

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, November 7, 2006 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 3, 2006 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 Presentation: Yolo County General Plan Update.
- 7:30 5. Board Discussion: Potential Knight Ranch Reservoir.
- 7:45 6. Board Consideration: Award of Contract – Indian Valley Penstock Relining Project.
- 8:00 7. Board Presentation: Water Resources Association of Yolo County IRWMP.
- 8:10 8. Board Presentation and Consideration: Sacramento Valley IRWMP.
- 8:20 9. Board Presentation: District Water Quality Issues.
- 8:30 10. Board Consideration: Rescheduling the Date for December Board Meeting.

- 8:35 11. Board Update and Consideration: New Year's Eve Storm Recovery Update and Continuation of Emergency Conditions.
- 8:45 12. 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.
- 8:55 13. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on current legal and legislative activities.
- 9:00 14. 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) Capay Dam Inspection Update
  - c) Farmers Central Ditch Issues
  - d) Cache Creek Dam EAP Report
  - e) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 9:15 15. 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.
- 9:20 16. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 9:25 17. Closed Session:
  - a) Conference with Legal Counsel Under: Brown Act Section 54956.9(a) Carman vs. YCFC&WCD and Watson vs. YCFC&WCD
- 9:59 18. Closed Session Report
- 10:00 19. 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 November 3, 2006.

By:

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Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2006

The regular November meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2006 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice-Chair Scheuring convened the meeting with Directors Brice, Tadlock and Vink present. Chair Rominger arrived subsequently. Also in attendance were:

### District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Mike Horgan, Engineer  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Jen Reed, Project Manager  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel  
Francis Borcalli, Engineering Consultant  
R. Jack Sinor, Consultant

### **Members of the Public**

Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Supervisor  
Bob Schneider  
Dave Pratt  
Blake Harlan  
Don Rominger, Retired District Director  
Bill Debo  
Twyla Thompson, Yolo-Zamora Water District  
Marleen Schuler  
David Guy, NCWA  
Tom Flynn  
Heidi Tschudin  
Laurie Schuler-Flynn  
Gene Story

### MINUTES

M/S/C approved the minutes of the October 2, 2006 Regular Board meeting as mailed.

### OPEN FORUM

No comments were made.

## **YOLO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. O'Halloran introduced Heidi Tschudin, Project Manager for the Yolo County General Plan Update.

Ms. Tschudin stated that the general plan update process started about two years ago and that multiple public workshops have been held. She advised that four land use alternatives were presented to the Board of Supervisors in September of this year and that the Board had validated them. The alternatives are now being refined for Board of Supervisors consideration and their selection of a preferred option. Subsequently, a Draft General Plan will be prepared for public review with final plan adoption expected in late 2007 or early 2008.

Ms. Tschudin also stated that the County's General Plan was last updated in 1983 and that the land use policy document was a very important element of the plan. She provided a general overview of the General Plan and pointed out that the plan will include a conservation element with water policies.

Board discussion and questions followed. Ms. Tschudin advised that the plan status and process is outlined on the County web site.

## **POTENTIAL KNIGHT RANCH RESERVOIR**

Mr. O'Halloran stated that no work to develop design plans has yet been performed, but the District's purchase of the Knight property has received newspaper coverage and raised concerns with neighboring landowners. He stated that the reservoir planning process is and will continue to be open to the public and he wanted to provide the landowners with an opportunity to present their concerns to the Board. He stated that the purpose of the reservoir was to develop new water, improve environmental habitat, improve water quality and provide localized flood control.

Chair Rominger invited interested members of the audience to speak. Those who spoke and some of their comments are as follows:

Mr. Flynn stated:

- Downstream property owners do not want a dam or reservoir in the valley.
- The dam/reservoir site was rife with problems.
- He is strongly opposed to any encroachment on private property and is more strongly opposed to eminent domain.
- The project was detrimental to the right-to-farm and would contribute to the loss of family farms.
- Current use of adjacent land are raising cattle and growing olives.
- The dam would obstruct the current view of the valley.
- Flooding from possible failure of the dam raises strong safety concerns.
- He encouraged the District to exclude, by Board resolution, the consideration of eminent domain and encroachment onto private property in any project studies and analyses.

Mrs. Schuler stated:

- She does not want this project.
- The adjoining property has been farmed by her family since 1869.
- The site has potential seismic problems.
- The reservoir should be located closer to Zamora, the area where additional irrigation water is needed.

Mr. Schneider stated:

- The project will provide needed water to multiple interests in Yolo County.
- The matter is not a government versus people issue but a farmer versus farmer one.
- The project will provide a future water supply with improved water quality in Yolo County.
- It will be a difficult decision to balance future needs with current impacts on adjacent property owners.

Mrs. Thompson stated:

- The board of the Yolo-Zamora Water District is enthusiastic about development of the project.
- The District has been in a quest for water since 1950.
- It is solely reliant on well water and is the site of major ground subsidence.

Ms. Schuler-Flynn stated:

- She is a partner in raising olives on land adjacent to the dam.
- Water conservation should be pursued instead of the dam and reservoir.

Mr. Debo stated:

- The value of his property has been devalued by the proposed project.
- The dam will be 400 yards from his house and 40 feet high.
- He questioned the feasibility of building the dam and having an adequate source of water to supply the reservoir.
- The lake would not be available to the public.
- He questioned the District's ability to pay for a \$10 million dam and whether the water was actually for farmers or others.

Mr. Harlan stated:

- He was excited about the District's purchase of the dam and reservoir site and is supportive of additional water diversions and supplies.

- He is encouraged by the District's proposed study of the site and is awaiting the results.

Director Rominger thanked the speakers for their presentations and stated that the concerns and questions raised will be considered in the project study and will be answered.

Director Scheuring stated that District consideration of the reservoir was consistent with its earlier actions to acquire additional surface water through winter time diversions from Cache Creek.

Director Vink stated that off-stream storage is a part of the District's prior water supply augmentation concept.

Mr. O'Halloran stated that the District is charged to explore additional water supplies and that the reservoir proposal is only one aspect of the District's overall water resource management strategy.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT – INDIAN VALLEY PENSTOCK RELINING PROJECT**

Mr. O'Halloran reported bids had been opened for the Indian Valley Penstock relining work and that the amount of the low bid was within budget.

Mr. Sinor, District Project Engineer, reported the project involved cleaning and recoating of 730 lineal feet of the 60 inch diameter steel penstock by a qualified experienced contractor. He provided details on the bid process, alternative coatings, construction time schedule, liquidated damages and recommendation for award of the contract.

Board questioned and discussion followed on the types of alternative coatings, their life expectancies additive bid alternatives, contractor's reference checks, conditions of the work environment and construction inspection.

M/S/C approval to authorize the general manager to contract with ABHE & Svoboda in the amount of \$297,150 for Alternative A – Epoxy Coating System.

### **WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY IRWMP**

Mr. O'Halloran reported that the IRWMP is scheduled for Board adoption in early 2007.

Director Scheuring stated that the public comment period is ongoing.

Mr. Stevenson presented an overview of the IRWMP document including an outline of its contents and highlights covering public outreach, regional coordination, findings and issues, potential actions and implementation strategy.

Director Scheuring stated that development of the IRWMP was an important exercise for the nine agencies involved and resulted in a successful collaborative effort. He also reported that efforts of

all of the agencies' staff were to be commended.

Director Brice stated that Yolo Basin Foundation was glad to participate in the process.

### **SACRAMENTO VALLEY IRWMP**

Mr. Guy, Executive Director for NCWA, provided an overview of the Sacramento Valley IRWMP including its origins, purpose, and relationship with local IRWMPs, finalization schedule, and adoption by 35 water agencies, importance to Yolo County and utilization to educate others. He welcomed District support of the plan.

Mr. Schneider commented that the IRWMP was developed through collaboration of environmental interests, property owners and farmers and would enhance local efforts to obtain project funding.

Mr. O'Halloran gave an overview of the proposed District resolution to support the Sacramento Valley IRWMP.

M/S/C adoption of the resolution as presented.

### **DISTRICT WATER QUALITY ISSUES**

Mr. Stevenson reported on the District's water quality planning project.

The activities include groundwater quality monitoring at numerous wells and surface water monitoring for various constituents. He provided details on the history, natural source, area of distribution and development of state regulations on boron. He advised that boron contamination was tied to mercury sources and agriculture did not contribute to boron levels.

Mr. Schneider commented that boron monitoring was an important part of the conditional ag waiver program.

### **RESCHEDULING THE DATE FOR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**

Mr. O'Halloran recommended rescheduling the Board's December meeting due to a conflict with the ACWA conference.

M/S/C approval to move the regular December meeting to December 12, 2006.

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE STORM RECOVERY UPDATE AND CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS**

Mrs. Barton reported that the State OES will pay 100% of the non-FEMA covered costs for emergency work incurred by the District and there is still some erosion repair work yet to be

completed. She also stated that the District has received \$370,000 thus far for reimbursement of the \$1,000,000 spent and that State OES will support the District's request to FEMA for repair of the Hungry Hollow Canal bridge.

M/S/C approval to continue the Declaration of Emergency Conditions until the next Board meeting.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager O'Halloran reported the following:

#### General Activities:

- The District Harvest Celebration/BBQ is scheduled for November 17, 2006.
- The agenda for the next District-Yolo County 2X2 meeting has not yet been received.
- Agricultural water sales to date are 110% of the budgeted amount.

#### Capay Dam Inspection Update:

Mr. Horgan reported that the non-destructive structural testing of the Capay Dam concrete was performed during the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> and that concrete and soil coring began November 6<sup>th</sup>. Following laboratory testing of the cores and data analyses, a report will be prepared by Stantec, the project engineer.

#### Farmers Central Ditch Issues:

The Farmers Central Ditch does not currently supply irrigation water and is a liability to the District. Cleaning operations to pass winter storm flows is underway and hydroflushing of culverts may cost \$20,000.

#### Cache Creek Dam EAP Report:

An emergency action plan addressing potential failure of the Cache Creek Dam has been prepared by Wood Rodgers, Inc. The report is required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. A tabletop discussion and exercise of the plan with emergency response agencies will be held on November 21, 2006.

#### Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions:

Water system repair work is underway and the District's flood response is being reviewed.

### **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

M/S/C after review, approved the following claims for payment:

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #37202, 37203, 37232 and 37291-37301

**CLOSED SESSION**

The regular meeting was adjourned to Closed Session under:  
Brown Act Section 54956.9(a) Carman vs. YCFC & WCD and Watson vs. YCFC & WCD.  
Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager  
Barton, Jen Reed and Attorney Bartkiewicz.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The regular Board meeting was reconvened. Chair Rominger reported that during Closed Session  
the Board took no action.

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

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Bruce J. Rominger, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary