

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, July 2, 2013 7:00 P.M.

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the June 4, 2013 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.
- 7:08 4. Staff Report: 2013 Irrigation Season Allocation Update.
- 7:30 6. 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.
- 7:35 7. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.

- 7:40 8. 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) General Activities
- 7:50 9. 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.
- 7:55 10. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:00 11. 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 28, 2013.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 7:00 PM**

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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 July 2, 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  
Bruce Rominger

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

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the June 4, 2013 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: 2013 Irrigation Season Allocation Update**

General Manager O'Halloran distributed two sets of materials - one as provided to the water customers at the June 19, 2013 water customer meeting and another using the same materials with the statistics updated for today. He reminded the Board that at the beginning of the irrigation season a water allocation was set at 1.5 acre-feet per acre.

O'Halloran reviewed the set of materials provided to the water customers and the discussion that took place, which included the water supply situation, the projected demand, the options for the allocation going forward, and the issues to consider when making a decision regarding the allocation. Groundwater conditions were reviewed and an option for water banking was introduced. O'Halloran complemented the water customers regarding their constructive discussion of the issues.

Director Tadlock expressed concern that some water customers were experiencing hardships due to the allocation and circumstances beyond their control, with no options left, and that the District might have water left in storage that could have been made available for these hardship cases. O'Halloran reported that he is reviewing and addressing hardships on a case by case basis at this time.

O'Halloran reported that the consensus at the June water customer meeting was to wait until mid-July, consider revising the allocation and have another water customer meeting at that time.

O'Halloran reviewed for the Board the July 2, 2013 update of the information provided to the water customers and reported that the rice customers need water until September 12. The Board confirmed O'Halloran's observations that with the early planting and hot weather, crops are maturing earlier and harvesting will be occurring earlier than normal, which should reduce the projected demand. After discussion, the date for the next water customer meeting was set for July 9, 2013.

### **5. This item number was accidentally omitted from the agenda.**

### **6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Mayer reported on the July 1, 2013 Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) meeting. The Westside Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan) was adopted by Yolo County. The lead agencies from the Counties of Colusa, Lake, Napa and Solano will also need to take action to adopt the Plan. He reported that this is a living document currently funded by \$20,000 from each agency. The question is, will the agencies find enough value in the process and Plan to continue participation beyond this initial year? General Manager O'Halloran reported that the next step is to secure funding for projects within the Plan. Some projects are far enough along in planning to be ready for funding. Assistant General Manager Resources Stevenson reported that a number of projects have been included in an application for Proposition 84 implementation funding, including a Yolo County Well Abandonment Program.

Director Mayer reported that the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee had approved a set of principles for the Water Bond. These principles included stipulations that there should be no earmarked funding and should require competitive bidding for funding.

Director Tadlock reported that the next meeting of the Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority will be at the District office on July 10, 2013.

Chair Vink announced that he is changing jobs and will be Executive Director for the Delta Protection Commission.

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

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on two items:

- a) The Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee's newly adopted set of principles related to the Water Bond, that in addition to the items identified by Director Mayer, includes water rights protection that carries forward the existing area of origin protections.
- b) The Tehama-Colusa Water Authority (TCCA) has sued the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) claiming area of origin protections in years that the TCCA was shorted on its Central Valley Project (CVP) contract and the USBR was exporting water to other CVP contractors. The case was lost, appealed and the appeal denied. The judge found that the CVP water was not subject to area of origin protections and that the USBR should share the water shortages among its contractual obligations.

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

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the following items:

- a) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions  
The current Water Conditions Report was available at the sign-in table.
- b) General Activities  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) –The District has numerous issues that involve interactions with FERC and the staff is in the process of organizing a summary of what regulatory compliance actions are needed, and when they are due. As an example, O'Halloran pointed out the chart on the Boardroom wall that tracks the Part 12D Independent Safety Inspection recommendations and the actions taken.

Water Rights reporting – The District has filed its required water rights reports. The reporting process has been changing. Assistant General Manager - Administration Barton provided draft reports to Gary Kienlen of MBK Engineering for review and to discuss in a meeting that included General Manager O'Halloran and Assistant General Manager - Resources Stevenson.

## **9. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chair Vink announced that he would not be present for the August Board meeting. He asked if others would be absent to verify a quorum would be present.

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported that he would not be attending the August Board meeting. The Board would have the opportunity to meet his associate Legal Counsel Katrina Gonzales.

**10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 48719-48726

**11. 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