

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, November 6, 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 October 2, 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. Staff Report: Report on District's Small Capital Jobs Program.
- 7:35 5. Staff Report: Update regarding the Canal Capacity and Drought Preparedness Program.
- 8:05 6. Staff Report: Update regarding the floodSAFE Yolo County Program.
- 8:15 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.

- 8:20 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:25 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) Annual Water Rights Fees
  - c) Temporary encroachment permit on Farmers Central Canal
  - d) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:35 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.
- 8:40 11. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:50 12. Closed Session:  
Conference with Legal Counsel Under:  
a) Brown Act Section 54956.9 Carman vs. YCFC&WCD and Watson vs. YCFC&WCD
- 9:28 13. Closed Session Report
- 9:30 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 November 1, 2007.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 7:00 PM

YCFCWCD Offices  
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 (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 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  
Chris Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Fran Borcalli, Flood Management Program Manager  
Mike Horgan, District Engineer  
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel  
Monique deBarruel, West Yost Associates  
Terry Wills, Special Legal Counsel, Cook Brown

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Board of Supervisors  
Dave Pratt  
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome  
Blair Voelz, Chair, Yolo County Resource Conservation District  
Warren Westrup, Director, Yolo County Parks and Resources Department

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

M/S/C approved the minutes of the Regular October 2, 2007, Board Meeting as amended.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

General Manager O'Halloran introduced to the Board Warren Westrup, Director of the Yolo County Parks and Resources Department. Director Westrup briefly addressed the Board, relating his professional background of 34 years in the California State Parks system and his training in landscape architecture at UC Berkeley. Westrup expressed enthusiasm for working with the District as it addresses habitat linkages and flood control throughout the region, in addition to its responsibilities for water delivery. Westrup's new staff from the Yolo County Parks and Resources Department will be introduced to the Board on future occasions.

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

No added items.

**4. STAFF REPORT: Report on the District's Small Capital Jobs Program**

General Manager O'Halloran reported on the Special Board Meeting that occurred that afternoon from 3:30 to 6 p.m. which consisted of a tour of District facilities and on-site discussion of repairs. O'Halloran noted that major capital repairs projects, which include the Capay Dam and Moore Siphon Rehabilitation Projects, the Indian Valley (IV) Intake Project, the Knights Ranch Reservoir Project, and the West Adams/Hungry Hollow Improvements have been reported on at prior Board meetings. Since the Board's last update, O'Halloran has met with Stantec, and added two additional projects involving flumes and siphons along the Winters Canal.

The small capital jobs included in the maintenance program involve the maintenance and upkeep of District infrastructure, including canals, bridges and crossings, gates, and other delivery system elements. These small capital projects are projected to average out to a cost of \$1 million per year, roughly equivalent to the annualized cost of the District's large capital projects, for a combined projected cost of \$2 million for infrastructure maintenance for both large and small capital projects. O'Halloran noted he was not requesting Board action at this time, but rather, was interested in keeping the Board informed about the District's projected infrastructure needs and potential costs.

Board members discussed both the importance and the difficulty of determining the necessity and priority of infrastructure maintenance projects. Chair Scheuring noted that maintenance of private canal crossings required a District policy, and that landowner cost-sharing should be discussed. O'Halloran noted the importance of investigating real estate agreements on private crossings that may proscribe maintenance responsibility, or may represent a Yolo County issue. Scheuring asked if the District has accurate numbers of crossings, and O'Halloran responded that the District is developing more accurate tracking of the number, location, and class of each crossing.

Bob Schneider indicated that the impact of District water system is regional in nature, and relates to groundwater as well as surface water supply, flood control, and habitat protection. He stated that it was unreasonable to ask farmers to bear the full cost for maintaining a system that benefits a much larger region, and expected to see a countywide bond measure in the next 2-3 years that would reflect broader cost-sharing.

## **5. STAFF REPORT: Canal Capacity and Drought Preparedness Program**

General Manager O'Halloran updated the Board on the canal capacity and drought preparedness program idea presented at prior Board meetings. He indicated the Monique deBarruel of West Yost Associates was making good progress on analyzing and developing the concept into a project. He expressed gratitude at the generosity of well owners throughout the District who supported the idea and were willing to offer their wells as potential resources. O'Halloran has asked Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz to begin developing possible terms, agreements, and legal considerations.

Director Rominger expressed his desire to see the District try to get this program started on a trial basis this coming year so that its workability and potential might be better understood. Chair Scheuring concurred.

## **6. STAFF REPORT: FloodSAFE Yolo**

Flood Management Program Manager Borcalli gave a brief status report on the FloodSAFE Yolo program. He emphasized the need for all agencies to agree to a single point of communication for FloodSAFE. He also noted the importance of creating a program that is both technically credible and financially sustainable.

Chair Scheuring noted that regional flood management might spearhead a regionwide funding effort.

## **7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Vink reported that the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) is not expecting an upcoming special session of the legislature to deal with water issues, even though none of the water bond issues was successful during the regular session.

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

District Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz reported that a water bond proposal from Senator Perata, and most likely, another from the Governor's office are likely to be under consideration during the 2008 session. The Perata proposal addresses conveyance, and the administration's proposal will likely address both water supply and conveyance.

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

### **a. General Activities**

General Manager O'Halloran reported that he had received correspondence from Tom Flynn regarding landowners downstream from Knights Ranch. Flynn indicated that the District has not kept him informed of the Knights Ranch project and asserted that the District has not complied with CEQA requirements. Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz indicated that the District is still investigating the feasibility of a reservoir at Knights Ranch, and that CEQA requirements are not yet in effect during a this phase of investigation.

Indian Valley: A survey has been completed of the IV Recreation Area, including the campground. Except for a possible water treatment plant upgrade, there are no major investments anticipated for the site. Bid documents have been circulated for the IV turbine

inspection. Power poles connecting the power station to the PG&E substation have been inspected, and some poles will be replaced. The New Year's storm of 2005-2006 downed three poles, causing a loss of one month of electricity production. The "chalet" at the north end of the IV Reservoir burned down. The District has not been allowed onto the property because the Lake County sheriff's office has not yet completed its investigation.

**b. Annual Water Rights Fees**

Assistant General Manager Chris Barton reported that the District is again paying \$29,000 annual water rights fees under protest, while a case challenging their legality is on appeal. The District's position is that such fees constitute a tax. The Water Board continues to issue invoices, and the District will continue to pay the fees under protest until the matter is settled by the courts.

**c. Temporary Encroachment Permit on Farmers Central Canal**

O'Halloran reported on a request for a temporary encroachment permit on Farmers Central Canal relating to development of land between East Street and County Road 101 along the canal. The Farmers Central Canal serves four functions: 1) accommodates emergency spills to protect other lands, 2) provides irrigation drainage, 3) channels wintertime flood flows, and 4) delivers water to one customer east of Hwy 113.

**d. Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions**

The District closed down water deliveries for the season two weeks previously. The University Canal project has been divided into two parts: restoration of the erosion hole which will begin right away, and the relocation of the canal, which is awaiting specific estimates for time and materials.

**10. GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

General Manager O'Halloran reported that Duane Thompson is developing a report on facility needs for the District Headquarters upgrade project.

Yolo County Vice Chair Chamberlain asked about the expenditure of flood management funds. O'Halloran reported that Road 31 (Covell Road) has received funding for arundo eradication, canal and culvert maintenance, revegetation, and slough maintenance in a project led by Stefan Lorenzato and Putah Creek Streamkeeper Rich Marovich. Lorenzato is getting permits and Maria Wong is working on countywide permits. O'Halloran noted that it would not be unprecedented to get district-wide permits for flood management work on sloughs

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

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #39636-39647, 39675

**12. CLOSED SESSION:**

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

Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant Manager Barton, District Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz, and Special Legal Counsel Wills.

**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.

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David Scheuring, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

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