

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, October 7, 2008 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 2, 2008 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 Presentation: ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority.
- 7:30 5. Board Consideration: Review of the District's Investment Policy.
- 7:35 6. Board Presentation: District Right of Way Control Issues.
- 7:50 7. Board Update: Pilot Groundwater Pump Program status report.
- 8:00 8. Board Update: Capay Dam Improvement Project.

- 8:15 9. 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.
- 8:20 10. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:25 11. 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
- 8:35 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.
- 8:40 13. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:45 14. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the potential acquisition of Yolo Flyway Farms (452 acres) in southern Yolo County (APNs 033-220-49, 033-390-02, and 033-210-29). Instructions to the real property negotiator may include price, terms of payment, or both. (See Government Code Sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8)
- 8:58 15. Closed Session Report:
Report action and vote, if any, taken in Closed Session.
- 9:00 16. 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 October 3, 2008.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 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 7, 2008, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Vink convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

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

District Staff and Consultants

Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel
Fran Borcalli, floodSAFE Program Manager
Monique de Barruel, West Yost Associates Consultant
John Haaf, ACWA/JPIA Representative
Dan Holmes, Librarian Consultant
Stefan Lorenzato, Environmental Associate
Andy Sells, ACWA/JPIA Chief Financial and Operations Officer

Members of the Public

Don Rominger, Retired District Director
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome

1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

8.33 M/S/C approved minutes for the September 2, 2008, Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

2. OPEN FORUM

None.

3. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

None.

4. BOARD PRESENTATION: ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority

ACWA/JPIA Chief Financial and Operations Officer Andy Sells provided the Board with a comprehensive presentation on the nature and terms of ACWA/JPIA coverage for the District and its Board, including pooled programs for liability, property, and workers' compensation. He also noted results of District inspections by ACWA/JPIA Representative Haaf, which indicated substantial progress at Cache Creek Dam in recent months, and that the Indian Valley facility was immaculate.

5. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Review of the District's Investment Policy

8.34 M/S/C reaffirmed the adequacy of the District's existing Investment Policy and accepted modifications to the Investment Table, as recommended by Legal Counsel.

6. BOARD PRESENTATION: District Right of Way Control Issues

Don Rominger had requested clarification on the District's activities related to eradication of plants migrating through waterways, indicating concern that there has not been adequate maintenance to manage invasive plants, and control of private individuals doing their own plantings. General Manager O'Halloran noted the canal system is governed by old right-of-way systems, under which the District has built canals and acquired easements for access and maintenance. If landowners are concerned about irregularities, O'Halloran encouraged them to notify the District so that solutions can be promptly effected. O'Halloran noted that Operations Supervisor Espinoza and his staff have sprayed miles of canals, but the District appreciates notification of potential problems, such as that brought to the Board's attention by Mr. Rominger. O'Halloran described the effort by librarian consultant Holmes and Assistant General Manager Barton to catalog property rights within the District.

O'Halloran also called on Environmental Associate Lorenzato to report on the streamside habitat initiative that impacts canal bank maintenance. With the help of a Yolo County Resource Conservation District grant, Lorenzato is developing a strategic plan for a plant palette that would both stabilize canal banks and enhance habitat while at the same time reducing District maintenance costs. As a first step, the District's maintenance activities to date must be documented, followed by the creation of a new plan for future canal bank management. Several factors, including economics, maintenance needs, staff safety, properties during flood conditions, and the needs of other species must be considered when selecting appropriate plants.

Don Rominger shared a sample of Chinese primrose that is currently spreading in the canal

system, and which he feels needs to be removed.

Chair Vink asked Lorenzato about the vetting process for developing the streamside habitat plan. Lorenzato indicated that he is eager to avoid plants that could create an agronomic problem, and would be conferring with growers on the plant selections. He added that sometimes, what occurs in practice is sometimes different from that which is predicted in the literature. O'Halloran included that when District crews spray, Espinoza is careful to record the location of that treatment.

7. BOARD UPDATE: Pilot Groundwater Pump Program Status Report

West Yost Consultant de Barruel reported that while the pilot program was intended for dual assessments of increasing canal capacity and mitigating drought conditions, this year's conditions necessitated its analysis as a drought response rather than as a capacity builder. de Barruel provided a brief overview of the pilot program process and statistics.

