

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, March 4, 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 February 5, 2008 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.        Staff Report: Update regarding the canal capacity and drought preparedness program.
- 7:20        5.        Staff Report: Update regarding floodSAFE Yolo – pilot program.
- 7:30        6.        Staff Report: Update on Capital Improvement Program.
- 7:40        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.

- 7:50 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:00 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) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
  - b) General Activities
  - c) Indian Valley Dam
  - d) Yolo Climate Action Coordinating Committee
- 8:15 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.
- 8:20 11. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:22 12. Closed Session:  
Conference with Legal Counsel Under:  
Brown Act Section 54956.9 Carman vs. YCFC&WCD .
- 8:29 13. Closed Session Report
- 8:30 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 February 29, 2008.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 7:00 PM**

**YCFCWCD Offices**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**

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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 March 4, 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  
Bruce Rominger, Director

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Fran Borcalli, Flood Management Program Manager  
Mike Horgan, District Engineer  
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor  
Stefan Lorenzato, Environmental Associate  
Jen Reed, Project Manager  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel  
Mike O'Hagan, Stantec Consulting, Inc.  
George Sabol, Stantec Consulting, Inc.

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors  
Dave Pratt  
Don Rominger, Retired District Director  
Rod Schaffer  
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome

**8.6** **1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**  
M/S/C approved February 5, 2008, Regular Board Meeting minutes as submitted.

**2. OPEN FORUM**  
No items.

**3. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda**  
Agenda Item 12, Closed Session, deleted from the agenda.

**4. STAFF REPORT: Canal Capacity and Drought Preparedness Program Update**  
General Manager O'Halloran reported that the increase in the stored water supply over the past month will permit the District to focus this pilot program more on canal capacity this season. O'Halloran noted that he and Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz have met to discuss terms of the agreement between the District and participating well owners/tenants, which will be presented to the Infrastructure Committee for their approval. Five pump tests are to occur in the coming week.

**5. STAFF REPORT: floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program Update**  
Program Manager Borcalli described the continuing interest of the floodSAFE Yolo pilot program to expand, by 140 square miles, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) project to capture topographic mapping of the Yolo County floodplain. Delays of the mapping project have raised concerns about the accuracy of the data because of spring grass growth and trees leafing out.

The floodSAFE Yolo pilot program continues efforts to seek federal appropriations support for the program through partnerships with DWR, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the community.

General Manager O'Halloran indicated that there is an upcoming 2x2x2 meeting with representatives of the City of Woodland and the County of Yolo. Chair Vink and Director Scheuring will be representing the District at this meeting.

**6. STAFF REPORT: Capital Improvement Program Update**  
Stantec Consultant George Sabol reported on Stantec progress on capital improvement projects. Stantec has completed field work on siphons and flumes on Winters Canal. The Lamb Valley Slough flume report is in final draft review.

The Capay Dam survey work is done, including a 1-foot interval contour map. Environmental clearance has been obtained for placing the drill rig in the creek. Downstream and abutment cores will be taken starting March 12. Environmental Associate Lorenzato and Ted Frink of DWR are assessing the site for a fish ladder. At this time, Stantec is assessing the Knight Ranch Reservoir project to determine potential fatal flaws as the initial assessment work.

General Manager O'Halloran added a brief report on a meeting with landowners adjacent to Knight Ranch, which led to a good discussion among District staff and landowners, sharing concerns such as how much storage for what kind of height, what improvements to surrounding lands might be contemplated that would allow diversions of water, and concerns about the location of the PG&E transmission line. The District is still assessing the project's value and feasibility.

## **7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Vice Chair Tadlock attended the Northern California Water Agency (NCWA) annual meeting in the past month.

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

District Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz reported that on the legislative front, a number of bills have been introduced, and a NCWA legislative meeting is scheduled for the upcoming week. NCWA continues to be engaged on the Bay-Delta front, and will be monitoring how upstream water rights may affect Cache Creek.

The Governor issued a press release relating to a feasibility study on Delta conveyance that includes an aggressive water conservation element. The agricultural, and municipal and industrial components are vague at this point, but could have an impact as they become more defined.

The Legislature continues to work on property tax issues under Proposition 1A (local government revenues protection), and how reallocations to local governments might be made. Bartkiewicz indicated that an interpretation that returns taxes only to counties is not consistent with Proposition 1A. No specific fee proposal is under consideration at this time.

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

### **a. Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions**

The combined storage is currently at 250,000 acre feet, generally enough to ensure an unallocated irrigation season. Once the District receives customer water applications indicating crops and acres to be served in the upcoming season (due March 17), an estimate of demand and a determination regarding allocations will be made. There has been a major increase in water supply since January 1, and hope continues that there may be even more precipitation that could permit carryover to future seasons. Indian Valley is currently at 40% capacity. This past season, the District pulled heavily from Indian Valley because of a reduced entitlement from Clear Lake. The upcoming season is apt to be opposite since the Clear Lake entitlement is expected to be significant..

The rate letter describing maximum District rates under different water supply scenarios was distributed to customers this past month. O'Halloran felt the letter made an effective case for rates given anticipated rising costs including essential capital improvements, and unknown water supplies. The improved supply has made the higher maximums unnecessary.

b. General Activities

O'Halloran announced that Yolo County Resource Conservation District Director Paul Robins is moving out of the area. He noted Robins' tremendous contributions to the community and to conservation in the area.

The focus in the upcoming month will be on administrative process definition and organization, including development of an operational database program, establishing better engineering job processes, and instituting an electronic filing system.

Environmental Associate Lorenzato reported on a project to catalog known reports on Cache Creek in Yolo County. The catalog will support the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). This project, headed by GIS expert and librarian Dan Holmes, will build a catalog containing content summaries, report locations, unique catalog numbers for final reports unless drafts contain unique and essential information. The catalog will be hosted by the Water Resources Archive at UC Berkeley, an organization dedicated to carefully maintained and searchable regional collections and catalogs on water topics.

c. Indian Valley Dam

The Indian Valley turbines will be reconstructed by Site Constructors for the 2008 irrigation season. Consultant Jack Sinor will prepare an RFP for a turbine replacement project that will provide higher efficiency (more power) and higher levels of control. The new system is expected to cost approximately \$3 million.

The Indian Valley Campground has been closed, but is expected to be reopened in coming days. Rainfall during December and January caused higher turbidity in the lake than the water filtration system was unable to handle, causing the water quality to be out of compliance with state code. The District cannot simply post the water as non-potable and confine the water to the restrooms and certain hose bibs because the Department of Health Services (DHS) is concerned that people will drink the water and get sick. The District is working with DHS to address the problem.

d. Yolo Climate Action Coordinating Committee

Environmental Associate Lorenzato and General Manager O'Halloran attended a meeting of the Yolo Climate Action Coordinating Committee. Both were impressed by the thoughtfulness of the participants. The District is considering some of the relevant issues that affect air quality in its practices and planning, including efficiency of its building and a reduction in mileage driven through implementation of its SCADA system.

#### **10. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Director Rominger noted that he continues to be highly interested in staying abreast of the activity on Delta issues mentioned by District Counsel Bartkiewicz.

The April Board meeting will include a rate hearing.

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

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: # 40358-40373

#### **12. ADJOURN:**

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

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Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary

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