

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, June 5, 2012 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the May 1, 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. Staff Report: Cache Creek Dam and Low-head Hydroelectric Power Investigations.
- 7:40 5. Consideration: Authorization to Contract with Trimark Associates, Inc. to Install a California Independent System Operator (CAISO) Certified Meter.
- 7:50 6. Consideration: Adding Director Mayer as Authorized Signer to River City Accounts.

- 7:55 7. Staff Report: 2012 Irrigation Season Start-up and Operational Issues.
- 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 the following:
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 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) General Activities
b) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:30 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.
- 8:35 12. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:40 13. Closed Session:
a) Conference with real property negotiator involving involving APN 025-010-018. (See Government Code sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8).
- 9:00 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 June 1, 2012.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 5, 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 June 5, 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 - Administration
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager - Resources
Anthony Lopez, Facilities Supervisor
Jen Reed, Project Manager
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Blake Harlan
Dave Pratt
Matthew Swindle
Gene Goodenough

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the May 1, 2012 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

2. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes.

4. STAFF REPORT: Cache Creek Dam and Low-head Hydroelectric Power Investigations

General Manager O'Halloran reminded the Board of the long-standing interest of the District in reactivating the Clear Lake hydroelectric plant and reported that the timing seemed appropriate to investigate the feasibility of that action in addition to potential small hydro units in the District's canal system. After meeting with a number of potential consultants, O'Halloran selected Nline Energy as being the most advantageous consultant for the District at this time. He then introduced Mat Swindle CEO of NLine Energy (NLine), an Association of California Water Agencies Preferred Provider.

Swindle provided a brief review of the history and types of services provided by Nline. He reviewed a proposal that provides the District with a 5-Step process that would proceed from Feasibility Assessment to Design-Build and a power purchase agreement. He reported his team had already visited the site and conducted a Fatal Flaws assessment (Step 1), which the project had passed. The next step is a Preliminary Analysis. Swindle reported that if the District opts to proceed, it can stop work at any step within the process, and can utilize for its own purposes any information produced by NLine.

Swindle also reviewed a Fatal Flaws Assessment of five locations the District had identified as having potential for low-head hydro production. Only one site appears feasible at this time.

General Manager O'Halloran stated that he had authorized Step 2 "Preliminary Analysis" to proceed and that he would work closely with the Infrastructure Committee to review and provide recommendations for future steps.

5. CONSIDERATION: Authorization to Contract with Trimark Associates, Inc. to Install a California Independent System Operator (CAISO) Certified Meter.

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the Indian Valley Power Purchase Agreement requirement for a California Independent System Operator (CAISO) certified meter and its installation by a CAISO approved contractor. He reported that the District has been working with its consultants Al d'Heurle, Lon House and Trimark Associates, Inc. (Trimark), a CAISO approved contractor, to ascertain what work is required at Indian Valley to accommodate the new meter, who could do the work and at what cost.

Facilities Supervisor Lopez reviewed the current metering at Indian Valley and the proposed change in metering to be provided by Trimark.

The Board asked a number of questions, including:

1. Will the new CAISO meter require on-going certifications?
2. Will installation of the CAISO meter by Trimark mean automatic acceptance of the meter by CAISO or will there be an additional inspection before the meter's acceptance and use?

M/S/C authorized contracting with Trimark for installation of the CAISO meter, pending satisfactory responses to the two questions posed by the Board.

6. CONSIDERATION: Adding Director Mayer as Authorized Signer to River City Accounts

Assistant General Manager Barton reviewed the need for an updated authorization to add Director Mayer and Assistant General Manager Stevenson as authorized signers to the District's River City Bank Accounts. She reviewed the policy limits regarding staff signatures and when a Director's signature is required.

M/S/C authorized adding Director Mayer and Assistant Manager Stevenson as authorized signers to the District's River City Accounts.

7. STAFF REPORT: 2012 Irrigation Season Start-up and Operational Issues

General Manager O'Halloran provided a PowerPoint presentation and handouts reviewing:

1. Capacity problems and waiting lists experienced since May 13 in the Winters Canal system;
2. Weed maintenance problems on the University Canal;
3. Problems with a flow meter sensor on the Indian Valley penstock;
4. Elimination of one ditchtender ride; and
5. Right-of way problems due to unauthorized blockage of canal roads.

O'Halloran anticipates meeting with the farmers and ditchtenders after the irrigation season to review the issues and options.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Vink reported when he would be away for part of July, including the Board meeting.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan and on proposals to change the conditions of Yolo Bypass floodplain.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager O'Halloran stated this information was provided in Item 7, earlier in the meeting.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Vink requested an estimate regarding how much water will be remaining in Indian Valley Reservoir at the end of the season. General Manager O'Halloran estimated end of season storage to be 70,000 acre feet, plus or minus 10,000 acre-feet.

12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 47185-47195

13. CLOSED SESSION:

Chair Mayer announced a Closed Session to confer with real property negotiator involving APN 025-010-018. (See Government Code sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8).

Persons present other than the Board were General Manager/negotiator O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager Barton and Legal Counsel Bezerra.

14. CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

Chair Mayer announced that there was no action to report in Closed Session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

James Mayer, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

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