General Manager O'Halloran noted the lessons learned during the pilot season, including the importance of constant communications among affected parties, the need to simplify billing, the availability of well drillers and PG&E, and the benefits of running a small pilot program with only three wells. He indicated that next steps include finalizing the 1st year report, finalizing the new AB 303 contract, planning for next year to expand the program, contemplating installation of three District wells with easements and incentives for landowners, revisiting contract provisions, and addressing CEQA concerns. O'Halloran indicated he would work with the Infrastructure Committee, and bring a proposal to the District Board.

8. BOARD UPDATE: Capay Dam Improvement Project

General Manager O'Halloran reported that the District has received a scope of work from Stantec to provide engineering services for final design (including bid documents) for the Capay Dam rehabilitation project. The Infrastructure Committee, District Counsel Bartkiewicz, District Engineer Horgan, and consultant advisors Fran Borcalli and Bob MacArthur, met recently and reached agreement that design alternative A (as previously presented to the Board) is the appropriate choice among the alternatives. O'Halloran noted that Stantec has performed on or under budget on previous projects, and that both MacArthur and Borcalli felt Stantec's analysis was carefully performed.

O'Halloran indicated that he would likely call a Special Board Meeting during October for a more detailed presentation on the Capay Dam restoration project and the processes for moving forward. Alternatively, O'Halloran suggested that the entire November Regular Board Meeting be devoted to the topic. Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz inserted that the November Board Meeting is scheduled for November 4, Election Day, when the Board, Staff, and public might prefer a shorter meeting. Director Rominger and Vice Chair Tadlock, who make up the Infrastructure Committee, expressed that they found it helpful to meet to discuss Stantec's findings with Stantec Consultant George Sabol and others. Tadlock noted that he felt better about the use of roller compacted concrete.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Vice Chair Tadlock announced that the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) is once

again looking to fill the position of executive director. This position was recently vacated by Ryan Brodrick.

Chair Vink reported that he and Director Rominger attended the YCFCWCD/Lake County Watershed Protection District 2X2. A memorandum of understanding is under development to provide guidance on how to proceed on issues of mutual concern.

Director Mayer reported on a board meeting of the Yolo County Resource Conservation District (“RCD”) which included the development of on-farm ponds to raise perch as one of its agenda items. The RCD board expressed their gratitude to Operations Supervisor Espinoza and his staff for their extraordinary efforts on the helping the RCD with this project, and wanted their thanks to be passed along to the District.

10. ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz noted that the approved state budget did not include any property taxes appropriations.

Bartkiewicz also announced that the fifth draft of the Delta Vision (DV) document will culminate in a final edition, and expressed concern that some important DV recommendations, which have yet to be carefully analyzed, are still present in the draft. The DV plan is explicit on the point that all upstream water rights holders will need to contribute water to help the Delta. NCWA will continue to express its concerns on behalf of water rights holders in order to contribute to the best resolution for all parties.

11. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

a. General Activities

Water Resources Associate Stevenson made a presentation on the groundwater monitoring program to the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA). The WRA will next meet in January, and Director Rominger will be the District’s representative.

General Manager O’Halloran reported on the extensive cleanup work that has been accomplished at Cache Creek Dam.

Assistant General Manager Barton is organizing an emergency action plan tabletop exercise for Indian Valley Reservoir and Cache Creek Dam for sometime in November.

District Directors are to complete their ethics certification, including coursework on sexual harassment. Directors should contact Christina Cobey if they need assistance with this issue.

The Cache Creek Cleanup Day on September 20 was a success. Volunteers found less general trash, but more discarded tires than in previous years. O’Halloran reminded the Board that the Cache Creek Conservancy Autumn Festival was to be held October 16.

b. Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions

Clear Lake water supply for the season was completely utilized. Only three growers have chosen to pump their own water in the canals.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The District Board retreat is tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2009 at R.H. Phillips.

13. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

8.35 M/S/C approval for the following claim(s) for payment:
Yolo Flood Control Checks: # 41442-41458

14. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Vink adjourned the meeting to closed session under Government Code Sections 54954.5 (b) and 54956.8 for a conference with the District's real property negotiator involving the potential acquisition of Yolo Flyway Farms, Inc. (APN S033-220-49, 033-390-02, and 033-210-29). Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager Barton, and the District Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz.

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Chair Vink reconvene the meeting to open session and stated that there was no action to report from closed session.

16. ADJOURN

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

Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary