

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Special Board Meeting

**R.H. Phillips Winery
26836 County Road 12A
Esparto, CA 95627
Thursday, January 8, 2009
1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA

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| 1:00 | 1. | Open forum; Guest Introductions and Unscheduled Appearances
Opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.
Open forum will be limited to five minutes. |
| 1:05 | 2. | Staff Presentation and Board Discussion: Board workshop to discuss District opportunities and mission. |
| 5:00 | 3. | Adjourn |

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 February 10, 2009.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 8, 2009, 1:00 PM

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) was held at 1 PM on January 8, 2009, at the R. H. Phillips Winery, 26836 County Rd. 12A, Esparto, California. Vice Chair Brice convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Ann Brice, Vice Chair
Jim Mayer, Director
Bruce Rominger, Director
Erik Vink, Director

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager
Sal Espinoza, Operations Supervisor
Anthony Lopez, Facilities Supervisor
Stefan Lorenzato, Environmental Associate
Barbara McGriff, Financial Supervisor
Jen Reed, Project Manager
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

None present.

1. OPEN FORUM

No comments were made.

2. STAFF PRESENTATION: Introduction

General Manager Tim O'Halloran distributed copies of the agenda, his PowerPoint presentation, the current District organizational structure, and two examples of strategic and business plans. O'Halloran reported the Board and senior management had attended a workshop approximately a year and a half ago, but that this workshop would include supervisory staff. The purpose of this workshop is to review key District issues, and to discuss development of a strategic/business plan, the county-wide water agency concept, a potential mission statement, future Board workshops, and the role of the Board. He highlighted the principal activity for each of the five past years and forecast the principal activity for this coming year.

2. BOARD PRESENTATION: Review of Key District Issues

General Manager O'Halloran discussed the key issues facing the District. The issues included infrastructure, budget, workforce, information management, customer service, environmental stewardship, and outreach/communications. The Board commended staff for their hard work and dedication, noting a lot of work is being accomplished by very few people.

O'Halloran introduced Environmental Associate Lorenzato to report on the District's environmental stewardship activities, principally starting to utilize the canal system to create habitat that is compatible with, and can be sustained with the irrigation delivery system. Lorenzato also addressed potential partnerships, the need for flexibility, and ongoing activities to develop tools (such as computer modeling and GIS mapping) to assist the District and others in developing sustainable projects that will provide benefits to the area while ultimately reducing the O&M costs. He reported on some projects already started that are expected to generate data to analyze and to improve future activities, and on some of the ecosystem benefits.

The Board commended the District's activities and looks forward to receiving and reviewing the analysis of benefits and costs. They would like the report to articulate the goals and objectives for projects, both current and proposed.

3. BOARD PRESENTATION: Development of "Strategic and Business Plan"

General Manager O'Halloran noted reviewed the two examples supplies - the ACWA Strategic and Business Plan and an excerpt of the Yolo County 2030 General Plan. The ACWA example is short and concise while providing context for future activities. The Yolo County example is very large providing not only policy framework and goals, but also an implementation program. Discussion followed.

The Board directed Staff to develop a draft strategic plan in-house providing objectives and

goals for consideration of the Board. The draft plan, once approved, would be provided to the public for review and comment potentially using a facilitator. It was noted that the plan should tie to budgetary and policy issues for the District.

A committee of the Board will be appointed to coordinate with O'Halloran on this issue. Director Vink volunteered to be on the committee.

4. BOARD PRESENTATION: County-Wide Water Agency Concept

General Manager O'Halloran provided background information to Yolo County's proposal to create a county-wide water agency. He reported the County had created a committee and hosted a facilitated meeting to discuss the concept. O'Halloran and Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz have met with County staff to identify the issues and potential solutions to problems perceived by the County.

It was noted that the stresses created by the current drought and economic conditions reinforce the importance of implementing the Yolo County Integrated Resource Water Management Plan.

5. BOARD PRESENTATION: Mission Statement

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed two mission statements that currently exist for the District. The original sources of the two statements are unknown. It was noted that the Mission Statement provides the basis for the supporting strategic plan. It was agreed that the one currently on the website is the better one and should be used exclusively.

6. BOARD DISCUSSION: Future Board Workshops

The Board would like to schedule future workshops with current and potential partners after approval of a draft strategic plan for review.

7. BOARD DISCUSSION: Role of the Board

General Manager O'Halloran asked Board members to inform the Chair and or himself if they would like to be more active on any policy issues.

The Board encouraged O'Halloran to continue using the Board's committee structure and individual Board members as sounding boards, and to take advantage of new technology available to communicate with District employees, customers, and the general public regarding who the District is and what it does.

8. ADJOURN

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

Ann T. Brice, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary