) and 54956.8.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

Persons present other than the Board members were Legal Counsel Bezerra, Property Negotiator/General Manager O'Halloran, and Assistant General Manager – Administration Barton.

**14. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Chair Vink reconvened the regular meeting and announced that there was no action to report during Closed Session.

**15. 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