

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, November 6, 2012 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the October 2, 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. Presentation: Dr. Peter Moyle will present information on the Clear Lake Hitch.
- 7:30 5. Consideration: Rescheduling December Board meeting and the Yolo County Water Supply Financing Corporation Annual meeting.
- 7:35 6. Consideration: Bank Card Services.
- 7:40 7. Consideration: Declaring the Covell Ditch Surplus Property
- 8:00 8. Staff Report: Water Use Efficiency Grant Proposal.

- 8:20 9. 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.
- 8:25 10. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:30 11. 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
- 8:35 12. 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.
- 8:40 13. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:45 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 November 2, 2012.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 6, 2012, 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 November 6, 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 (AGMA)
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager-Resources (AGMR)
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain
Dr. Peter Moyle
Don Rominger
Bob Schneider

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the October 2, 2012 Regular Board Meeting as modified.

2. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes.

4. PRESENTATION: Dr. Peter Moyle will Present information on the Clear lake Hitch

General Manager O'Halloran reported that as a follow-up to the October Board meeting, he had asked Dr. Peter Moyle to make a presentation to the Board regarding the Clear Lake Hitch and provided with the Board package a copy of Moyle's recent paper "CLEAR LAKE HITCH - *Lavina exilicuda chi* (Hopkirk)."

Moyle reviewed the geological peculiarities of Clear Lake, which isolated at least ten fish species which became identifiable species found only in Clear Lake. Of the ten known species, only three are still extant. The Clear Lake Hitch (Hitch) has recently been petitioned to be listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Moyle reviewed the lifecycle of the Hitch and a number of stressors that may be negatively impacting the Hitch, including loss of habitat, interruption of migration by artificial barriers, predation by introduced fish species, competition with introduced fish species, impact of stream diversions and Clear Lake water quality. He reported that the Pomo Indians place a high value on the Hitch. A group called the Chi Council has been formed to address Hitch issues.

Moyle reported that if the Hitch is listed under the ESA, funds will become available to study it.

5. CONSIDERATION: Rescheduling December Board Meeting and the Yolo County Water Supply Financing Corporation Annual Meeting

General Manager O'Halloran reported that he and AGMA. Barton will be in San Diego at the ACWA/JPIA and ACWA Conferences on the first Tuesday of December 2012 and requested that the meeting scheduled for that evening be moved to the second Tuesday of December.

M/S/C approved moving the regular December Board meeting and the annual meeting of the Yolo County Water Supply Financing Corporation to Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at the regular times.

6. CONSIDERATION: Bank Card Services

General Manager O'Halloran reported that due to one retirement and recent staff reorganization, it is appropriate to modify some of the names and credit card limits on the District's bank cards. He noted that the aggregated limit would not change.

M/S/C adopted unanimously Resolution 12.08 Authorizing Bank Card Services.

7. CONSIDERATION: Declaring the Covell Ditch Surplus Property

AGMA Barton reviewed the history of the relocation of the Covell Drain from the median strip of Covell Boulevard to the north side of the City of Davis (Davis) as the Covell Ditch (Ditch) and subsequent modifications to the ditch and the various associated easements. She reported that initially it was intended to utilize the low flow channel to move irrigation water from the east side of Highway 113 to the west side of Davis via the Ditch. However, that plan never materialized. The District still has no facilities that connect to or are able to provide water to the Ditch. An agreement between Davis and the District regarding the Ditch calls for Davis to provide for the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the Ditch until such time as the District uses it for irrigation purposes.

Due to the fact that the District owns easements for the Ditch, any potential changes to the Ditch require District approval. The District in turn coordinates with Davis because of Davis' O&M responsibilities.

The District was contacted by the Putah Creek Council (PCC) regarding a potential project on the Covell Ditch (Ditch) in 2010. It appeared to go nowhere until we were again contacted in the spring of 2012. The PCC had secured a grant to fund their removal of weeds and the planting of native vegetation including trees and shrubs within the Ditch. They wanted to know what we would require of them regarding the project.

The District thought it appropriate to determine if the District needed to retain oversight authority on the Ditch. With no prospect for irrigation use, the District contacted floodSAFE Yolo Project Manager Borcalli regarding drainage issues on the Ditch. Borcalli and Barton subsequently met with a representative of PCC and then with Davis staff. Davis staff confirmed that it is maintaining the Ditch including the downstream Channel A and the pump station at the Willow Slough Bypass. Borcalli saw no reason related to floodSAFE Yolo for the District to retain oversight authority over the Ditch. Davis and the District staff agreed the next step would be to formally discuss the issue.

Prior to Davis staff discussing the issue with higher authority, Barton wanted to brief the Board and ascertain its position regarding declaring the Ditch surplus for potential transfer to Davis.

O'Halloran reported that Chair Mayer had posed some "big picture" questions to consider. O'Halloran will talk with Borcalli and Bob Clark, Davis Public Works, and report back to the Board.

Staff will work with the PCC to facilitate work that would not negatively impact the drainage function of the Ditch while the District considers its long-term involvement.

8. STAFF REPORT: Water Use Efficiency Grant Proposal

General Manager O'Halloran reported that he and AGMR Stevenson had been working on a Water Use Efficiency Grant proposal, which if received would provide funding over three years to help modernize the 16 miles of the Winters Canal, automating check structures and head gates, installing soon to be mandated meters for pumps, and vegetating three miles of canal bank with native grasses. He provided a PowerPoint presentation, reviewing the costs. At this point the benefits have not been evaluated against the costs. The grant proposal must be submitted to the Department of Water Resources by November 21, 2012, but it is non-binding.

The Board supported submittal of the grant proposal and instructed staff to continue its efforts to define the projects costs and benefits.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

There was none.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra announced that the State Water Resources Control Board's third workshop will be held on November 14 and 15, 2012 regarding "Analytical Tools for Evaluating Water Supply, Hydrodynamic and Hydropower Effects." Three people will represent the Sacramento Valley concerns making presentations regarding the water system changes since 2006 and their impacts on a critical year, the need for and benefits provided by flooding rice fields for birds, and a review of actions taken for salmon and the impact of those actions.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager O'Halloran reported on:

- a) General Activities
Willow Canal Realignment - O'Halloran has exchanged emails with the project engineer who is developing a letter to provide to the City of Winters regarding the project. O'Halloran provided the engineer with contact information for the adjacent landowners. AGMA Barton had been contacted by the engineering firm working on the initial study.

- b) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
O'Halloran reviewed the Water Conditions Report, which is a standard meeting handout. He compared the 2012 year end to that of 2011 noting the water in storage is almost 1.3 foot lower on Clear Lake and slightly over 100,000 acre-feet lower at Indian Valley. He noted that the current volume of water in storage is similar to the volume available for use in 2009.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was none.

13. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 47761-47769

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

James Mayer, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary