

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, August 5, 2008 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the July 1, 2008 Regular and July 8, 2008 Special Board Meetings.
- 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. Board 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.
- 7:15 4. Board Consideration: Public Hearing on the 2008 Delinquency Report.
- 7:30 5. Staff Report: 2007/2008 Independent Audit
- 7:40 6. Staff Report: Status of Repair related to Walker Fire.
- 7:45 7. Board Update: Pilot Groundwater Pump Program status report.

- 7:50 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.
- 8:00 9. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:10 10. Assistant 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
- 8:20 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.
- 8:30 12. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:35 13. 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 August 1, 2008.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 5, 2008, 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 (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on August 5, 2008, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Vink convened the meeting. Absent was Director Mayer, who had a previous commitment that was made before being appointed to the Board. In attendance were:

District Board

Erik Vink, Chair
Ron Tadlock, Vice Chair
Ann Brice, Director
Bruce Rominger, Director

District Staff and Consultants

Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager
Fran Borcalli, Flood Management Program Manager
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor
Jen Reed, Project Manager
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Dave Pratt

1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

8.25 M/S/C approved minutes for the July 1, 2008, Regular Board Meeting, and the July 8, 2008, Special Board Meeting as submitted.

2. OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Chamberlain announced that he had appointed James Mayer to the District Board on July 29, 2008. Assistant General Manager Barton stated that Mr. Mayer had a previous commitment this evening and would not be able to attend this meeting.

3. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

Chair Vink announced a couple of items needed to be considered to add to the agenda. Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz announced that General Manager O'Halloran had designated Bartkiewicz as the District's negotiator while O'Halloran is gone. In that regard, Bartkiewicz said the need for a closed session regarding the Yolo Flyway Farms has arisen. He requested two items be added to the end of the agenda. The items are:

Closed Session

Conference with real property Negotiator's designee (Paul Bartkiewicz) involving the potential acquisition of Yolo Flyway Farms (452 acres) in southern Yolo County (APNs 033-220-49, 033-390-02, and 033-210-29). Discussion may include price, terms of payment, or both. [See Government Code Sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8)].

Closed Session Report

Report action and vote, if any, taken in Closed Session.

8.26 M/S/C by a 4/4 vote, the Board determined the need for action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted and approved adding two items to the end of the agenda as proposed.

4. STAFF REPORT: 2007/2008 Independent Audit

(Originally Agenda Item 5)

While the auditor was unable to attend the August Regular Board Meeting, Finance Committee members Chair Vink and Vice Chair Tadlock had met with the auditor to review the audit and management recommendation, and had the opportunity to ask questions. Chair Vink brought the Board's attention the auditor's recommendations in the management letter.

Assistant General Manager Barton reported that the District will be addressing each of the auditor's management recommendations. Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz has already developed a whistle blower policy for another agency and will be modifying it for the District.

Chair Vink reported the auditor could attend the next Board meeting if any Director had questions to ask regarding the audit or management letter. There being no further questions, the Finance Committee recommended Board accept the filing of the audit.

8.27 M/S/C acceptance of the filing of the 2007/2008 Independent Audit.

5. STAFF REPORT: Status of Repair related to Walker Fire

(Originally Agenda Item 6)

Water Resources Associate Stevenson reported on the fire damage at the Walker Ridge tower, which took out radios and solar panels. Lost functions included telephones to Indian Valley, hydroelectric plant alarms, real time camera and data log use, and remote control to the Cache Creek Dam. The hydroelectric plant was placed back on-line with a backup internet satellite connection to forward the alarms. All lost equipment has now been replaced. A supplementary 400 watt windmill was also installed to provide supplemental power, particularly during windy nights.

The insurance claim for the Walker Fire losses is still under development. Losses include around \$30,000 in property and equipment losses and extensive staff time.

6. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Public Hearing on 2008 Delinquency Report

(Originally Agenda Item 4)

Chair Vink opened of the public hearing at 7: 20 p.m., and the announced the purpose of the hearing is to give interested persons an opportunity to present comments to the Board concerning the 2008 Delinquency Report and staff's recommendations regarding adding certain delinquent accounts to the Yolo County property tax roll for collection. He also announced that notice of the hearing had been provided as required by law.

Chair Vink asked if there were any persons present wishing to make oral or written comment. No person responded. Assistant General Manager Barton reported there had been no written comments provided to the District. Chair Vink closed the public hearing.

8.28 M/S/C adopted Resolution 08.05 placing delinquent accounts on the Yolo County tax roll for collection by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Brice, Rominger, Tadlock and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

7. BOARD UPDATE: Pilot Groundwater Pump Program Status Report

Water Resources Associate Stevenson reported that the three wells in the pilot program were actively producing 6-8 cubic feet per second (cfs), 24 hours a day. Each pump has a flow meter, and receives daily checks. The District pays the electric bill for running the pumps, while the pump owners pay regular rates for their water deliveries. Well owners have been actively involved and positive in addressing issues during the pilot program. The District intends to continue the pilot pump program for the duration of the irrigation season, and will be in a position to assess the results and future of the groundwater pump program.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

None.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz noted the distribution of a copy of comments provided by Ryan

Broddrick, Executive Director of the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) to Delta Vision Task Force Chair Phil Isenberg on NCWA's response to the draft Delta Vision Strategic Plan. NCWA is opposed to adoption of the draft plan without wording changes that accommodate concerns about water rights, water supplies, and fee assessments. The final version of the Delta Vision Strategic Plan is expected to be completed by October.

Because State budget talks are at an impasse, the State may still appropriate property taxes, either through legislative declaration that would require repayment with interest, or by shifting taxes to correctional activities without repayment. Bartkiewicz told the Board to expect that property taxes were likely to part of any budget solution because of the magnitude of the State's deficit.

10. ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

a. General Activities

Assistant General Manager Barton asked floodSAFE Program Manager Fran Borcalli to provide an update and requested District presence at an August 14, 9:30 a.m., visit by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board to Cache Creek at County Road 102. Borcalli, Chair Vink, and Barton will attend.

Barton reported that a radio personality had called for the public to file complaints that District water management at Indian Valley Reservoir this season was not supporting recreation and fishing. No complaints have been received since the radio program.

Barton reported that the District is still awaiting removal of debris from the fire at the Indian Valley "chalet" so that the insurance claim can be closed.

b. Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions

Starting at the beginning of September, water usage and levels at Clear Lake will be closely monitored in order to get to the zero point on September 15. Demand should continue to drop off as the irrigation season winds down.

Barton noted that reported hydroelectric numbers on the August 5 Water Conditions Report were incorrect. Bypassing the hydroelectric system reduces pressure as does the low head of reservoir waters.

The District is preparing for season end repairs and inspections.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

None.

12. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: # 41149-41170

13. CLOSED SESSION

(Added item)

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14. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

(Added item)

Chair Vink reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:14 p.m., and stated that there was no action to report from the closed session.

15. ADJOURN:

(Originally Agenda Item 13)

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

Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:

Christy Barton, Assistant Secretary