

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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**Board Meeting**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the January 8, 2019 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
- 7:15 5. Presentation: Teichert Gravel Mining Project on Shiffler Property
- 7:40 6. Presentation: January 16, 2019 Storm Event Review
- 8:05 7. Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation

- 8:25 8. Directors' Reports: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 8:30 9. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District
- 8:35 10. 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
- 8:50 11. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:55 12. Consideration: Consider the approval and the payment of bills
- 9:00 13. Adjourn

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2019

ITEM #: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adoption of the January 8, 2019 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

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**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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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7:00 PM**

**YCFC&WCD Offices  
34274 State Highway 16  
Woodland, CA 95695**

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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, January 8, 2019, 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

Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager

Kristin Sicke, Assistant General Manager

Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett

Roger Cornwell

Dave Pratt

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the December 4, 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: Election of Officers for 2019**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the Board's past policy of rotating Directors through the positions of chair and vice chair. O'Halloran stated that if the Board wished to continue that policy, the slate of officers for 2019 would be Tom Barth as Chair, Jim Mayer as Vice Chair, Tim O'Halloran as Secretary, and Assistant General Manager Sicke as Assistant Secretary.

M/S/C approved the election of Tom Barth as Chair, Jim Mayer as Vice Chair, Tim O'Halloran as Secretary, and Kristin Sicke as Assistant Secretary.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Board thanked Mary Kimball for her service as Chair during 2018. Tom Barth was seated as Chair.

## **5. PRESENTATION: River Garden Farms' "New Way Forward"**

General Manager O'Halloran introduced River Garden Farms' General Manager Roger Cornwell and River Garden Farms' "New Way Forward" project. He complimented the environmental stewardship work that River Garden Farms and other water agencies had recently undertaken on the Sacramento River.

Cornwell gave a brief overview of the history of River Garden Farms and the impetus for getting involved in environmental habitat projects on the Sacramento River. Cornwell reported that the 2014/2015 drought required the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors to get creative in how they would continue to do business with potentially less water and increased regulations on instream flow requirements. River Garden Farms has partnered with University of California, Davis, Cal Trout, the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, the State Water Contractors, and others to grow fish food on farmers' fields. Cornwell played a video that illustrated their process for growing bugs on farmers' fields utilizing Sacramento River water and allowing the water to return to the river recharged and full of bugs. Cornwell informed the Board that historically, fish would venture out to natural floodplains, but channelized systems no longer allow for that process to occur. This project attempts to replicate the natural process of getting food to fish to prepare them for their migratory journey.

Director Rominger asked Cornwell if he's seen an ownership attitude change among growers throughout the project. Cornwell informed the Board that the second generation generally embraced the project, but as a whole, the growers at River Garden Farms had to have a significant mindset shift during the 2014/2015 drought.

General Manager O'Halloran wrapped up the item by thanking Cornwell for his recent leadership role in the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) and the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA).

**6. CONSIDERATION: Review of Brown Act Provisions and Rules for Proceedings for the Board of Directors**

General Manager O'Halloran reported that District staff had Legal Counsel Bezerra provide the Board with a review and update on the Brown Act and the District's Rules for Proceedings for the Board of Directors (Rules).

Bezerra reminded the Board what the purpose of the Brown Act was and informed them of his recommended revision to the Board's Rules. He recommended deleting the following language from Rule 10 "Except where action is taken by the unanimous vote of all Board members present and voting," to clarify language on recording the directors' votes.

Director Vink also requested revising the first sentence in Rule 10 from "The ayes and noes taken upon *the passage of* all ordinances, resolutions or motions will be entered upon the minutes" to instead state the following: "The ayes and noes taken upon *voting on* all ordinances, resolutions or motions will be entered upon the minutes."

District staff recommended adoption of the 2019 Rules for Proceedings for the Board of Directors with Legal Counsel Bezerra and Director Vink's requested revisions.

M/S/C adopted the 2019 Rules for Proceedings for the Board of Directors with Legal Counsel Bezerra and Director Vink's revisions.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**7. CONSIDERATION: Pawnee Fire Damages and Cost Recovery**

Assistant General Manager Sicke provided a brief update on the timeline and cost for repairing the damaged transmission power poles at Indian Valley Reservoir. Sicke reported that the materials had been procured and placed on site, but that the project was to be delayed given the upcoming storms. Sicke reported that the contractor would need at least a week of sunny, dry weather so that the soil would be ready for digging and installing the poles.

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

## **8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Chair Barth announced that with the new year the Board's representation to various groups and committees needed reappointing by the District's Chair. Barth presented the committee assignments as they were prepared by General Manager O'Halloran. The Directors' concurred with the assignments.

Director Rominger reported that he had attended the Littoral Water Rights Policy discussion with Director Barth and staff.

Directors Barth, Kimball, and Mayer reported that they had attended the District's Holiday party in December.

Director Mayer reported that he had participated in the Northern California Water Agency's (NCWA) Executive Committee meeting in December and planned to attend NCWA's January Board meeting and strategic planning session on January 16, 2019.

Barth also reported that he had participated in the discussion on 2019 strategic planning for the YSGA and WRA and developing the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

## **9. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**

Legal Counsel Bezerra held his report for closed session.

## **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 December 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 coordinated with other agencies was reviewed.
- d) The following upcoming events were announced:
1. January 9: Groundwater Legislation Conversation with State Water Board, Sacramento
  2. January 14: WRA/YSGA Board of Directors’ Meetings, Woodland Community and Senior Center
  3. January 16: NCWA 2019 Strategic Planning Session, Richvale
  4. January 16: Capay Valley Groundwater and SB 88 Meeting, Rumsey Hall
  5. January 17: Yolo County Farm Bureau’s 105<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Celebration, Yolo County Fair Grounds
  6. January 18: State Water Board’s SB 88 Workshop, Sacramento
  7. January 23-25: Irrigated Lands Program, Woodland/Winters/Clarksburg
  8. February 4-5: California Irrigation Institute’s 2019 Conference, Sacramento
  9. February 5-6: Groundwater Resources Association’s (GRA) Groundwater Sustainability Bootcamp – A Shortcourse, UC Davis
  10. February 7-8: Water Education Foundation’s Workshop and Groundwater Tour, YCFC&WCD
  11. February 9: Yolo Land Trust’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner, Winters
  12. February TBD: YCFC&WCD Board Workshop, TBD
  13. March 1: NCWA’s Annual Meeting, Chico

## **11. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no general discussion.

## **12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 056476 – 056490.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

## **13. CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): One matter concerning the State Water Resources Control Board’s proceedings related to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update.

After the closed session concluded, the Board of Directors reconvened in open session and Chair Barth reported that no action had been taken in closed session.



**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Tom Barth, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2019

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Consideration: Pawnee Fire Damages and Cost Recovery

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  INFORMATION  
 DIRECTION  ACTION:  MOTION  
 RESOLUTION

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**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, September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4, 2018 and January 8, 2019 Board meetings 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.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2019

ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Presentation: Teichert Gravel Mining Project on Shiffler Property

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION  
 ACTION:  MOTION  
 RESOLUTION

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**BACKGROUND:**

At previous Board meetings, the Board has been informed of Teichert Construction's intent to develop the Shiffler Property for gravel extraction purposes. As currently proposed, the District's Moore Canal would be realigned (moved) to facilitate future mining operations. Teichert Construction and Yolo County have recently informed the District that they would like to proceed with the permitting process.

This raises two questions for the District: 1) Is the realignment plan (with input and conditions set by the District) acceptable, and 2) If the District is a landowner of part of the property, does it want or need to be a co-applicant on the permit?

A representative from Teichert will be present to update the Board on the scope and timing of the permit process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2019

ITEM #: 6

SUBJECT: Presentation: January 16, 2019 Storm Event Review

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATED OR  
PREPARED BY: TO/MS/KS  
APPROVED BY: Tim O'Halloran

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  INFORMATION  
 DIRECTION  ACTION:  MOTION  
 RESOLUTION

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**BACKGROUND:**

On January 16, 2019, a relatively strong storm event impacted the rural parts of Yolo County and the District's infrastructure. Immediately after the storm event, staff inspected the District's infrastructure to assess damages.

Staff will review for the Board the storm's hydrology (including operations at Cache Creek Dam), damage assessment and timelines for repair, specific areas of flooding concern, coordination with other agencies and landowners, and future response protocol.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2019

ITEM #: 7

SUBJECT: Presentation: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION  
 ACTION:  MOTION  
 RESOLUTION

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**BACKGROUND:**

Staff and the Board's representative to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) will provide an update on general activities related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation.

Of special note, the California Department of Water Resources recently released the [Sacramento Valley GPS Subsidence Network Report](#) and staff will review the survey results with the Board. The District along with other Yolo County water interests participated in the data collection efforts on which this report is based. To view the Report, click [here](#).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.