

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, April 4, 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 March 7, 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: Riveria West Mutual Water Company Contract.
- 7:20 5. Board Consideration: Letter of Support for: AB 2901 (Wolk) – Mercury TMDL Development Guidelines
- 7:25 6. Board Presentation: Groundwater Management Plan.
- 7:45 7. Board Update and Consideration: New Year’s Eve Storm Recovery Update and Continuation of Emergency Conditions.
- 7:50 8. 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.
- 8:00 9. Attorney’s Report: The District’s attorney will report on the following:

a) Current legal and legislative activities.

8:05 10. 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) Indian Valley Reservoir Activities
- c) Website Update
- d) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update
- e) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions

8:35 11. 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.

8:39 12. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.

8:40 13. 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 March 31, 2006.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 7:00 p.m. on April 4, 2006 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Rominger convened the meeting with Directors Brice, Scheuring, Tadlock and Vink present. Also in attendance were:

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager
Mike Horgan, Engineer
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate
Jen Reed, Project Manager
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Dave Pratt
Bob Schneider, RWQCB

MINUTES

M/S/C approved the minutes of the March 7, 2006 Regular Board meeting as mailed.

OPEN FORUM

No comments were made.

RIVIERA WEST MUTUAL WATER COMPANY CONTRACT

Mrs. Barton advised that the District has recently learned that the Riviera West Mutual Water Company, in the Soda Bay Area adjacent to Clear Lake, has been drawing water from the lake since approximately 1970 without a contract with the District. She also stated that: company water usage records were poor; about 240 homes are currently being served; the company believes it used 38 acre feet of water last year; the company area contains a total of 500 lots; and a grant from the Department of Health Services to fund water system improvements was dependent upon execution of a water supply contract with the District.

Mr. Bartkiewicz stated that staff was requesting the Board approve a contract with the company and

waive past charges.

Board and staff discussion followed. The issue of waiving past charges was deferred until the next discussion takes place with Lake County representatives.

Director Rominger requested that staff look at whether other Clear Lake water users lacked contracts with the District.

M/S/C approval to enter into a water use contract with Riviera West Mutual Water Company.

AB 2901 (WOLK) – MERCURY TMDL DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

Mr. O'Halloran provided an overview of Assembly Bill 2901. The bill would establish a mercury monitoring and remediation fund and provide guidelines to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding development and implementation of Mercury Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for numerous California waterways. He advised that the District would benefit from this legislation that is being sponsored by Yolo County as some District activities are, or might be, affected by proposed Mercury TMDLs. He stated that the draft bill has been reviewed by legal counsel and that comments would be sent to NCWA and Yolo County for their consideration and inclusion in the comment and review processes, as well as a letter to Assemblymember Wolk expressing general support of the bill.

Mr. Schneider stated that the Regional Water Quality Control Board has concerns with language in the bill that would impact various policies and ongoing efforts. He stated that problematic language will likely be changed and he recommended the Board consider providing general support of the bill. The Board discussed the letter of support and its timing.

M/S/C approval to send the letter of support as proposed and with additional comments regarding needed language revisions.

NEW YEAR'S EVE STORM RECOVERY UPDATE AND CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

Mr. O'Halloran reported that the extended wet weather has precluded completion of distribution system repair work and that a continuation of emergency declaration was needed.

Mr. O'Halloran reported that:

- Recent storms had caused additional erosion problems.
- The Moore Siphon repairs and the Gibson check replacement were the critical items to complete.
- Irrigation season system capacity limitations may become an issue due to the delay in the normal crop planting schedule.
- Staff overtime work hours may be required once weather allows work to progress and

additional contractor work may be needed.

M/S/C approval to continue the emergency conditions declaration to the next Board meeting.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Stevenson provided an update on the District's Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) which is scheduled for completion in May 2006. He stated that there are five basic elements to the plan and include:

- Definition of plan area – which is essentially the area within the District's boundaries.
- A monitoring program – for water quality and quantity and for ground surface subsidence.
- Written protocols – which are provided in the District's existing Groundwater Monitoring Program Report (July 2004).
- Regional agency cooperation – which currently includes the Cities of Woodland and Davis, UC Davis, DWR, USGS, Yolo County, WRA, Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians and the Ag industry.
- Basin management objectives (BMO's) – for water quality, water quantity and ground subsidence.

He also stated that the next steps are to issue a Draft GWMP by mid April, hold a public hearing on May 2, 2006 and adopt the plan in June 2006.

Board and staff discussion followed on the public meeting, scheduling, a desired Farm Bureau presentation, mapping of well level and water quality data and timely notifications of anticipated problems derived from data assessments.

Mr. Bartkiewicz advised that preparation of the GWMP, although not a State requirement, was a condition of receipt of the State funding.

M/S/C approval to schedule a public hearing on the GWMP during the Board's regular meeting on May 2, 2006.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Vink reported that the water bond measures discussed at the recent NCWA board meeting would not be included in the June 2006 ballot, but could possibly be included in the November 2006 ballot. He also advised that emergency funding, in lieu of the June ballot measure, had passed in the State Senate but not yet in the Assembly.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bartkiewicz reported that the special water fees cited in recent ACWA Alerts were not

applicable to the District.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Activities: Mr. O'Halloran reported that he is working with the City of Woodland and County on a 2 year staff position at the District to address ongoing floodplain and Cache Creek flooding issues. Funding and agencies' support are critical as is completion of some projects within the two year period. He will bring a proposal to the Board next month.

Indian Valley Reservoir Activities: Ms. Reed reported the following:

- The campground restroom facilities are being reconstructed and the septic system replacement is underway.
- A new water line and a new electrical service line to the bathrooms have been installed.
- Bobby Watson returned to work as Damtender on April 1, 2006.
- The vehicles and trailers stored at the campground have been inventoried and a process to have them removed is underway.
- Short term goals have been set for Indian Valley Reservoir and include; the bathroom refurbishing, improving waste/trash removed and developing operational policies.

The Board and staff discussed matters related to future site operations.

Website Update: Ms. Reed provided materials showing the layout of the new District website which should be ready in about 2 weeks. The site will be updateable and plans are for a more powerful interface with customers and the public.

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update: Mr. O'Halloran reported that the WRA approved participating in a \$36,000 contract for the public relations aspect of the Woodland/Cache Creek flood management component of the IRWMP. Four agencies (YCFCWCD, WRA, Yolo County, City of Woodland) will fund the work which will seek to identify issues of concern.

He also reported:

- The IRWMP is on schedule.
- Approximately 90 project program actions have been identified and released.
- Prioritization criteria have been drafted.
- The Technical Committee is meeting every 2 weeks.
- January 2007 is the deadline for completion of the IRWMP.

Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions: Mr. O'Halloran provided an overview of current lake elevations, releases and storage volumes.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Board and staff discussed various aspects of the Cache Creek hydroelectric facility, the District's spring public tour, coordination with the Yolo-Zamora Water District for irrigation this

year, the May 25, 2006 Stewardship Award Luncheon and the District mapping program.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment:

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #35888-35900

Approval for payment of the USGS bill was given subject to verification of correct billing amount.

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

Bruce J. Rominger, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary