

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, April 5, 2011 7:00 P.M.

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the March 1, 2011 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. 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 that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
- 7:10 4. Board Consideration: Setting of Non-Agricultural Water Rate for Fiscal Year 2011-12.
- 7:20 5. Staff Presentation: Update of the District's Safety Program.
- 7:30 6. Staff Presentation: Report on Clear Lake Flood Releases.

- 7:50 7. 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.
- 7:55 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:  
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:05 9. 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) General Activities  
b) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:15 10. 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.
- 8:20 11. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:25 12. Closed Session:  
a) Conference with real property negotiator involving APN 050-010-010. Instructions to the negotiator may include price, terms of payment, or both. (See Government Code sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8; and
- 8:58 13. Closed Session Report  
Report action and vote, if any, taken in Closed Session
- 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 March 31, 2011.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 7:00 PM**

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34274 State Highway 16  
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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 April 5, 2011 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Rominger convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Bruce Rominger, Chair  
Jim Mayer, Vice Chair  
Ann Brice  
Ron Tadlock  
Erik Vink

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Fran Borcalli, floodSAFE Yolo Program Manager  
Jen Reed, Project Manager  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain  
Blake Harlan  
Dave Pratt

**1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the March 1, 2011 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

None

**3. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda**

None

**4. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Setting of Non-Agricultural Water Rate for Fiscal Year 2011/12**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the March 1, 2011 Board meeting regarding the setting of the Agricultural water rate using the previously approved rate schedule. The results being that the Agricultural water rate for the 2011 season was not increased.

Director Vink reported that the Finance Committee met to consider the Non-Agricultural rates and recommends no change to the Non-Agricultural rate.

M/S/C accepted the recommendation to retain \$55.00 per acre-foot as the Non-Agricultural water rate for the coming season.

**5. STAFF PRESENTATION: Update of the District's Safety Program**

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed his previous report given at the March Regular Board meeting concerning District employee safety matters. He reported that since then he had appointed Project Manager Reed as the new Safety Officer. Prior Safety Officer Anderson supports the move and will remain on the Safety Committee.

Safety Officer Reed reported on the District's safety-related activities that occurred this last month. The overall objective of the safety program is to increase safety and decrease employee injuries and lost time, which will result in increased productivity and morale, and lower workers' compensation costs.

Reed reported that O'Halloran had called an all-staff meeting to review the District's safety concerns and to reinforce the importance of individual employee safety. She reviewed employee training that was completed during March and activities to develop a comprehensive plan and schedule for moving forward. Reed will be providing District management with regular updates. She reported on various training opportunities and some timing issues related to employee's irrigation season schedules.

Reed reported that the District's Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) is in the process of review as are the CalOSHA training requirements.

#### **6. STAFF PRESENTATION: Report on Clear Lake Flood Releases**

General Manager O'Halloran provided handouts that he reviewed during a PowerPoint presentation regarding the operations of the Cache Creek Dam (Dam) and the Clear Lake Outlet Channel during the recent storms and the exceeding of the fill curve at Clear Lake.

O'Halloran reviewed the court decrees that affect the District's operations at the Dam, the fill schedule for Clear Lake, and graphs showing Clear Lake levels for winters 2009/10 and 2010/11. He also reviewed actual operations at the Dam during March 2011, describing the physical layout of the Dam, the Cache Creek outlet channel with its tributaries and the Grigsby Riffle (Riffle). He reviewed issues to consider when deciding how low to pull the water level of the pond on the upstream face of the Dam, including potential erosion along the creek and problems with debris at the Dam.

O'Halloran reported on a number of calls from concerned Lake County residents while the Clear Lake levels were still rising. He reported that the Lake County website is very informative regarding the operations of the Dam, the Riffle and Clear Lake.

#### **7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Mayer reported that the Water Resources Association of Yolo County is reviewing its Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and laying out a schedule of activities for this next year.

Director Tadlock reported that Chair Rominger and Director Brice attended the Northern California Water Association annual meeting with him, General Manager O'Halloran and Water Resources Associate Stevenson. Assemblyman Huffman was the guest speaker.

#### **8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz reported on Delta-related activities.

The Delta Stewardship Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Delta Plan is focusing on activities outside of the Delta and drawing many comments addressing that issue.

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is trying to bring agricultural and urban, and Northern and Southern California interests together to develop an Ag/Urban process to focus on areas of common ground and concerns, and to create a coordinated statewide effort to address the Delta.

SB200 (Wolk) as amended, would require that implementation of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

would not adversely impact upstream water right holders.

Bartkiewicz reported that last year the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) created a coalition that helped to defeat a number of fee-related legislative bills. Similar fee bills are back this year, including a proposal that would require the Delta Stewardship Council to develop a financing plan for a Delta solution that included fees on water use within the Delta watershed. He noted that NCWA's President David Guy is very involved in the Delta issues and is very effective. Director Tadlock reported that since Guy has returned to NCWA, it has become much more active and effective.

## **9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager O'Halloran reinforced Director Tadlock's comments regarding the turnaround in NCWA since David Guy's return. He described how NCWA is creating coalitions and addressing the Delta Plan. He reported NCWA is trying to be proactive and positive in addressing the Delta issues.

O'Halloran reported that the Finance Committee had met once and would be meeting two more times in April in order to develop the Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget.

Mr. Chamberlain commented that the District's canals were in good shape regarding weed management.

## **10. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chair Rominger reported on a potential issue at the Winters Canal and County Road 26. General Manager O'Halloran will have Field Supervisor Espinoza check on it.

## **11. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

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

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: # 45354, 45387, 45413-45427

## **12. CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session under:

- a) Government Code sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8. Conference with real property negotiator involving APN 050-010-010. Instructions to negotiator may include price, terms of payment, or both. Director Rominger recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest

and left the meeting during this item. Persons attending were Directors Brice, Mayer, Tadlock

and Vink, Attorney Bartkiewicz, General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager Barton, and Water Resources Associate Stevenson.

**13. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Vice-Chair Mayer reconvened the regular meeting. Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz reported there was no action to report from Closed Session.

**14. ADJOURN**

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

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Bruce J. Rominger, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

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