

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, September 4, 2007 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the August 7, 2007 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. 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.
- 7:10 4. Board Consideration: Water Agreement with Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians.
- 7:30 5. Presentation: 2008 Irrigation Season Planning.
- 8:00 6. Staff Report: Update regarding the Flood Control Program.
- 8:10 7. 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 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on current legal and legislative activities.



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 4, 2007, 7:00 PM

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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 (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 4, 2007, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Scheuring convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

David Scheuring, Chair
Erik Vink, Vice Chair
Ann Brice, Director
Bruce Rominger, Director

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Dave Pratt
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome
David Zweig, Analytical Environmental Services (AES)

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1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the Regular August 7, 2007, Board Meeting as presented.

2. OPEN FORUM

No items.

3. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

No added items.

4. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Water Agreement with Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians

General Manager O'Halloran introduced David Zweig, AES consultant, who represented the Tribe in this water agreement. O'Halloran explained that this proposal agreement was part of an effort to develop a long-term partnership with the Tribe that would work toward the cooperative development of additional water supplies.

District Counsel Bartkiewicz offered a brief summary of the agreement that he crafted using the provisions of previous Cache Creek agreements as a template. He explained that the proposed 30-year agreement to provide Municipal and Industrial (M&I) water for the Tribe's casino and golf course clubhouse is dependent on water availability. He added that the annual maximum of 2190 acre feet (6 acre feet per day) is nearly double the expected use, but would avert the need to amend the agreement should an opportunity for increased delivery be desirable and agreeable to both parties. The proposed agreement contains standard provisions for water measurement.

David Zweig, AES consultant for the Tribe addressed the Board, expressing gratitude on the Tribe's behalf for the opportunity to partner with the District for its water needs. He announced that earlier in the day, the Tribal Council had authorized the Tribal Chair to execute the agreement with the District if and when the District Board agreed to adopt the agreement. Zweig explained that the Tribe currently has groundwater that can supply its needs for the casino and clubhouse, but the Tribe is concerned about the long-term impact of relying exclusively on groundwater for these purposes. Zweig indicated that the groundwater levels are holding steady, but that the Tribe wants it to remain that way, and believes that the use of surface water during water-rich years and during non-irrigation seasons can preserve groundwater resources for those seasons and years when the underground supply needs to be tapped. Zweig stated that the Tribe would rely upon conjunctive use guidance from the District in order to utilize surface and groundwater in ways that best protect those resources.

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M/S/C adoption of proposed M&I water agreement with the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians.

District Counsel Bartkiewicz indicated that this agreement would require Board action to renew.

Chair Scheuring asked if the District had collected and prepared statistics on the impact of Cache Creek Casino Resort's current groundwater pumping on aquifer supplies, as requested.

O'Halloran indicated that this information would be presented at next month's Board meeting.

5. PRESENTATION: 2008 Irrigation Season Planning

General Manager O'Halloran made a brief presentation to the Board to begin the discussion of 2008 water management considerations under different supply scenarios. He indicated that he expected the current irrigation season to end in mid-October with no carry-over supply in Clear Lake, and about 50,000 acre feet in Indian Valley Reservoir.

O'Halloran explored the three possible scenarios for water supply next year – a full supply, no supply, or an allocated supply.

Full Supply

A full supply of water for the irrigation season would mean water deliveries would proceed without allocation, which has been the supply situation for more than 10 seasons. Because of the low carry-over supplies from Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir, a full supply could occur only with an extremely large precipitation season during the winter, which would likely pose flood issues.

No Supply

If the coming winter season brings little significant precipitation, there will likely be no irrigation releases. In this instance, the focus of the District over the peak growing season would be on capital construction projects rather than on water delivery. While actual costs set aside for water delivery operations (e.g., ditchtender fuel) would be reduced, these unspent funds would be more than offset by increased capital construction expenditures.

O'Halloran indicated that maintaining a busy and productive staff during a season without water deliveries will be an important concern for the stability of the District as well as for the needs of its employees.

A “no supply” year will create the need for a policy decision regarding whether any use of the delivery system will be allowed, given the absence of water revenues and the operations requirements necessitated by partial system use.

Allocated Supply

In the event of a usual or less-than-usual precipitation year with little carry-over supply, the District may face the most challenging scenario of the three because it presents a need to distribute limited water supplies to District water users through an allocation system, and to manage the balance between water supply and demand over a potentially shortened season.

