

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, February 7, 2006 7:00 P.M.

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## AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the January 3, 2006 Special and Regular Board Meetings.
- 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: Update of District's Rules of Proceedings.
- 7:13 5. Board Consideration: Highland Ditch Easement Sale.
- 7:30 6. Board Update and Consideration: New Year's Eve Storm Report Update, Continuation of Emergency Conditions, and Appointment of FEMA Liaison.
- 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.
- 8:25 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:  
a) Current legal and legislative activities.

- 8:35 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) Cache Creek Watershed Forum (March 11, 2006 in Guinda)
  - c) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update
  - d) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:55 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.
- 8:59 11. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 9:00 12. 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 February 3, 2005.

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

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2006

The regular February meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 7, 2006 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice-Chair Scheuring convened the meeting with Directors Brice, Tadlock and Vink present. Director Rominger was absent. Also in attendance were:

### District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Mike Horgan, Engineer  
Anthony Lopez, Facilities Supervisor  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Marc Jaconetti, Ditchtender  
Jennifer Reed, Project Manager  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel  
Dan Folta, Engineering Consultant

### **Members of the Public**

Frank Siefertman, Sr., Past Yolo County Supervisor  
Dave Pratt  
D. Rick Cheney, Granite Bay Holdings  
Larry John, Granite Bay Holdings

### **MINUTES**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the January 3, 2006 Regular Board meeting as mailed.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Stevenson advised that the Cache Creek Conservancy (CCC) has applied for a grant that includes the installation of a new flow gauge station by the District on Cache Creek at or near the Capay Dam. He also advised that Lynnel Pollock is acting as the executive director of the CCC.

### **UPDATE OF DISTRICT'S RULES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Mr. Bartkiewicz provided an overview of modifications to Rule 12 and other minor updates to the Rules of Proceedings.

Board discussion followed.

M/S/C adoption of changes to District's Rules of Proceedings.

### **HIGHLAND DITCH EASEMENT SALE**

Mr. Bartkiewicz summarized past Board action that authorized the General Manager to negotiate the sale of a portion of the District's Highland Ditch easement to the underlying property owners. He reported that: the ditch has not been used by the District for a long time, there were no known District needs for the ditch easement and that it is surplus property; he had met with Granite Bay Holdings (GBH); the negotiated sale price of \$35,000 is reasonable and in the best interest of the District; the District's and GBH's differing appraisals and many other factors were considered; and the easement would be sold as-is. He stated that staff recommends District conveyance of all its interests on the GBH property for \$35,000.

Board and staff discussion followed regarding easement location and existing condition, potential future uses, easement value, and use of the revenue. Mr. Cheney and Mr. John of GBH were in attendance and provided information and answered questions.

**M/S/C adoption of Resolution 06.03 Declaring a Portion of the Highland Ditch as Surplus Real Property and Authorizing Sale of the Highland Ditch Easement.**

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE STORM**

Mr. O'Halloran outlined the various topics to be covered by staff members in an update on damages caused by the New Year's Eve storm and on repair activities.

Subsequently, the following reports were given.

- Mr. Lopez stated that: three broken poles in the 63 pole, 5 miles long power line connecting the Indian Valley hydroelectric units to the PG&E grid had been replaced and power generation had resumed on January 27, 2006; repair costs were approximately \$66,000; new insulators connecting the 3 power lines to the new poles were installed; a helicopter was used to transport the poles; and work to test the remaining power poles will be addressed in the next budget. Discussion by the Board and staff accompanied the presentation.

Mr. O'Halloran complimented Mr. Lopez on his efforts in the pole repair project.

- Mr. O'Halloran advised that a general report assessing staff actions and lessons learned from the storm events was being prepared.
- Mrs. Barton provided a summary of the District's participation as the public agency sponsor for a NRCS emergency bank repair project in the Capay Valley. NRCS and the home owner funded the approximate \$25,000 work including District costs to place rip rap on a bank of Pierce Canyon Creek. Contractor bills have not yet been received.

The Board discussed potential future District opportunities with NRCS to further District and

region goals.

- Mr. Folta reported on the canal repair projects and the construction contractor procurement process. He advised that: Yolo County had been included in Federal and State disaster area declarations; Federal and State financial coverage of eligible projects were 75% and 19% respectively; five contractors are scheduled for a pre-bid meeting and site reviews on February 8, 2006; FEMA requires justification of construction costs; environmental clearance and permits are required for certain projects; lump sum and unit price bids will be sought as appropriate; minor project upgrades will be included in the government funding; greater value improvements may be eligible for funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Programs; he has prepared 60% construction plans for many of the projects; some work will be designed as work progresses; initial designs will likely change; one or more contractors may be picked.

Mr. O'Halloran stated that this repair work was currently on course and is expected to be finished by mid March. He also proposed a special Board meeting and trip to the Moore Siphon headworks damage site.

Board discussion covered many topics and included: FEMA and associated level of expense reimbursement risks, cost control, District operations, staff involvement with repairs and potential for District project cost as an in-kind contribution.

- Mr. Bartkiewicz reported on District emergency construction bidding requirements. He advised that on December 2, 1999, the Board passed Resolution 97.10 which delegated specific authorities to the General Manager and specified reporting requirements.

Following discussion on this matter the Board took the following actions:

**M/S/C** approval for continuation of the declaration of emergency conditions, and designation of Tim O'Halloran, Christy Barton and Dan Folta as liaisons with FEMA throughout the storm recovery program, and authorization for the General Manager to apply for FEMA funding.

**M/S/C** approval for the General Manager to apply for State funding.

- Mr. O'Halloran reported on efforts to address regional flooding problems associated with Cache Creek and in local floodplain areas. He advised that: he would be meeting with the City of Woodland and Yolo County to explore approaches to deal with the matter; one approach could be for the three entities to fund a two year long flood management position at the District to determine physical, legal, financing, flood modeling, slough maintenance and permit issues. Success of such an effort would require full agency involvement, political and public support, clear goals and expectations and Board approval.

The Board discussed the matter and expressed both excitement and reservations.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Vink highlighted current NCWA activities addressing the proposed State budget, proposed fees to be levied on all water users and the proposed water bond. He advised that the Governor will speak at the Annual NCWA meeting on February 16, 2006.

Director Tadlock reported that no progress had been made by the Colusa Basin Drain group and the Yolo County Farm Bureau had held an informative meeting on agricultural storm water compliance action.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Bartkiewicz reported that the water bond and water fee matter would likely be on the November ballot. He advised that the Water Meter Bill (820) may be brought up again.

The Board discussed the apparent opportunity to seek specific project funding through the water bond. Mr. Bartkiewicz stated that there is currently high resistance to including such language in the legislation.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Activities: Mr. O'Halloran reported on the Finance Committee meeting regarding budget structure, scheduling of the annual water rate adjustment and budget preparation. He advised that the water rate for 2006 would be discussed next month.

### Cache Creek Watershed Forum:

Mr. O'Halloran advised that the Cache Creek Watershed Forum meeting will be held in March in Rumsey. The District will participate in a workshop on Yolo and Lake County's water management and planning practices.

### Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update:

Mr. O'Halloran reported that the IRWMP process is on track; the Technical Committee continues to meet and is making progress; the next public meeting is schedule for early April.

Mr. Stevenson reported that the City of Davis and University of California, Davis will hold a public meeting on their groundwater management plans.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Ms. Reed provided a status report on revisions to the District's internet web page and stated that it will be presented to staff and the Board for review and input.

Mr. O'Halloran reported that he would like to include repair of the Scribner Bridge in the emergency

flood repair work. He advised that the bridge is owned by the District and that he is looking at repair alternatives.

**M/S/C** approval to include the Scribner Bridge in the emergency work scope.

Director Brice mentioned that the California Duck Days event will be held on February 25, 2006 and that there are many worthwhile activities.

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

**M/S/C** after review, approved the following claims for payment:

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #35535-35548

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

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David Scheuring, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary