

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the April 5, 2016 Regular 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. 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. Consideration: Rocky Fire Damage Cost Recovery.
- 7:15 5. Consideration: Assumption of Slough Cleaning and Maintenance Responsibilities of the Madison County Service Area of the Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area.
- 7:25 6. Consideration: Adoption of Revised Rules and Regulations.
- 7:40 7. Consideration: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016/2017 District Budget.
- 8:00 8. Consideration: Setting Public Hearing to Consider Increasing the Nonagricultural Water Rate.

- 8:05 9 Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation.
- 8:25 10. 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.
- 8:30 11. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:35 12. 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) Financial Report
c) General Activities
d) Upcoming Events
- 8:45 13. 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.
- 8:48 14. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:50 15. 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 April 29, 2016.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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**FLOOD CONTROL &
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 7:00 PM

**YCFCWCD Offices
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 was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Rominger convened the meeting and the following people were in attendance:

District Board

Bruce Rominger, Chair
Erik Vink, Vice Chair
Tom Barth
Ann Brice

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Kristin Sicke, Assistant General Manager
Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Keith Ahart
Duane Chamberlain
John McKean
Joe Otto
Dave Pratt
Don Rominger
Bob Schneider
Frank Siefertman, Sr.

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes.

M/S/C approved the minutes of the April 5, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

2. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda.

There were no changes made to the agenda.

4. CONSIDERATION: Rocky Fire Damage Cost Recovery.

General Manager O'Halloran reported that the Indian Valley power poles and lines have been installed and accepted. Facilities Supervisor Lopez is currently waiting for a crossbeam to be delivered and installation is anticipated by the end of June. Special Projects Supervisor Barton is continuing to work with the California Office of Emergency Services regarding cost recovery efforts to obtain 75% reimbursement for Rocky Fire damages.

M/S/C approved continuation of the declared emergency related to the Rocky Fire damage cost recovery.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Assumption of Slough Cleaning and Maintenance Responsibilities of the Madison County Service Area of the Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area.

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the future dissolution of the Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area (MERCSEA) and the transfer of responsibilities and revenue associated with the Madison County Service Area to the District. Yolo County and the Local Agency Formation Commission of Yolo County (LAFCo) are primarily interested in reducing overlapping jurisdictions within the County and have requested the District assume the responsibilities of cleaning and maintaining the sloughs in the Madison County Service Area portion of the MERCSEA. All associated revenue currently collected as a property assessment will be transferred to the District to pay for slough cleaning and maintenance responsibilities within the footprint of the Madison County Service Area.

O'Halloran discussed the three primary concerns affiliated with assuming slough cleaning and maintenance responsibilities: 1) assuring revenue covers the actual cost to the District; 2) participating in the environmental permitting process; and 3) anticipating potential access issues. He explained that the resolution presented for Board approval will send a message to LAFCo that the District is interested and willing to assume responsibilities, but a formal agreement will still need to be worked up and presented to the Board for approving the official transfer of services to the District.

Chair Rominger inquired on the increased liability to the District if any flooding occurs within the Madison County Service Area, and O'Halloran noted the inquiry for further investigation.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 16.07 to Assume the Slough Cleaning and Maintenance Responsibilities and Related Revenue of the Madison County Service Area of the MERCSA.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

6. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Revised Rules and Regulations.

General Manager O'Halloran reported the District's Rules and Regulations (R&Rs) define the processes and procedures for the District to provide water services. The R&Rs were last updated in 2003, and the current revisions shown in the Board package includes the removal of flat rate service and the incorporation of a wheeling policy.

Legal Counsel Ramos reported that the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) lawsuit against the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the District, as a co-defendant, has been settled and the agreement includes future reporting to NRDC on flat rate customer removal and meter installation. The District will pay \$5,000 in the settlement.

Vice Chair Vink inquired on the existing process for developing and vetting language within the R&Rs. O'Halloran noted the inquiry for future public process considerations.

M/S/C adopted the May 1, 2016 Revised Rules and Regulations as provided.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

7. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016/2017 District Budget.

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/2016 Budget, which ended on April 30, 2016. He highlighted the agricultural water rates as the primary driver for the District's budget, and explained how they applied in the 40-year budget model. He also explained that the higher than expected losses throughout the canal system account for the difference between budgeted and actual revenues in FY 2015/2016.

O'Halloran reported on the proposed FY 2016/2017 Budget as prepared by staff, and as reviewed and recommended by the Board's Finance Committee. O'Halloran detailed the primary differences between FY 2015/2016 and FY 2016/2017 by highlighting the special items of interest.

M/S/C adopted the proposed O&M and Capital Budgets for FY 2016/2017 as provided.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

8. CONSIDERATION: Setting Public Hearing to Consider Increasing the Nonagricultural Water Rate.

General Manager O'Halloran reported that a public hearing is required to consider the increase of the nonagricultural water rate to be commensurate with historical increases in the agricultural water rate. Notice has been provided to the nonagricultural water customers that the Board will consider a rate increase of up to 5%, which would be from the current rate of \$62.80 to \$65.94.

M/S/C approved the setting of a public hearing for 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, to take public comments and consider increasing the nonagricultural water rate up to 5%.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

9. PRESENTATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation.

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed activities with the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) and the Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB) related to SGMA, including the recent request submitted to DWR for a basin boundary modification. The WRA/YCFB Steering Committee recently met to discuss Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation and a future Steering Committee meeting is planned to include all GSA-eligible entities.

Director Barth discussed the current proposal for GSA governance within Yolo County, which includes a Joint Powers Agency acting as an umbrella planning and coordinating agency for smaller "management areas". The "management area" concept is meant to allow for maximizing efficiencies in managing local groundwater conditions and attaining sustainable groundwater management within the groundwater basin.

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Brice reported on a Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Executive Meeting and Special Meeting with Audubon Society of California, which included a tour of the Sites Reservoir site.

11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Ramos reported on Senate Bill 1317 (Wolk), known as the Aquifer Protection Act, to require conditional use permits for installing new or deepened wells within high- or medium-priority basins as defined by the DWR's Statewide Basin Prioritization. Ramos stated that NCWA and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) have opposed the Bill.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager O'Halloran provided reports on:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions – The Water Conditions Report, the Clear Lake weather forecast, and hydrographs of real-time groundwater monitoring wells were reviewed.
- b) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects both in-house and in coordination with other agencies was reviewed.
- c) Upcoming events announced were:
 1. WRA Executive Committee Meeting – Woodland City Hall, May 10
 2. Clearlake Rotary Breakfast – Clearlake, May 12
 3. SGMA Steering Committee Meeting – YCFCWCD, May 17
 4. U.S. Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID) Conference – San Diego, May 17-20
 5. NCWA Water Leaders Meeting – YCFCWCD, May 27
 6. Groundwater Resources Association of CA SGMA Symposium – Sacramento, June 8-9

13. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no discussion.

14. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills.

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment: Yolo County Flood Control Checks 52626-52638.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Brice, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Bruce J. Rominger, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary