

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, May 13, 2014 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the April 1, 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 Issues Update.
- 7:30 5. Consideration: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget.
- 7:55 6. Consideration: Westside Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Adoption and Proposition 84 Drought Grant Solicitation.
- 8:10 7. Staff Report: Indian Valley Hydroelectric Project Contract.

- 8:15 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.
- 8:20 9. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:25 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) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
 - b) Financial Report
 - c) General Activities
 - d) Upcoming Events
- 8:35 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.
- 8:40 12. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:45 13. 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 14. Adjourn

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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 May 9, 2014.

By: _____
Christy Barton, Asst. Gen. Mgr. – Admin.



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**FLOOD CONTROL &
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 7:00 PM

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

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 May 13, 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

John McKean
 Dave Pratt
 Don Rominger
 Bob Schneider

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the April 1, 2014 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger and Tadlock

Noes: None

Absent: Vink

2. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

General Manager O'Halloran reported that Director Vink had called and would be arriving later. Vink requested that consideration of the Budget be postponed until after he had arrived.

Chair Tadlock announced that consideration of the Budget would be moved to later on the agenda.

4. STAFF REPORT: Drought Issues Update

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed drought related activities at the District including the distribution and sale of winter Cache Creek flows, the required seepage/environmental flows through the Cache Creek Dam, the use by water customers of the District's canal system to move/wheel their water among properties, the trespassing by all-terrain vehicles around the gate at the closed Indian Valley Campground and a "Year of Groundwater" proposal intended to strengthen the groundwater position of the District and Yolo County.

O'Halloran reported that he is in the process of developing a draft policy for the Board's consideration related to the direct diversion and use of Cache Creek spring flows under the District's Pre-1914 and riparian water rights.

O'Halloran reviewed a "Year of Groundwater" proposal designed to keep the District engaged with numerous activities of the state, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) and the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) related to groundwater activities. This proposal includes the development of educational materials designed to get the public informed and engaged in the development and implementation of programs that will impact groundwater. He reviewed the District's history of groundwater management activities including the gathering and dissemination of groundwater related information for public review and use. O'Halloran reviewed the District's conjunctive use activities and the transition from passive to active conjunctive use.

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on proposed groundwater legislation activities noting the intent is to empower and encourage the local areas/regions to manage their own groundwater, but stipulates that the state will step in if it has to do so. Bezerra noted that the District already has the powers it needs to address groundwater management.

Chair Tadlock noted that two of the issues of concern would be the actual groundwater recharge and potential impact of one person's well on the neighbor's well.

O'Halloran reported that he wants to utilize the District's water management strengths in conjunction with the public's attention to the drought issues to get people engaged in the development of concepts to be used regarding groundwater management. He noted the District's 2008 pilot program using private wells provided important information to support the District's use and ownership of wells along the canal system to supplement the District's surface supply in a recharge/recovery program.

Director Mayer stated that the District is moving in the right direction by preparing and planning an active conjunctive use program that will be supported by the local area and ready to address state regulations.

Director Brice noted that the preplanning would position the District to be ready for potential funding opportunities.

Director Rominger noted that by being proactive, the District would help keep local control.

5. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget

Director Vink was absent, so this item was postponed for consideration after agenda items 6 and 7.

6. CONSIDERATION: Westside Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Adoption and Proposition 84 Drought Grant Solicitation

Assistant General Manager – Resources Stevenson reviewed the District's history of water management planning and activities. He reviewed the creation and status of the Sacramento Westside Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) representing planning activities and agencies of Colusa, Lake, Napa, Solano and Yolo Counties. He noted that the WRA adopted the IRWMP document on July 1, 2013 representing Yolo County agencies.

Stevenson reported on potential projects in Lake and Yolo Counties that could qualify for State Proposition 84 emergency drought funding (Drought Funding). He elaborated on the District's potential project that could qualify for Drought Funding. He reported that since neither Napa nor

Solano County have projects qualifying for or ready to submit for Drought Funding, they will support the Drought Funding applications of Lake and Yolo Counties' agencies.

Stevenson noted that although the District helped develop the IRWMP and supported the WRA's adoption of the IRWMP, the District has not formally adopted the IRWMP on its own behalf. He further reported that in order to be eligible for Drought Funding, the District needs to formally adopt the Westside IRWMP.

