

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, April 3, 2012 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the March 6, 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. Public Hearing and Consideration: Proposed Adoption of New Rate Schedule.
- 7:30 5. Staff Report: Bay-Delta Update – Pressure on Sacramento Valley Region.
- 7:50 6. Consideration: Adoption of Resolution Concurring with the Annexation of Lands to the District.
- 8:05 7. Staff Report: Indian Valley Hydroelectric Power Purchase Contract.
- 8:15 8. Staff Report: District Safety Program Update.

- 8:25 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.
- 8:30 10. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:35 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) General Activities
b) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:45 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.
- 8:50 13. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:55 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 March 30, 2012.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 7:00 PM

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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 April 3, 2012, 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
Jen Reed, Project Manager
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain
David Guy
Dave Pratt
Andrew Rodgers
Don Rominger
Landon Scarlett
Matt Williams

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the March 6, 2012 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

2. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Williams reported he was attending to hear the Bay-Delta update in case it included information regarding the Central Valley Flood Plan.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

None

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION: Proposed Adoption of New Rate Schedule.

Chair Mayer announced that it was not yet time for the public hearing and proceeded to item 6 on the agenda.

6. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution Concurring with the Annexation of Lands to the District.

Director Rominger recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and left the meeting during this item.

Assistant General Manager Barton reviewed for the Board the annexation issues that were reported at the November 2011 Board meeting and how they have been resolved. She reviewed the status of the legal description and mapping, the verification of consent forms, and the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) application forms.

Barton reported that she is requesting the consenting resolution for LAFCO at this Board meeting because she anticipates having the package complete for submission to LAFCO before the next Board meeting. She estimated LAFCO and State Board of Equalization fees at slightly over \$16,000.

Director Vink asked if the \$16,000 was reimbursable from the landowners. Barton reported the \$16,000 would be apportioned among annexing properties.

In response to a question, General Manager O'Halloran reported that water sales in the District have been declining and that 7 of 10 years the District has surplus water. The annexation is intended to offset the loss of water sales and to improve the District's financial position. Needed infrastructure will be the responsibility of the landowners annexing and the standards to which the infrastructure will be built will depend on the ultimate owner of the facilities, as either a private party's or the District's.

M/S/C adopted resolution 12.01 requesting that the Yolo County LAFCO initiate and approve the annexation of property to the District by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Tadlock and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Rominger

Abstain: None

Director Rominger returned to the meeting.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION: Proposed Adoption of New Rate Schedule.

At 7:15 pm Chair Mayer opened the public hearing to consider adopting a new rate schedule for the District's water service. He stated the purpose of the hearing is to give interested persons an opportunity to present their comments to the Board concerning the proposed water rate schedule, and that notice of the hearing had been given as required by law.

Chair Mayer called on General Manager O'Halloran to review the proposed rate schedule. O'Halloran reviewed the goals of the rate structure to stabilize rates, to sustain the infrastructure and the operational functions of the District, and to recognize and encourage conjunctive use with groundwater. He also reviewed the components of the budget that must be considered within the rate structure and how the proposed rate structure works. O'Halloran distributed a spreadsheet using historical information from 1975, the proposed rate schedule and other parameters to estimate the long-term impact on the District's revenue.

Chair Mayer announced that the Board would like to receive any oral or written comments from any interested person on the proposed rate schedule and water charges.

Mr. Rodgers reported he had spoken with people regarding how important the District's service is to Yolo County, and stated that he believes the rate schedule will work out fine in the long run. He complimented O'Halloran for being forthcoming with information and facts to support the requested rate increase.

Chair Mayer asked if any oral or written comments had been received prior to the Board meeting. General Manager O'Halloran reported that no written or oral comments had been received prior to the meeting.

There being no further comments, Chair Mayer closed the public hearing.

The Board commended O'Halloran for his work and effort to develop the proposed rate schedule, listening to District customers, balancing the needs of the District with the customers and committing to address the funding gap inherent this rate schedule.

M/S/C adopted the proposed agricultural rate schedule for the 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15 irrigation seasons, the proposed non-agricultural rate of \$57 an acre-foot for the 2012/13 period, and any associated rates to be proportioned according to the applicable base rate.

5. STAFF REPORT: Bay-Delta Update – Pressure on Sacramento Valley Region.

General Manager O'Halloran reported the Bay-Delta activities are requiring a lot of effort on behalf of water agencies and others. In order to be efficient and effective it is important to structure activities, to focus on issues through organization and joint funding. The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) is acting as the hub of those efforts.

NCWA Executive Director David Guy distributed a PowerPoint Presentation titled "Regional Sustainability for the Sacramento Valley". Guy noted that the web of impacts is so tangled and expansive that everyone is impacted by Bay-Delta activities. The impacts that NCWA is focusing on are mainly related to flows and fees.

Guy reviewed the four primary proposed flow scenarios, the status of biological opinion of various federal agencies, and the components of the current version of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). He reported on the current State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) process for adopting a Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan for the San Joaquin River which includes flow requirements. It is expected that the SWRCB will use the San Joaquin plan as a template for the Sacramento River. NCWA has requested the SWRCB hold workshops to gather information, which would also provide an opportunity to educate the SWRCB members and staff regarding the regional issues. Guy noted that the SWRCB has authority over Post-1914 water rights.

Guy reported the changes in flows on the Sacramento River would impact water supplies for cities, farms and towns, for the Pacific Flyway, Salmonids, hydroelectric power, recreation and groundwater pumping.

Guy also reviewed funding for the SWRCB activities. He reported on the status of the NCWA et al vs. SWRCB regarding water right fees, on water quality fees and potential diversion fees.

6. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution Concurring with the Annexation of Lands to the District.

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

7. STAFF REPORT: Indian Valley Hydroelectric Power Purchase Contract.

General Manager O'Halloran updated the Board regarding the activities of the District with Consultant Dr. House with the California ISO and PG&E over the last month. The District executed an extension to the Power Production Agreement with PG&E through April 2012. The District is currently investigating a 3-month Qualified Facility (QF) contract with PG&E because it did not qualify for the current Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) program. It is anticipated that in the near future, the District will qualify for the newly published FIT program. The District continues to investigate the requirements for new equipment that will be needed for either a QF or a FIT program.

O'Halloran anticipates a report regarding the Cache Creek Dam hydro plant and potential low-head hydro opportunities in the near future. An analysis is being conducted by NLine, an Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Preferred Provider.

8. STAFF REPORT: District Safety Program Update.

Project Manager/Safety Officer Reed updated the Board on the District's Safety Program, the District's trends, the 2011 Safety Program activities and accomplishments, and the goals for 2012. She reviewed some of the more major training activities, and explained how losses impact the District's premiums within the ACWA/JPIA's various programs.

Director Vink complimented Reed on the work being done to improve the District's safety program and its effectiveness.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Brice attended a conference with General Manager O'Halloran in Los Angeles, which she felt was very interesting and useful. O'Halloran was one of the speakers and made an Information Management presentation.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported the District had received and responded to a Public Records Act request from a group called CWIN. It appears CWIN requested information regarding riparian and pre-1914 water rights from many agencies throughout the Sacramento Valley.

General Manager O'Halloran will provide the Board with copies of the request and the response.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the following items:

- a) General Activities
 - 1) Budget – a Budget will be presented to the Board at the May 1 meeting. Staff and the Finance Committee will be working on it this month.
 - 2) Madison Esparto Community Service Area - A \$3 million grant has been received for recreational services, some of which may be adjacent to the District's Winters Canal. Supervisor Chamberlain's office will provide a project contact name and phone number.

- b) Operations, Maintenance & Water Conditions
 - 1) Water conditions were provided in the handout at the sign-in table;
 - 2) Allocations – Based on the late rains and historical data, the District will waive the imposition of allocations for the irrigation season.
 - 3) Operational Challenges this year will include:
 - a. Managing the impact of discharge capacity limits at Indian Valley;
 - b. Scheduling the hydro power production in compliance with the new agreements;
and
 - c. Using the Clear Lake allocation in the most effective manner.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

None.

13. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 46903-46919

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

James P. Mayer, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

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