Director Rominger commented that during past allocation years, he recalled that farmers expected and planned for a short season for surface irrigation even without the early establishment of a season end date. Chair Scheuring raised the issue of diverse crop irrigation needs such as those of permanent crops. O'Halloran noted that rates must rise during an allocated season to cover the operational costs of delivering a limited supply of water to its users. Assistant General Manager Barton indicated that sign-ups for water allocations must occur by February 7. Vice Chair Vink expressed concern that the rate setting calendar contained in Proposition 218 might present difficulties for establishing District rates before the 2008 season's water supply can be known. He advised that the District chart its calendar items now to anticipate potential conflicts during an allocated supply year.

O'Halloran announced that the District would be issuing a letter to water users within the next 48 hours that would provide a general schedule for irrigation shut offs, describe the uncertainty of next year's water supply, and communicate that the District is working on the development of a drought and canal capacity program that may alleviate some allocation constraints.

The Directors expressed their desire to continue the discussion of water allocations at next month's Board meeting. O'Halloran noted that allocation planning done at this time will have future benefits, even if the District has a high precipitation year this coming winter.

6. STAFF REPORT: Flood Management Program Update

General Manager O'Halloran provided a Flood Management Program (FMP) update in the absence of Program Manager Borcalli, who was unable to attend. O'Halloran announced that Borcalli's FMP update would be a standing agenda item at all Board meetings during the pilot period. He reported that during the first three months of this two-year project, Borcalli was still in the process of framing the program and positioning it for success. In addition to addressing the City of Woodland and Yolo County, Borcalli has also briefed the City of Davis, who will be a likely future partner in a regional flood management program. Borcalli's presentations were well-received by FMP partners.

O'Halloran noted the tension between designing a program with a sustainable, sound framework, and implementing FMP actions that earn the confidence and support of the public and its agency representatives.

O'Halloran also reported that Chair Scheuring participated in an FMP meeting with California State Assemblymember Lois Wolk, who is supportive of the Program's mission.

An appeal is still underway with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regarding the method of analysis of Woodland's risk for a 100-year flood event. The Ford Study indicates that the Corps' earlier study may have overestimated both the peak and volume of such a flood event.

O'Halloran announced that the California Department of Water Resources will be creating extensive topographical mapping of much of Yolo County. The FMP is considering funding the mapping of the remaining portions of the county in order to create, cost-effectively, a comprehensive topographical record of the county that would be useful to the FMP.

Chair Scheuring noted his satisfaction that at last, the region had a centralized flood management effort in the FMP. O'Halloran related that when meeting with the Conaway Ranch staff on flood management activities, they had been happy to learn of the FMP's work under Borcalli's leadership.

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

None.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

District Counsel Bartkiewicz updated the Board on current legal and legislative action related to water management. He informed the Board that Governor Schwarzenegger's Strategic Growth plan that addresses storage and water conveyance and Delta sustainability, with proposed funding from general obligation and revenue bonds, may be addressed at the end of this legislative session or in a special session. Northern California Water Association is closely monitoring progress without taking a position on possible solutions.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. General Activities

General Manager O'Halloran reported that this year's District finances are in a stable position due to increased revenues from water sales. Hydroelectric revenues are off a bit due to lower power production.

O'Halloran announced the installation of the new Indian Valley dam flow sensors permit direct readings from within the valve room, and will eventually allow remote system control through the SCADA network. The new Doppler system will allow for improved monitoring, flow adjustment, and accuracy.

O'Halloran reported that he will be meeting with Stantec on September 19, 2007, to discuss project management for a package of five upcoming infrastructure improvement projects with the District.

The reorganization of District management that will place Administrative Services under the direction of Assistant General Manager Barton continues to proceed, as tasks and responsibilities are identified and defined.

The District's booth at the Yolo County Fair won a first place blue ribbon award. Jen Reed was responsible for organizing the booth display. Cache Creek Cleanup Day is scheduled for September 15, 2007.

b. Lake County Issues – Spring Valley

General Manager O'Halloran participated in an Office of Emergency Services panel that addressed emergency response for the Spring Valley community. O'Halloran, invited to contribute to the discussion on the topic of drought response, noted that Spring Valley should experience no limitation on their 0.5 cubic feet per second (cfs) delivery flow, given the ongoing 10 cfs fish flow that would be maintained from Indian Valley Reservoir.

c. Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions

Indian Valley water releases are running about 100 cfs higher than last year.

10. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

None.

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11. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #39267 – 39279

12. CLOSED SESSION:

The regular meeting was adjourned to Closed Session under Brown Act Section 54956.9(a) Carman vs. YCFC&WCD and Watson vs. YCFC&WCD.

Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O’Halloran, Assistant General Manager Barton, and Attorney Bartkiewicz.

13. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The regular Board meeting was reconvened. Chair Scheuring reported that there was no action to report from the session.

14. ADJOURN:

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

David Scheuring, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O’Halloran, Secretary

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