M/S/C approved Resolution 14.03 Adopting the 2013 Sacramento Westside Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

7. STAFF REPORT: Indian Valley Hydroelectric Project Contract

Assistant General Manager – Administration Barton reviewed Indian Valley Hydroelectric Project (Project) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with PG&E, the associated monthly scheduling fees and unsuccessful attempts to have the fees waived or modified. She reported that the District investigated with both PG&E and the California Independent System Operator (ISO), the potential for negative impacts if the District opted to let its the PPA expire and go without one until the District again has water available to operate the Project.

Barton reported that PG&E only identified the need for some advance notice in order to prepare a new PPA. It did caution that the ISO could have issues related to the Full Network Model (FNM).

Regarding the ISO, Barton said initially there was a misunderstanding regarding the reason for the Project being non-operational. Once it was clearly understood that the problem was related to the drought and the lack of water, things were more clearly addressed. The ISO confirmed that the District would not have to address any new issues or renew any paperwork. When asked specifically about the District's status within the FNM, the ISO said that there would be no change as long as the Project was not offline for three full years. Barton reported that there are forms that are in the process of being filed with the ISO by PG&E and the District regarding the change of or lack of a scheduling coordinator (PG&E per the PPA), but no issues are anticipated.

Barton reported the District let the PPA with PG&E expire on April 30, 2014.

5. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget (As moved on the agenda)

General Manager O'Halloran reported that the Board's representatives to the Finance Committee are Directors Tadlock and Vink. He thanked them for their assistance and active involvement in the difficult process of developing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/15 Draft Budget for the Board's consideration.

O'Halloran reminded the Board that the budget is a planning tool, and a financial control document. He reviewed the District's water rate schedule, which is due for updating in 2015, and his preliminary activities related to the introduction of a water availability charge, which will need to comply with the Proposition 218 process. O'Halloran distributed revised Pages 11, 12 and 13 of the Board agenda package, representing the FY 2014/15 Draft Budget. He identified the changes made on the revised pages, noting they did not change the bottom line as they were adjusting entries that offset each other. After reviewing the FY 2013/14 Budget with the actual revenues and expenses, he reviewed the FY 2014/15 Draft Budget, identifying anticipated new sources of revenues and expenses that are proposed to be cut from the budget.

O'Halloran reported that the majority of the budget expenses is related to staffing and, as such, a large portion of the cuts have to relate to staffing. He distributed a copy of a letter that was provided to the District's employees regarding a reduction in hours and the changed work schedules. He also reported that the Lake County employee will be going to part-time, two employees who were scheduled to work this summer will not be returning and one employee position has been eliminated.

Chair Tadlock commended O'Halloran on the budget, noting that staff did a lot of work planning for it by considering both the immediate and long-term impacts, and he was able to discuss every detail of the budget.

Director Vink commended O'Halloran and Financial Supervisor McGriff for their attention to detail, noting that O'Halloran was ready to justify all expenses that were left in the budget.

M/S/C approved the FY 2014/15 Budget as presented.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Chair Tadlock reported on the Sites Joint Powers Authority meeting on April 2, 2014 at the District office. He noted that the May meeting has been canceled.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on:

- a) The State Water Resources Control Board's proposed curtailment order related to direct diversions and how the seniority of appropriated water rights will be addressed.
- b) The impacts of the drought on the operations of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation related the Friant Dam and Millerton Reservoir on the San Joaquin River, and the dispute playing out related to the competing demands of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Authority and the current users of the water of the Millerton Reservoir.
- c) The new maximum concentration levels for Chromium 6 in drinking water.

10. 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 were reviewed.
- b) Financial Report – This was handled during consideration of the FY 2014/15 Budget.
- c) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects both in-house and coordinating with other agencies was reviewed.
- d) Upcoming Events
May 22 – Woodland Chamber of Commerce Water Awareness Month Luncheon
June 4 – Sites Joint Powers Authority at the Glen-Colusa Irrigation District

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was none.

12. 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: # 49912-49925

Chair Tadlock announced that Open Session was being adjourned into Closed Session to confer with Real Property Negotiator O'Halloran regarding the sale of District property APN 025-010-018.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Conferred 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). Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager – Administration Barton, Assistant General Manager - Resources Stevenson and Legal Counsel Bezerra.

Chair Tadlock reconvened the meeting to Open Session and announced that there was no action to report from Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ron Tadlock, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

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