

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, March 4, 2014 7:00 P.M.

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the February 4, 2014 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. Staff Report: Drought and Budget Related Update.
- 7:40 5. Consideration: Resolution Accepting Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant Funds and Designating Applicant's Agent.
- 7:50 6. Consideration: Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property

- 7:55 7. Consideration: 2014 Non-Agricultural Water Rate Setting.
- 8:00 8. Consideration: Authorization to Proceed with Phase 2 of the Cache Creek Hydroelectric Investigation.
- 8:15 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.
- 8:20 10. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:25 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) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions  
b) Financial Report  
c) General Activities  
d) Upcoming Events
- 8:35 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.
- 8:40 13. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:45 14. Closed Session:  
a) Conference with real property negotiator O'Halloran regarding the sale of District property APN 025-010-018, (See Government Code Section 54954.5(b) and 54956.8).
- 9:00 15. Adjourn

he 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 28, 2014.

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



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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 7:00 PM**

**YCFCWCD Offices  
34274 State Highway 16  
Woodland, CA 95695**

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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 March 4, 2014, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Tadlock convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

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

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

Jason Hatanaka  
Don Rominger  
Bob Schneider

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger, Tadlock and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

**2. OPEN FORUM**

Jason Hatanaka was introduced to the Board.

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

**4. STAFF REPORT: Drought and Budget Related Update.**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed drought related activities that had occurred since the February Regular Board meeting including:

- Communications with water customers, District staff, and presentations to the Water Resources Association of Yolo County, the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Minimum flow releases from Indian Valley Reservoir - discussion with Mark Dillinger of Lake County Special Districts related to the Spring Valley Subdivision, the Indian Valley water supply and the potential to request a temporary reduction in the required minimum flow releases. Recent rains have increased storage to over 19,000 acre-feet, which is nearing the 20,000 acre-feet threshold that the District would like to assure the ability to maintain the required release.
- Indian Valley Campground closure – This was reported at the February meeting, but the District is in the process of securing signage to post at the Walker Ridge entry roadway.
- “Wheeling” groundwater and pipes on canal need to be addressed. The current wheeling rates do not cover the District’s costs. Pipes are being used and placed over the District’s canal roads effectively blocking the roadways and need to be addressed.
- Budget considerations have been on-going. O'Halloran reported that the District expects and is planning for no water sales in Yolo County for the 2014 season. He reviewed the expected Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/14 year end condition, and the “No Water Sales” scenario impacts on the budgets for FY 2014/15 and 2015/16. Mandated and discretionary costs have been identified. O'Halloran reviewed the budget savings to be incorporated into the FY 2014/15 budget and noted that the reductions would still require use of significant reserve funds. He noted that labor and benefits make up more than 50% of the budget, therefore, changes will have to be made regarding District staffing. Seasonal employees have been given notice that they will not be needed this year. Preliminary talks with employees support reduction in

everyone's hours (furloughs) rather than layoffs. O'Halloran will work up his recommendations for the Finance Committee and the Board, and present them with the proposed budget. The Board will need to make policy decisions regarding how to address the needed reductions in payroll and the use of reserves when considering the budget. Director Mayer noted that the purpose for maintaining reserves is to be able to address flood and drought situations.

**5. CONSIDERATION: Resolution Accepting Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant Funds and Designating Applicant's Agent.**

General Manager O'Halloran reported that the District had applied for and was awarded a Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency (WUE) grant valued at \$1,891,500, of which \$460,000 will be District match with in-kind services. The grant is for the installation of automatic gates on 26 structures and lateral headings in the Winters Canal between the head of the canal and the Chapmen Reservoir, and 20 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) ready flow meters within that same reach of the Winters Canal. The work done by District staff will constitute the District's required matching funds.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 14.01 Accepting the California Department of Water Resources Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant Funds and Designating the Applicant Agent by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger, Tadlock and Vink  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**CONSIDERATION: Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property.**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the acquisition of the Knight Ranch (Property) with the California Conservation Fund (CCF) and the subsequent feasibility investigation into a potential reservoir for the District. Due to the decision that the project was not feasible for the District, the District and CCF decided that the Property should be sold. The Property is being leased for grazing, but the lease includes a provision for early termination in the event the Property is sold. The Property is currently in escrow, but has not yet been formally declared surplus and its sale authorized.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 14.02 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger, Tadlock and Vink  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**CONSIDERATION: 2014 Non-Agricultural Water Rate Setting.**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the District's current water rate structure, both Agricultural and Non-Agricultural, including what costs are incorporated into the water rates. He reported that the

Agricultural rates are currently on the last year of a three-year rate schedule, and that Non-Agricultural rates have not been increased since FY 2010/11. O'Halloran requested a 5% increase in the Non-Agricultural rates to \$59.85 per acre-foot. This rate is to be effective as of May 1, 2014, in order to provide water contractors with at least 30-days advance notice of the change and to avoid a mid-month rate change.

M/S/C authorized an increase of 5% in the Non-Agricultural water rates effective May 1, 2014.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger, Tadlock and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

**CONSIDERATION: Authorization to Proceed with Phase 2 of the Cache Creek Hydroelectric Investigation.**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the status of the investigation into the potential rehabilitation of the Cache Creek Hydroelectric Project and the discussion at the Regular February Board meeting. Previously, NLine Energy (NLine) identified what it considered to be a fatal flaw in the project related to fisheries, but subsequently identified technology that it believes will address the identified problem. At the February Board meeting staff was instructed to research and provide information to the Board regarding the Archimedes Screw (Screw) technology. O'Halloran distributed information and provided a video presentation regarding the Screw. O'Halloran requested authorization to have NLine complete Phase 2 of its contract, reviewing budgetary considerations, and the advantages and disadvantages of postponing the investigation.

During review of the Phase 2 proposal, O'Halloran was instructed to verify that Task 6 includes discussion with both Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Services.

M/S/C authorized completing the work on the existing contract identified as Phase 2 at a cost not to exceed \$42,000 and approving an extension on the contract to July 20, 2014 by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger, Tadlock and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

**6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Vink reported that he had attended a NASA presentation regarding the drought and one of the presenters mentioned the District regarding groundwater monitoring.

Director Rominger reported on an Audubon tour for Stanislaus County officials that included visiting vegetated canal banks on the Winters Canal.

Chair Tadlock reported that the March meeting of the Sites Joint Powers Authority Committee has been canceled.

## **7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Legal Counsel Bezerra reviewed potential drought related actions of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and the additional power provided to the State Board through the Governor's Drought Emergency declaration.

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

General Manager O'Halloran provided reports on:

- a) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions - The Water Conditions Report and a hydrograph of a real-time groundwater monitoring well was reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the January 31, 2014 Monthly Management Financial Statements were reviewed. The “bottom line” noted was that as of January 31, 2014, the FY 2013/14 revenues were 2% below the budgeted revenues.
- c) General Activities – The District is investigating renewal of the Indian Valley Power Purchase Agreement with someone other than PG&E. Discussions at the Governor's Office have included groundwater issues and may lead to groundwater legislation. The District's new 2014 Application for Agricultural Water Service are being favorably received.
- d) Upcoming Events  
March 14 - Northern California Water Association Annual meeting in Chico  
May 6 to 9 – Association of California Water Agencies Spring Conference in Monterey

## **9. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was none.

## **10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

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

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger, Tadlock and Vink  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 49641-49648

General Manager O'Halloran announced that there was no need for the Closed Session item that was included on the posted agenda.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Ron Tadlock, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary