

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, November 4, 2008 7:00 P.M.

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the October 7, 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.  
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. Board Consideration: Rescheduling the Date for Regular December Board meeting.
- 7:12 5. Board Consideration: Quitclaim of portions of the Farmers Central Ditch (FCD) and FCD South Branch to the City of Woodland.
- 7:30 6. Board Consideration: Capay Dam Stantec Scope of Work.
- 7:45 7. Board Update: Information Management Program.

- 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.
- 8:15 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
- 8:25 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.
- 8:28 12. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:30 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 October 31, 2008.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 7:00 PM**

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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 November 4, 2008, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice Chair Tadlock convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

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

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Mike Horgan, District Engineer  
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor  
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

**1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

8.36 M/S/C approved minutes for the October 7, 2008, Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

None.

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

None.

**4. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Rescheduling Regular December Meeting**

8.37 M/S/C approved rescheduling Regular Board Meeting from December 2 to December 9, 2008 to accommodate ACWA Conference attendance by staff.

**5. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Quitclaim of portions of the Farmers Central Ditch (FCD) and FCD South Branch to the City of Woodland.**

District Engineer Horgan presented the Board with a description of two portions of the Farmers Central Ditch (from west side of Sixth Street to East Street, and the FCD South Branch from FDC through the City of Woodland Community Center site) which are of nominal value, and which can be quitclaimed to the City of Woodland, along with the FCD portion already approved for quitclaim at the Board's April 1, 2008 Regular Meeting. Horgan indicated the City of Woodland accepts all constraints and will pick up all maintenance on these portions, which are being purchased for right of way uses as a street and utility corridor.

8.38 M/S/C declaration of two additional portions of the FCD and FCD South Branch as surplus real property, and authorization for the District General Manager to include these portions in the proposed quitclaim process for conveyance to the City of Woodland.

**6. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Capay Dam Stantec Scope of Work**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the agreement of the Infrastructure Committee (Director Rominger and Vice Chair Tadlock) and others to Stantec's scope of work proposal for Alternative A, which includes design up to and including bid documents. O'Halloran restated his interest in hosting a Board workshop at which other partners, including the aggregate industry, water users, and County government could discuss the project, but indicated that key players would not be able to meet prior to mid-December.

O'Halloran requested that the Board authorize expenditures to proceed with the Stantec design at this time, while still planning on a workshop in December. Stantec bid this portion of work at \$271k; however O'Halloran indicated that two desired changes, though small, may increase the final costs, so he was requesting authorization of up to \$300,000. Director Mayer requested comment by Infrastructure Committee members, Directors Rominger and Tadlock. Rominger indicated that he thought it unwise to start all over with another company, and Tadlock agreed, adding that such a strategy could delay the project a year or two, with no likelihood of saving of money.

8.39 M/S/C authorization of expenditures up to \$300,000 for Stantec engineering services for the

final design of Alternative A, including bid documents, for the Capay Dam Rehabilitation Project.

## **7. BOARD UPDATE: Information Management Program**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the objectives of the Information Management Program. The objectives of the program include transition planning, management efficiency, administrative efficiency, document security, and storage creation. O'Halloran described the four primary tasks of the program, including the development of a paper and electronics filing system and protocol, the Water Accounting Program (WAP), access to spatial geo-irrigation data, and web access. O'Halloran noted the essential nature of a sound and comprehensive information management program, and Director Mayer agreed that such a program would serve as the backbone of good policymaking.

## **8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Chair Vink reported on the Lake County 2 x 2 meeting last month, at which Director Rominger and Chair Vink met with Lake County representatives at the Cache Creek Casino, and approved draft language on a memorandum of understanding. Vink reported that the Lake County 2 x 2 is a good communication forum. Next meeting is scheduled for January.

Director Brice announced the upcoming Bucks for Ducks fundraiser for Yolo Basin Foundation, to take place on November 7.

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

Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz announced completion of the final Delta Vision strategic plan. The next step for the Delta Vision report is the cabinet secretaries' meeting on December 5. The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) will be part of a coalition of agricultural agencies, Delta counties, and municipal and industrial groups opposing water reallocations.

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

### a. General Activities

General Manager O'Halloran reported that the District has been approached by a number of landowners about annexing adjacent property (approximately 3,000 acres) to the District. A major consideration is the restriction on selling water outside the District during years of allocation, so a determination must be made regarding the impact of added District acreage on water allocations. O'Halloran reported on changes to water use within the District service area, with increased micro-irrigation, an increased reliance on well water, and for a variety of reasons a reduction of acreage in production. Adding to the District service area acreage might offset the trends toward reduced reliance on water deliveries. He noted the need to review the policy on annexation, and consider options that might permit costs to be borne by those who seek annexation.

O'Halloran noted that the District has been spraying for arundo along Walnut Canal as part of a small (\$2,000) floodSAFE project.

b. Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions

The storm event of October 31<sup>st</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup>, produced approximately 4 inches of precipitation. O'Halloran mentioned that 5-6 inches of rainfall is necessary to get water flowing as runoff following a dry season. After the ground is saturated, even a small sprinkle can increase runoff flow.

**11. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Director Mayer asked if the District had yet responded to the County General Plan. He noted that the document contains good components arising from the IRWMP effort, and could be a significant policy document. O'Halloran noted that replies are due by November 27<sup>th</sup>, and that the District will be focusing on the two major water elements: The Natural Resources Element, and the Agriculture Element. He would appreciate any input to the District response.

O'Halloran reported that Jeff Loux was coordinating the Yolo County effort to assess and to clarify water agency options and goals.

**12. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: # 41577-41585

**13. ADJOURN**

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

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Ron Tadlock, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

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