

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA
Special Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
January 17, 2013
8:00 A.M.

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- 8:00 1. Convene meeting at District office for departure to the Cache Creek Dam (located in Lake County at 18222 Dam Road, Clearlake, CA).
- 8:05 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances and opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.
- 9:30 3. Site tour of the Cache Creek Dam facility followed by a Board strategic planning discussion. The discussion will focus on strategies for upgrading the Cache Creek Hydroelectric facility, as well as, District resource management in the legislative and regulatory areas. This tour and discussion is for informational purposes only. No action will take place.
- 2:30 5. Departure from Cache Creek Dam to return to the District office.
- 4:00 6. Adjourn

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 January 14, 2013.

By:

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 17, 2013, 8:00 AM

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The Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013 convened 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
Anthony Lopez, Facilities Supervisor
Suzanne Lansom-Bley, Operations and Maintenance Worker
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

David Guy, President Northern California Water Association

1. OPEN FORUM

No comments were made.

Participants departed from the District Headquarters in Woodland and subsequently met at the office at the Cache Creek Dam (Dam) in Lake County.

2. SITE TOUR OF THE CACHE CREEK DAM FACILITY FOLLOWED BY A BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION.

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the reason for the tour, which was to familiarize the Board with the facilities including the non-operational hydroelectric plant, to discuss potential actions regarding the hydroelectric plant, and the District's strategy regarding legislative and regulatory issues.

O'Halloran introduced Operations and Maintenance Worker Suzanne Lansom-Bley, reviewed her activities for the District and announced that she will be receiving a 5-year commemoration plaque for her service to the District. Chair Vink congratulated Lansom-Bley and thanked her for her efforts on behalf of the District.

O'Halloran reviewed the clean-up and repairs that had been completed at the Dam and began the tour of the facilities. O'Halloran reviewed some of the history of the Dam, its general functions and operational criteria. Facilities Supervisor Lopez reviewed the operational features of the Dam, including improvements that had been made and demonstrating how some of the equipment functioned. O'Halloran reviewed long-term improvements that he would like to see made at the Dam.

The tour continued to the hydroelectric plant where Lopez provided information regarding the facility and reviewed the history of the problems with the plant. Assistant General Manager – Administration Barton reviewed the issue with the leaky seal, the proposed solution and why it was rejected.

Chair Vink adjourned the meeting for lunch and reconvened it afterward on the porch of the office.

O'Halloran reported that he wanted to discuss the status of the investigation regarding a new Cache Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project) and the District's strategy for staying abreast of important legislative and regulatory issues.

O'Halloran reviewed his long-term vision for the Dam's facilities, the status of the work provided by NLine Energy (NLine) and NLine's recent proposal for the next phase of investigation for the Project. He reported that NLine's proposal may not adequately address some of the costs and risks that are associated with the Project.

Director Mayer suggested prior to considering NLine's latest Project proposal, that it should be modified to address the higher risk issues early in the process, in case a fatal flaw is identified.

O'Halloran reviewed the District's strategy for addressing legislative and regulatory issues, and how he tries to keep costs under control while still addressing issues. He stated the primary legislative and regulatory issue for the District is the protection of the District's water rights. He reviewed the process that he uses, coordinating the activities as needed among staff, legal counsel(s), and the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) to get the best cost/benefit advantage. He stated when protecting water rights, we need to be proactive not reactive. This means providing the public with the Sacramento Valley's story and identifying the interrelationships between water, the environment, and how the area is positively managing water to benefit the environment.

NCWA President Guy provided a number of handouts including the North State Water Alliance's Water in California's North State, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' Adopting Sacramento Regional Water Resources Coalition Principles, NCWA's Efficient Water Management: Investing in California's Future and What's at Stake?, and a PowerPoint Presentation. Guy provided an overview of NCWA, why it was formed, its mission, how it functions, and the benefits that it provides to District as a member.

O'Halloran stated that his process currently is to use NCWA for general legislative, regulatory and advocacy issues and processes, but to use the District's legal counsel(s) to address specific risks to the District.

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported that NCWA is out front and active politically and legislatively keeping its members informed and addressing issues.

The Board supported O'Halloran's current process for addressing legislative and regulatory issues. O'Halloran relies on NCWA as eyes and ears on issues, provides NCWA with District legal counsel when appropriate, and directly used District legal counsel while keeping himself and staff engaged, as needed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned and people returned to District office.

Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary