

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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**AGENDA**  
**Board Meeting**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Tuesday,**  
**February 5, 2013**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the January 8 Regular and January 17, 2013 Special Board Meetings.
- 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: Contract for 10 Percent Design Report for Cache Creek Hydroelectric Station.
- 7:20 5. Staff Report: 2012-2013 Budget Update.
- 7:40 6. Discussion: Surface Water Quality Issues.

- 7:50 7. 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.
- 7:55 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:00 9. 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
- 8:10 10. 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.
- 8:15 11. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:20 12. Closed Session:  
Conference with real property negotiator (O'Halloran) involving APN 025-010-018, (See Government Code Section 54954.5(b) and 54956.8).
- 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 February 1, 2013.

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



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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 7:00 PM**

**YCFCWCD Offices  
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 was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 5, 2013, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Vink convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

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

District Staff

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

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain  
Dave Pratt  
Bob Schneider

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the January 8, 2013 Regular and the January 17, 2013 Special Board meetings as submitted.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. However, the order for items 4 and 5 on the agenda were reversed to make the items more relevant to each other.

**5. STAFF REPORT: 2012-2013 BUDGET UPDATE.**

General Manager O'Halloran provided handouts – “2013 YCFCWCD Agricultural Water Allocation and Rates Worksheet” and a draft “FY 2012/13 Capital Budget Worksheet – updated 2-5-2013”, which he reviewed as part of a PowerPoint Presentation. O'Halloran reviewed the current and projected status of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 Budget, its revenues and expenses, the proposed capital projects, and the potential impact on the District's reserves.

O'Halloran reported that he and Financial Supervisor Barbara McGriff are starting to work on the FY 2013/14 Budget. He reviewed the District's current water supply and the rate structure, reporting that based on current water availability, an allocation of 1.61 acre feet per acre would be imposed and the water rate would be \$24.00 an acre foot.

**4. CONSIDERATION: CONTRACT FOR 10 PERCENT DESIGN REPORT FOR CACHE CREEK HYDROELECTRIC STATION.**

General Manager O'Halloran requested any comments from the Board related to the Special Board meeting field trip to the Cache Creek Dam and hydroelectric facility. Director Tadlock reported that it helped him to understand the complexity of the issues associated with the hydroelectric project.

O'Halloran reviewed the NLine “10 Percent Design Report for Cache Creek Hydroelectric Station” proposal and the Board's desire to modify the proposal to prioritize the critical path tasks such that review of the environmental issues and the condition of the penstock come first. O'Halloran reviewed the District's potential costs associated with the inspection of the penstock.

O'Halloran reported that he does not have a revised proposal for the Board's review, but he believes that the changes to be made to prioritize the review of regulatory requirements and the condition of the penstock first and adding a provision to allow the District to stop the project at any time would not be a major change.

Director Mayer reported that he would want a parallel political process occurring whereby the District is contacting other parties and reviewing the proposed project for feedback.

M/S/C authorized General Manager O'Halloran to enter into a contract with NLine for the 10 Percent Design Report, not to exceed \$85,000, with the tasks rearranged to address the condition of the penstock and environmental issues first and a provision that the work can be stopped at any point by the District, and subject to review by the District's legal counsel.

#### **6. DISCUSSION: SURFACE WATER QUALITY ISSUES.**

General Manager O'Halloran provided handouts of a letter and an email regarding potential water quality issues and irrigation water. He reviewed the correspondence, the concerns expressed in the letters and potential issues the District may be facing in the future.

Chair Vink stated that the District should be proactive regarding water quality issues.

Regarding the siltation issue, Director Mayer suggested staff identify the size of the problem including the number of acres involved and their location(s), and whether appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) are being implemented on the source properties and their drainage.

#### **7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Tadlock announced the Northern California Water Association's (NCWA) annual meeting will be held on March 1, 2013 in Chico, California.

Director Brice announced that she and O'Halloran had attended the Farm Bureau's annual meeting, at which Denise Sagara was honored.

#### **8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Chair Charles Hoppin has announced that he will be retiring this spring. Two other State Board members also may be leaving the Board in the next few weeks, therefore, the State Board may not be able to meet the requirements for a quorum shortly unless another appointment to the board is made.

Bezerra reported that there is legislation that proposes to move the state drinking water regulatory program from the Department of Public Health (DPH) to the State Board. That program regulates potable-water systems and provides loans and grants to those systems. One of the issues is that DPH has been unable to move funding out as loans and grants to poorer water agencies, many of which cannot afford to improve infrastructure on their own.

Bezerra also reported that there is a significant push to modify the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) this year, and that currently four bills have been submitted to modify the Water Bond.

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

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the following:

- c) General Activities
  - A January 7, 2013 letter from the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency to the Board was distributed.
  - The Middle Creek Project's Draft Water Availability Study is being made available for the District's review and discussion with Lake County. A brief history regarding the pending water appropriation was provided, as was the District's concerns regarding the Clear Lake water rights.
  - The NCWA's Drought Workshop was reviewed.
- d) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
  - The current Water Conditions Report was provided as a handout
- e) Upcoming events were announced including:
  - CA Duck Days Festival - reception and art show – Friday, February 22
  - CA Duck Days Festival - field trips and workshops - Saturday, February 23
  - NCWA's Annual meeting – Friday, March 1
  - Water Education Foundation's Executive Briefing - Changing Currents - Thursday and Friday, March 14-15
  - Yolo County Resource Conservation District Annual Dinner and fund raiser – Wednesday, April 10
  - Annual Anne Schneider Lecture co-sponsored by the Anne Schneider Foundation and the Water Education Foundation – Tuesday, April 30.

## **10. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chair Vink directed staff to include Review of Committee Assignments on the March agenda.

## **11. CONSIDERATION: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 48124-48133

## **12. CLOSED SESSION:**

Chair Vink announced that the Board was adjourning into closed session to confer with real property negotiator O'Halloran involving APN 025-010-018 under Government Code Section 54954.5(b) and 54956.8). Persons present other than Directors were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager - Administration Barton and Legal Counsel Bezerra.

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

**13. 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