

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, October 2, 2007 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the September 4, 2007 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: University and Willow Canal Restoration Project.
- 7:30 5. Board Consideration: Approval in concept to enter into contract with Stantec Consulting to provide project management services in support of five capital improvement projects.
- 7:40 6. Board Consideration: Approval in concept to enter into contract with West Yost and Associates to provide project management services in support of canal capacity and drought preparedness program.
- 8:10 7. Staff Report: Update regarding the Flood Control Program.
- 8:20 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.

- 8:25 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:30 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
- 8:45 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.
- 8:55 11. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 9:00 12. Closed Session:
Conference with Legal Counsel Under:
a) Brown Act Section 54956.9 Carman vs. YCFC&WCD and Watson vs. YCFC&WCD
- 9:14 13. Closed Session Report
- 9:15 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 September 28, 2007.

By: _____
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 2, 2007, 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 and Water Conservation District (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on October 2, 2007, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Scheuring convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

David Scheuring, Chair
Erik Vink, Vice Chair
Ann Brice, Director
Bruce Rominger, Director
Ron Tadlock, Director

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Fran Borcalli, Flood Management Program Manager
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor
Jen Reed, Project Manager
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel
Monique deBarruel, West Yost Associates

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Dave Pratt
Don Rominger, Retired Director

1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the Regular September 4, 2007, Board Meeting as amended.

2. OPEN FORUM

General Manager O'Halloran introduced the Board to Monique deBarruel from West Yost Associates who is working on the District's canal capacity and conjunctive use project.

Retired Director Don Rominger raised concerns regarding inconsistent water flows past the Frederick Flume, and weed control. O'Halloran indicated that a problem that arose at Frederick Flume three weeks ago has been temporarily fixed. He noted that the District has been running a strong weed control program, and would look into the weed situation at the Rominger property.

Yolo County Board Supervisor Duane Chamberlain asked about a higher than expected Cache Creek flow last Sunday. O'Halloran reported that there had been a miscommunication with the damtender that had created an extra 40 cfs release the previous week for three days.

3. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

No added items.

4. BOARD CONSIDERATION: University and Willow Canal Restoration Project

General Manager O'Halloran briefly reviewed recent erosion and canal breaks where the University Canal passes too close to the Putah Creek streambed. An option to abandon the canal is undesirable, given the importance of the entire canal system to the region in general, and to the impacted farmers in particular. In discussions with UC Davis, Glide Ranch, and the District, a solution to move approximately 1.75 miles of canal farther away from Putah Creek provides a long-term fix for the problem, as well as an opportunity for streambank enhancement. UC Davis has agreed to sign over a quit claim on the subject property to the District in order for the work to proceed.

O'Halloran proposed that the project be performed as soon as possible to avoid the rainy season. The costs, while not finalized, are estimated to total around \$100,000, with \$30,000 to be covered by the Glide Foundation leaving an approximate District balance of \$70,000. Higher cost projections in earlier discussions were revised downward to reflect involvement of District staff and the possible elimination of power line and check structure moves. Final figures and due diligence preparations will provide a more exact cost as well as specifications for the project. For reasons of expediency and scale, O'Halloran recommends working with Diamond D General Engineering who is prepared to proceed on the project. O'Halloran asked either for a committee to review the final project specs and bid, or authority from the Board to proceed with project.

The Board discussed the potential cost benefits of competitive bidding. O'Halloran noted that while he agrees there is benefit to seeking multiple bids on projects, in this case, the cost in staff time to shop the project to multiple companies would likely not result in a financial advantage to the District over the Diamond D General Engineering bid, and would delay the start of the project, possibly to a point where it might no longer be feasible to complete before the rainy season.

7.37 M/S/C referral of project proposal to the Canal Infrastructure Subcommittee, giving them authority to review the project details and quit claim process, and to vote on the proposal on behalf of the Board.

5. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Stantec Project Management Services

General Manager O'Halloran presented a proposal to have Stantec outline steps and provide a scope of work for five capital improvement projects: 1) the Capay Dam Rehabilitation, 2) the Moore Siphon Rehabilitation, 3) the Indian Valley Intake Valve Shutoff, 4) the Knight Ranch Reservoir Investigation, and 5) the Hungry Hollow West Adams Canal Modernization. District Engineer Mike Horgan would be the District contact with Stantec. O'Halloran noted that he had been impressed with quality of Stantec's work in the previous year on the Capay Dam assessment, and that the good working relationship between Stantec and the District, and Stantec's familiarity with District operations would make that firm an appropriate choice for preparing the scopes of work.

Stantec has offered a projected cost of up to \$20,000 to develop scopes of work on the five projects. O'Halloran noted that the unique nature of each project would determine the content and specificity of each product, but that overall, these scopes would provide internal guidance for District on how best to proceed on each, rather than the specifications needed to put each project out to bid.

7.38 M/S/C authorization to spend up to \$20,000 to secure scopes of work from Stantec on the five District projects as presented.

6. BOARD CONSIDERATION: West Yost and Associates Project Management Services

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the proposal to provide additional canal capacity through an innovative conjunctive use program that would allow the District to provide an incentive to use groundwater from private wells in the District service area to augment the delivery capacity of the District's canals. Though not yet fully developed, this program might also offer relief during a drought situation, as well as when capacity demand exceeds the system's current limit of 800 cfs. O'Halloran shared that this conjunctive use project would provide a relatively low-cost, need-responsive solution when compared to the alternative of permanently reconstructing canal components to increase capacity for short, intermittent periods of need. O'Halloran requested the Board consider approving an expenditure of up to \$20,000 to contract with West Yost and Associates to provide project management services to assess the model and to assist in managing a pilot project of 10 wells next year. Director Rominger wondered if the District might want to consider scaling the project up to include more than 10 wells if next year's capacity needs remain unmet.

7.39 M/S/C authorization to spend up to \$20,000 to contract with West Yost and Associates for project management services on the canal capacity and drought preparedness program.

8. STAFF REPORT: Flood Management Program

Flood Management Director Borcalli reported that the Flood Management Program (floodSAFE Yolo), a partnership of the City of Woodland, Yolo County, and the District, is proceeding carefully and cooperatively in a balance between expediency and thoughtful consideration. The goal of the pilot program is the development of a sustainable program that will have public

support and finances to provide sound flood management in the region into the foreseeable future.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Rominger reported that he and Vice Chair Duane Chamberlain of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors met to update each other on issues that are of shared interest to both the District and Yolo County.

Erik Vink reported that NCWA remains active under the new leadership of Ryan Broddrick, who will come to meet the District Board in the near future.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

District Counsel Bartkiewicz updated the Board on current legal and legislative action related to water management. Several versions of water bond bills related to flood control, water supply, surface storage, and the Delta are under consideration. It is expected that the end result will be one large bond measure, as much as \$10 billion, covering ecosystem restoration, infrastructure improvements, water supply, and other related water issues.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. General Activities

General Manager O'Halloran reported Project Manager Reed helped organize the Cache Creek Conservancy's successful Cache Creek Clean-Up event on September 15, 2007 co-sponsored by the District.

O'Halloran also congratulated Water Resources Technician Tim Ireland for his work in connecting Cache Creek Dam by telemetry through a Mt. Konocti link. A grant will fund the installation of an automated gate at Cache Creek Dam that can be remotely controlled.

Water Resources Associate Max Stevenson is still preparing a report on the Capay Valley groundwater supply, as requested by the Board.

Discussion will continue on allocation protocols for water deliveries next year.

The District will report on the District headquarters remodel project at the November Board meeting.

b. Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions

Irrigation flows thought to be ending in mid-October could conceivably be extended to later in the month, depending on supply and need. O'Halloran reported that water users had been notified of the possibility of a mid-October irrigation cutoff in a District letter.

10. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Director Rominger reported on the need to establish a District policy for handling farmer requests on crossings and bridges within the District's service area. Each request, though unique, is difficult to address with an overarching District policy. Former Director Don Rominger recalled that in the past, the District and farmer would have a joint venture to repairs bridges only if the repair benefited the District.

Director Brice announced the upcoming Bucks for Ducks event, the annual dinner-auction for the Yolo Basin Foundation, will take place on Friday, October 12, 2007, at 5:30 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Center in Davis.

12. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: # 39369, 39412-39424

13. CLOSED SESSION:

The regular meeting was adjourned to Closed Session under Brown Act Section 54956.9(a) Carman vs. YCFC&WCD and Watson vs. YCFC&WCD.

Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O'Halloran, Project Manager Reed, and Attorney Bartkiewicz.

14. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The regular Board meeting was reconvened. Chair Scheuring reported that there was no action to report from the session.

15. ADJOURN:

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

David Scheuring, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary