

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

REVISED AGENDA

Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, July 7, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the June 2, 2015 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. Consideration: Public Hearing on Proposed Adoption of a New Non-Agricultural Water Rate.
- 7:15 5. Presentation: Conaway Ranch Subsidence Monitoring.
- 7:45 6. Consideration: Sites Reservoir Project JPA Update.
- 7:55 7. Consideration: Resolution 15.03 Approving the Nomination of Tim O'Halloran to the ACWA Region 4 Board.

- 7:57 8. Consideration: Resolution 15.04 Approving the Application of Grant Funds Under Proposition 84.
- 8:00 9. Staff Presentation: 2015 Allocated Irrigation Season Update.
- 8:10 10. Staff Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Update.
- 8:25 11. 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 12. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 8:35 13. 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
- 8:50 14. 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.
- 8:55 15. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 9:00 16. 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 July 4, 2015.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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**FLOOD CONTROL &
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015, 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, July 7, 2015, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Brice convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Ann Brice, Chair
Bruce Rominger, Vice Chair
Mary Kimball
James Mayer

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager - Administration
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager - Resources
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain
Darren Cordova
Timothy Durbin
Mike Hall
John McKean
Dave Pratt
Don Rominger
Frank Sieferman, Sr.
Robert Thomas

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes.

M/S/C approved the minutes of the June 2, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball and Mayer

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Rominger and Vink

Abstain: None

Note: Director Rominger had stepped out of the room during this vote.

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: Public Hearing on Proposed Adoption of a New Non-Agricultural Water Rate.

Chair Brice announced that it was 7:04 p.m., after the time set and noticed for opening a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to give the public an opportunity to present comments to the Board for consideration regarding the proposed increase to the District's non-agricultural water rate. Brice announced that notice of the hearing had been provided as required by law.

General Manager O'Halloran reminded the Board that the District's water rates were reviewed at a public hearing during the June Board meeting, but due to an error in the public hearing notice regarding the non-agricultural rates, the non-agricultural rate was not considered at that hearing. Instead a public hearing to consider the non-agricultural rate increase was set for the July Board meeting to allow a corrected notice to be provided as required. O'Halloran reviewed the proposed increase.

Brice asked for any oral and written comments from the audience at the hearing. No comments were provided. Staff reported that no comments were received prior to the hearing. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

M/S/C adopted \$62.80 per acre-foot as the non-agricultural water rate and included adjusting any other water rates that are based on the non-agricultural rate accordingly, effective July 1, 2015.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Mayer and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

5. PRESENTATION: Conaway Ranch Subsidence Monitoring.

Conaway Ranch General Manager Robert Thomas introduced Conaway Ranch Manager Mike Hall, Conaway MBK Engineers Consultant Darren Cordova and Conaway Subsidence Consultant Timothy Durbin.

Hall reported Conaway is in the first year of experimenting with drip irrigation for rice. He reported on Conaway's conjunctive use program.

Cordova provided an overview with background information regarding subsidence observed at Conaway, including the various components of the monitoring program and resulting maps. It was noted that groundwater generally flows toward the Sacramento River and Conaway. Cordova reviewed elastic and inelastic subsidence issues.

Durbin reported on a model developed to simulate the elastic and inelastic subsidence, using various components to review potential pumping scenarios for Conaway. He noted that Conaway is impacted by the groundwater activities throughout Yolo County.

Thomas stated that Conaway is ready and willing to provide some funding toward a county-wide effort to collect and share data regarding subsidence. He noted that there needs to be investigations and surveys of groundwater. He supports a county-wide Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) with all agencies operating under the same umbrella and same rules for long-term sustainability.

O'Halloran appreciated Conaway's desire to work with other Yolo County agencies and encouraged Conaway to be engaged in the GSA process.

6. CONSIDERATION: Sites Reservoir Project and Sites JPA Update.

Director Kimball reviewed the District's June 2, 2015 Board meeting at which consideration of allowing an Investors Group to request membership on the Sites Joint Power Authority (JPA) board was deferred and recommendation sent to the JPA that it develop a formal governance policy before considering adding new members. The JPA's July 1, 2015 meeting included review of the status for the hiring of the general manager, a proposed revised JPA Agreement (Agreement), action regarding the proposed four new members of the Investor Group and payment of agency dues. Kimball reported that the proposed modifications to the Agreement will address the District's concerns regarding the governance policy and that six of the seven JPA members had voted (one conditionally) to allow the four agencies making up the Investor Group membership onto the JPA board. Kimball reviewed actions needed by the District regarding the JPA, and requested the Board approve payment of the District's 2015 JPA dues of \$5,000.

M/S/C accepted the proposed new members of the Sites JPA and authorized payment of the District's 2015 Sites JPA dues.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Mayer and Rominger
Noes: None
Absent: Director Vink
Abstain: None

7. CONSIDERATION: Resolution 15.03 Approving the Nomination of Tim O'Halloran to the ACWA Region 4 Board.

Assistant General Manager – Administration Barton reported that General Manager O'Halloran had agreed to continue to serve on the ACWA Region 4 Board representing Yolo County. In order for O'Halloran's nomination to be accepted by ACWA, the Board must provide a resolution in support of the nomination.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 15.03 Approving the Nomination of Tim O'Halloran to the ACWA Region 4 Board.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Mayer and Rominger
Noes: None
Absent: Director Vink
Abstain: None

8. CONSIDERATION: Resolution 15.04 Approving the Application of Grant Funds under Proposition 84.

Assistant General Manager – Resources Stevenson reported on a Sacramento Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant application. An IRWM Plan was developed in 2013. Last year, the District applied for state IRWM grant funds for Lake and Yolo projects within the IRWM Plan with the support of other members of the coalition. This year, the District would like to apply for IRWM grant funds for Napa and Solano projects identified by the IRWM Plan. The District will serve as the fiscal agent for the pass through of the grant funds from the state to the grant's proposed project's sponsors.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 15.04 Approving the Application for Grant Funds Under Proposition 84.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Mayer and Rominger
Noes: None
Absent: Director Vink
Abstain: None

9. STAFF PRESENTATION: 2015 Allocated Irrigation Season Update.

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the irrigation season operations, status of the water supply, actions taken to date and concerns expressed regarding operations at the Indian Valley Reservoir.

10. STAFF PRESENTATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Update.

General Manager O'Halloran reported that he has been spending a lot of time on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation issues. He distributed a handout identifying outreach and facilitation support activities which are joint educational activities provided by the WRA and the Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB) with District support. The WRA and YCFB are very involved in getting landowners participation in the development of a Sustainable Groundwater Agency (GSA). O'Halloran reported that once the GSA is in place, the next step will be development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

O'Halloran reported that some local agencies have indicated that they intend to stand alone as a GSA and develop their own GSP. However, he believes a tiered approach could provide the agencies with what they need to encourage them to participate in the larger group. He reported the tiered approach will provide economies of scale while facilitating local participation.

O'Halloran also reported on the State's creation of a Practitioner Advisory Panel (PAP) to assist in the development of implementation regulations. He has been asked to serve on the PAP.

11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Mayer reported on the most recent WRA meeting and an excellent presentation by Grant Davids regarding the development of a remote sensing program to monitor land and water uses.

Director Kimball reported on the Board of Supervisors Agricultural Tour, in which General Manager O'Halloran was an important participant reporting on the District's Supervisory Control and Data Analysis (SCADA) system and conjunctive water management program.

12. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on the State Water Resources Control Board activities regarding the reoperation of the US Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) water systems. He also reported on a Natural Resources Defense Council lawsuit against DWR, which included the District as a real party of interest. The suit's focus is on DWR's grant funding and to force DWR to require more compliance by recipients of DWR's implementation of grants with water conservation measures.

13. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager O'Halloran provided reports on:

- a) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions - The Water Conditions Report and hydrographs of real-time groundwater monitoring wells were reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights of the May 31, 2015 Monthly Management Financial Statements were reviewed.

14. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no discussion.

15. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: #51415 - 51421

Ayes: Directors Brice, Kimball, Mayer and Rominger

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ann T. Brice, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary