

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, September 4, 2018
7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the August 7, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 7:02 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances, 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: Pawnee Fire Damages and Cost Recovery
- 7:20 5. Directors' Reports: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 7:25 6. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District

- 7:30 7. General Manager's Report: Report regarding current general activities and projects of the District
- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions
 - b) Financial Report
 - c) General Activities
 - d) Upcoming Events
- 8:10 8. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:13 9. Consideration: Consider the approval and the payment of bills
- 8:15 10. Closed Session: Under Government Code Sections 54954.5(e) and 94957 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: General Manager
- 8:30 11. Closed Session: Under Government Code Sections 54954.5(f) and 94957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiators
Designated Representatives: Directors Kimball and Mayer
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager
- 8:45 12. Consideration: Consider the approval of General Manager contract amendments
- 8:50 13. Adjourn

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By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 4, 2018

ITEM #: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adoption of the August 7, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

INITIATED OR BOARD
REQUESTED BY: STAFF
 OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
APPROVED BY: Tim O'Halloran

ATTACHMENT YES NO
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION
 ACTION: MOTION
 RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Section 54957.5 of the Brown Act, copies of the draft minutes are available to the public at the Board meeting prior to their approval.

Staff request the Directors call the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) office if a correction is needed to be made to the draft minutes to clarify a substantial point or to correct content. Staff will then have time to make the appropriate change(s) and submit the revised draft for review to the Board and the public at the Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend the adoption of the attached minutes with any corrections.



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FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 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 & Water Conservation District (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Kimball convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Mary Kimball, Chair

Tom Barth

Jim Mayer

Bruce Rominger

Erik Vink

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager

Kristin Sicke, Assistant General Manager

Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett

Brian Nash

Dave Pratt

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the July 3, 2018 regular Board meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

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: Review of 2017/2018 Independent Audit

General Manager Tim O'Halloran introduced Brian Nash, partner of Richardson & Company, LLP. Nash reviewed the requirements for an independent audit and stated that the audit resulted in a clean unqualified report for the District. He then reviewed the highlights of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017/2018 Independent Audit, including significant changes from FY 2016/2017. Nash reported that the District's accounting is considered high quality; there were very few audit adjustments.

Chair Kimball noted the outstanding status of the District's Employee Handbook and encouraged staff to research California Employers Association's services for assisting staff with finalizing the Employee Handbook.

District staff recommended the Board accept the filing of the FY 2017/2018 Independent Audit.

M/S/C accepted the filing of the FY 2017/2018 Independent Audit.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. REPORT: Update to Board Committee Assignments for 2018

Chair Mary Kimball reported that each year the Board's representation to various groups and committees are appointed by the District's Chair. Kimball reported that the changes in committee assignments transferred Ann Brice's assignments to the newly appointed Director Jim Mayer.

6. CONSIDERATION: Pawnee Fire Damages and Cost Recovery

Assistant General Manager Kristin Sicke updated the Board on the estimated cost for repairing the damaged transmission power lines at Indian Valley Reservoir. Sicke reported that District staff solicited proposals and had received proposals from two contractors and declining letters from two contractors.

Director Kimball inquired whether federal funding was available now since the state had suffered several other large fires since the Pawnee Fire event. Sicke said she'd follow up and report back.

District staff recommended the Board declare continuation of emergency conditions related to the Pawnee Fire damages and cost recovery.

M/S/C declared continuation of emergency conditions related to the Pawnee Fire damages and cost recovery.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7. CONSIDERATION: Membership Issues with Sites Project Joint Powers Authority and Northern California Water Association's Joint Defense Agreement

General Manager O'Halloran reported on membership issues with Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA). He stated that there was concern among Sites JPA members whether the District paid dues before officially leaving Sites JPA. O'Halloran continued to discuss the fee schedule associated with Sites JPA membership. At the beginning of 2015, dues were \$5,000, and by October 2015 the dues were increased to \$13,000. In November 2015, the District decided to opt out of membership with Sites JPA, unless an associate-level membership was created.

Chair Kimball reported on her participation with the Sites JPA process and recalled that the last conversation with Sites JPA had resulted in them promising to provide an associate membership proposal.

O'Halloran reported that the Sites JPA project was likely going to have about 15,000 acre-feet of water available for purchase in the future, which could potentially support the Yolo-Zamora area or other water needs in the County.

Kimball offered to form an ad-hoc committee to discuss the water opportunity with the Sites JPA project.

Director Erik Vink requested that the item come back to the full Board for approval prior to committing to any backpay. He also discussed the potential concerns of the project being delayed or unsuccessful because of permitting.

Next, O'Halloran discussed membership issues with the Northern California Water Association's (NCWA) Joint Defense Agreement (JDA). He stated that the District historically paid dues to NCWA towards the JDA based on an allocated schedule and that the District stopped paying dues in 2016 because NCWA was focusing primarily on WaterFix, which was not relevant to the District.

O'Halloran continued to discuss the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) recent final and draft document related to the Bay-Delta Plan, [*Amendments and Substitute Environmental Document \(SED\) for Lower San Joaquin River and Southern Delta*](#) and [*July 2018 Framework for the Sacramento/Delta Update to the Bay-Delta Plan*](#), respectively. The Sacramento River Framework proposed a program of implementation for two new proposed objectives on the Sacramento/Delta tributaries for 1) inflows, and 2) related cold water habitat measures, which is proposing a 55% unimpaired flow regime. In the Framework, Cache Creek is mentioned on pages 9 and 24 as providing flows to the Yolo Bypass.

O'Halloran reported that there was going to be an increase in legal and consultant work through NCWA to comment on the Framework and work with the State Water Board to come to a reasonable functional flow approach. He recommended the District begin contributing to NCWA's efforts to work through the Bay-Delta Plan concerns and hopefully resolve the flow equations that considered Cache Creek contributions.

Vink asked what the range of allocations was through the JDA, and O'Halloran stated that the percentage contribution among agencies ranged from 1.63% to 11 %.

Director Tom Barth inquired whether the scope of engineering work was specific to Cache Creek or if the District would need to fund a separate engineering study.

Legal Counsel Ryan Bezerra stated that the first step for NCWA's team will be to meet with the State Water Board to understand the Sacramento Water Allocation Model (SacWAM) and corroborate it with baseline conditions and real operations. Individual district modeling and engineering studies will occur after the model discussion with the State Water Board. Bezerra continued to state that a lot of work was expected when the State Water Board releases the Substitute Environmental Document for Sacramento River, which is expected to be done this fall.

Vink mentioned his concern with opting in without being able to opt out in the future.

Bezerra stated that the JDA Management Committee, which consists of all participating agencies, reviews the scope of work and budget each year.

O'Halloran offered to speak with NCWA about the details of participation to see if the circumstances have changed since the District last participated. He will report back to the Board at a future Board meeting.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Vink reported that he is officially serving on the Yolo County Oversight Board (Oversight Board) as Special District representative. The Oversight Board has not had their first meeting yet.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

Legal Counsel Bezerra reported on Assembly Bill 2649 (Arambula) that would streamline the State Water Board's temporary permitting program for groundwater recharge. Bezerra reported that Arambula accepted all of the State Water Board's requested amendments, and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) requested amendments to that version. Assembly Bill 2649 is expected to lower permitting cost and allow for a five-year permit term.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager O'Halloran provided reports on the following:

- 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 from the July 31, 2018 financial statements report were reviewed and the actual FY 2018/2019 Budget was compared to the projected FY 2018/2019 Budget.
- c) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects both in-house and coordinating with other agencies was reviewed.
- d) The following upcoming events were announced:
 - 1. August 13: Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Water Budget Meeting with Reclamation Districts, District Boardroom
 - 2. August 15: Association of Water Agencies (ACWA) Water Management Committee Meeting, Sacramento
 - 3. August 16: Yolo County Fair’s Opening Night Gala, Yolo County Fairgrounds
 - 4. August 28: NCWA Water Managers’ Meeting, Nelson
 - 5. September 9: Yolo Land Trust’s 2018 A Day in the Country, Clarksburg
 - 6. September 10: NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting, Grimes
 - 7. September 18: Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA)/YSGA Board Meeting, Woodland
 - 8. October 18: NCWA’s Fall Reception, Matchbook Winery
 - 9. November 2: District’s Harvest Celebration, District Shop

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Jim Barrett asked whether the District was moving forward with the Natel inline hydro project in the Alder Canal. General Manager O’Halloran reported that Assistant General Manager Max Stevenson was currently working to receive an update from Natel.

12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 055861 – 055875.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Chair Kimball reported that Director Mayer and she would form a Committee to review the item discussed in closed session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 4, 2018

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Consideration: Pawnee Fire Impacts to Indian Valley Reservoir Facilities

INITIATED OR BOARD
REQUESTED BY: STAFF
 OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke
APPROVED BY: Tim O'Halloran

ATTACHMENT YES NO
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION
 ACTION: MOTION
 RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

The Pawnee Fire started on June 23, 2018 in the Spring Valley area of Lake County and burned 15,185 acres. While largely sparing the facilities at Indian Valley Reservoir, the Pawnee Fire damaged 39 of the District's power poles, which provide electricity to and transmission from the Hydroelectric Facility (Facility). The Facility requires electric power to make operational changes to the penstock, hydropower turbines, 60" butterfly valve, 60" Hollow Jet Valve, spillway gates, accelerographs, water treatment plant, and critical infrastructure.

On June 25, 2018, Governor Jerry Brown issued an emergency proclamation for Lake County due to the effects of the Pawnee Fire and allowed Federal Emergency Management Agency's Fire Management Assistant Grant (FMAG) to assist with mitigation, management, and control of the Pawnee Fire. At the July 3, 2018, Board meeting the Board confirmed and ratified the local emergency and authorized General Manager O'Halloran to represent the District as needed for state and federal cost recovery, if available. At the August 7, 2018, Board meeting the Board declared the continuation of the emergency.

The power poles and associated power lines need to be restored as soon as possible to bring power and hydropower back online. District staff will provide the Board with an update on the timeline for repair and replacement of the damaged infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend the Board declare continuation of emergency conditions related to the Pawnee Fire damages and cost recovery.