

## **Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District**

---

---

### **AGENDA Board Meeting Thursday, April 29, 2004 7:00 P.M.**

---

---

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, then please contact Christina Cobey at (530) 662-0265 or (530) 662-4982 fax. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

---

---

### **AGENDA**

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration:  
The Board will consider the minutes of the April 6, 2004 Regular Board Meeting.
- 7:02 2. Open forum; Guest Introductions and Unscheduled Appearances  
Opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.  
Open forum will be limited to five minutes.
- 7:07 3. Board 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 arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
- 7:10 4. Board Consideration:  
The Board will consider adoption of the District's FY 2004/05 budget.
- 7:40 5. Board Consideration: Formation of Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the purpose of Acquiring Conaway Ranch in Yolo County
- 8:00 6. Board Consideration:  
The Board will consider adoption of a resolution in support of California's Water Awareness Month.
- 8:05 7. Board Report:  
Gary Sandy will report on the status of District's Water Conservation and

Stewardship Award and ceremony.

- 8:15 8. 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 9. General Manager's Report:  
The Board will receive a report from the General Manager regarding current general activities and projects of the District.
- 8:35 10. Operations and Maintenance Report:  
The Board will receive a status report on the previous month's operation and maintenance activities.
- 8:40 11. Consulting Engineer's Report:  
The Consulting Engineer will provide a brief status report on the AB 303 grant work to develop a Groundwater Quality Monitoring Plan.
- 8:50 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.
- 8:59 13. Board Consideration:  
The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 9:00 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 April 26, 2004.

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

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2004

The regular April 29, 2004 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2004 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chairman Vink convened the meeting with Directors Brice, Eoff, Scheuring and Rominger present. Also in attendance were:

### District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel  
Francis Borcalli, Engineering Consultant

### **Visitors**

Linda Fiack, Yolo County

### MINUTES

M/S/C approved the minutes of the April 6, 2004 Regular Board meeting as modified.

### OPEN FORUM

No comments were made.

### FY 2004/2005 BUDGET

Mr. O'Halloran provided a Power Point presentation reviewing the budget and its purpose. Mr. O'Halloran briefly reviewed the income and expense ratios, the operating versus non-operating aspects of the Budget, and revenues and expense estimates. Additionally, he reviewed notable changes in the Budget from last year including a proposed new staff position and proposed capital expenses.

Mr. O'Halloran noted that the District needs to formalize its process for the use and replenishment of various contingency fund accounts.

Director Eoff, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee had met two times with the staff regarding the Budget. All questions had been adequately addressed in the Budget being presented to the Board. He reported that the Budget does anticipate a slight operating deficit, but all figures including income are conservative estimates. The Capital Budget figures are generally placeholders. Large capital expenditures will be brought back to the Board for approval prior to proceeding. This Budget also reflects many new expenses that have been imposed on the District, and over which we have no control.

Director Scheuring noted that the increase in water rates that was set in March 2004 will not cover the newly imposed fees. He requested an assessment and recommendations regarding the condition

of the Cache Creek Dam facilities. Mr. O'Halloran answered that an assessment of the Cache Creek Dam facilities should be included in this year's work plan.

Mr. O'Halloran thanked the Finance Committee for their efforts and excellent questions. He also thanked Ms. McGriff, Ms. Barton and the District's staff for their efforts in developing the budget.

M/S/C approved the FY 2004/2005 Budget as presented.

### **CONAWAY RANCH ACQUISITION JPA**

Mr. O'Halloran reviewed the process of creating a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) by the County, cities of Davis and Woodland, UC Davis and the District to develop a JPA to acquire the Conaway Ranch.

Mr. Scheuring reported on a meeting he attended of the potential partners. At that meeting, an Ad Hoc committee was appointed to resolve governance issues among the partners. One District representative is desired for the Committee.

Chairman Vink reported there would probably be a Special Board meeting set for May to consider the JPA.

M/S/C directed Mr. O'Halloran to send a letter to formalize the District's support for the JPA and to indicate that Mr. Vink and Mr. Scheuring are the District's representatives with Mr. Rominger serving as the alternate to the JPA. The representative to the Ad Hoc Committee is Mr. Scheuring.

### **WATER AWARENESS MONTH**

Mr. Vink reported the District is involved in numerous activities in May associated with California's Water Awareness Month.

M/S/C unanimously adopted Resolution 04.04 Supporting the Education of Citizens Regarding California's Complex Water Issues.

### **WATER CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP AWARD**

Mr. O'Halloran reported that Lester Snow, DWR Director, would be the keynote speaker at the District's Water Conservation and Stewardship Award ceremony to be held May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Woodland Hotel. The District received nominations for a number of well-qualified recipients. The presentation of this award was moved from the District's Annual BBQ to May to tie the event to Water Awareness Month and provide a more formal forum for the presentation.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Mr. Scheuring reported on the Water Resources Association of Yolo County's (WRA) retreat to

consider options for the WRA's future direction.

Mr. Vink reported on the Yolo/District 2X2 meeting with Supervisors Pollock and Thomson. Topics discussed included; the District's water rights, the potential Conaway Ranch acquisition, governance issues and the potential Wild and Scenic Designation for portions of Cache Creek. Future meetings will be held monthly.

Mr. Rominger reported on the reception for A.G. Kawamura, California's newly appointed Secretary of Food and Agriculture, at the Glide Ranch. The District was a co-sponsor for this event.

Ms. Brice reported on the Water Awareness Poster Contest activities including the presentation at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. O'Halloran reported on; the status of the Ag Waiver and the designated regional monitoring sites, the status of the hillside slide downstream of Indian Valley Dam, a question that was raised at the Cache Creek Watershed Forum regarding the stranding of hikers due to high releases into Cache Creek, and the Board trip to the Cal Poly Irrigation Training and Research Center.

### **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Mr. O'Halloran reviewed the operational report comparing current system operations with those one month and one year earlier.

Mr. Rominger questioned when the District will identify the system flow constraints. Mr. O'Halloran stated that issue will be addressed in the system characterization project that is in this year's capital budget.

Mr. Scheuring reported he has ridden with a couple of the Dichtenders on a couple of routes. He would like to ride all the routes and suggested that other Board members do the same, either as a group or individually. Mr. O'Halloran reported there would be benefit from the Directors seeing the system both as a group and as individuals. He will try to organize a tour in the near future.

### **AB 303 – GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM**

Engineer Borcalli, Wood Rodgers, reported that the activities to develop a Groundwater Monitoring Program under AB 303 are going well. Draft recommendations are expected from Luhdorff & Scalmanini by May 14, 2004, and the June 31, 2004 grant deadline will be met. He believes this program, when completed, may be used as a template for use by other agencies.

Mr. Borcalli reported the District's AB 303 application for a grant to refine a groundwater model has been given a high priority on the listing. However, there are \$16 million worth of requests and only

\$5 million available for the program.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Vink reminded the Board there may be a Special May Board meeting regarding the Conaway JPA. It may be the only Board meeting in May. He reported that he will be gone for the regular June Board meeting.

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

M/S/C after review, approved the following claims for payment:

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #31230-31239

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

---

Erik Vink, Chairman

ATTEST:

---

Tim O'Halloran