

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, May 2, 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 April 4, 2006 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 Consideration: Water Awareness Month Resolution.
- 7:12 5. Public Hearing: Groundwater Management Plan.
- 7:30 6. Board Consideration: Hiring Mercy Housing as a consultant for the Madison Flood Hazard Mitigation Project.
- 7:40 7. Board Consideration: Adoption of the District's 2006/2007 Budget.
- 8:10 8. Board Update and Consideration: New Year's Eve Storm Recovery Update and Continuation of Emergency Conditions.
- 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.

- 8:25 9. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:30 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) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update
c) Indian Valley Reservoir Activities
d) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 9:00 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.
- 9:05 12. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 9:10 13. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel Under Brown Act Section 54956.9(b) significant exposure to litigation involving two potential cases.
- 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 April 28, 2006.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 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 May 2, 2006 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Rominger convened the meeting with Directors Brice, Rominger, 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
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Supervisor
Dave Pratt

MINUTES

M/S/C approved the minutes of the April 4, 2006 Regular Board meeting as mailed.

OPEN FORUM

No comments were made.

WATER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. O'Halloran described the District's planned May Water Awareness Month activities which include: coordinating the annual area-wide poster contest, presenting the annual Water Conservation and Stewardship Award and possibly publishing a newsletter. He stated that the award would be presented at a luncheon on May 25, 2006 and that Steve Hall, Executive Director of Association of California Water Agencies, would be guest speaker.

M/S/C adoption of Resolution 06.06 Supporting the Education of Citizens On or About California's Complex Water Issues.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Chair Rominger opened a hearing after 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on the District's proposed Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP). He stated that the purpose of the hearing is to consider a proposed ordinance that adopts a groundwater management plan and public comments related to the plan and/or its adoption, and that the hearing was noticed in accordance

with law.

Mr. Stevenson then presented the highlights of the GWMP which included:

- A map of the County showing various features and the three groundwater basins within the District's boundaries that encompass the plan area.
- The new draft groundwater monitoring plan and the earlier, year 2004, monitoring plan.
- Cooperative efforts with numerous other agencies.
- Basin management objectives (BMOs) including triggers and actions regarding ground subsidence, groundwater levels and groundwater quality.

Mr. Stevenson then provided an overview of stakeholder outreach activities and the next steps in completing the GWMP. He stated that final comments on the draft plan were due by May 8, 2006 and that adoption of the plan would be considered at the Board's June 6, 2006 meeting.

Following Board and staff discussion, Chair Rominger asked for oral comments from the public present. Mr. Pratt asked whether conservation measures were included in the actions identified for the groundwater level BMO. Mr. Stevenson responded that conservation measures were not included and would be circumstance specific.

Chair Rominger then asked for written comments; none were presented. He then closed the public hearing. Board discussion followed. Ordinance 1-2006 will be brought back to the Board at the regular June Board meeting for proposed adoption.

MADISON FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT

Mrs. Barton outlined the proposal to contract with Mercy Housing California (MHC) which has been managing the District's Madison Flood Hazard Mitigation Project. She stated that the purpose of the contract is to ensure FEMA reimbursement of costs incurred for MHC services.

Board and staff discussion followed regarding various aspects of the project, its funding and the interest expressed by other Madison residents. Mr. O'Halloran and Board members stated that a written chronology of project milestones and out reach efforts was needed.

M/S/C approval of the contract with Mercy Housing California and the establishment of an escrow account for District project funds.

DISTRICT'S 2006/2007 BUDGET

Mr. O'Halloran described the budget preparation process and its use as a planning document and tool for financial control. He stated that his future goal is to tie the budget to policy recommendations and guidelines.

Mr. O'Halloran then presented an overview of the 2005/2006 operating and capitol budgets including comparison of initial projections and estimated ending balances for revenue; expenses and

capitol expenditures. Board and staff discussion accompanied the presentation.

Next Mr. O'Halloran gave both an overview and details of the proposed 2006/2007 budget on the topics of budget format, revenue and expense drivers and highlights, personnel positions, and capital contingency and improvements funds. He also provided a brief summary of the overall budget picture.

Directors Tadlock and Vink described the Board Finance Committee's budget review process and its recommendation for Board approval.

Board and staff discussion followed on budget topics including: staffing positions, redundancy and corporate knowledge transfer; Cache Creek Dam hydroelectric unit status; weather impacts on water sale revenue; adequacy of the contingency fund to support low water sale year situations; and other various matters.

M/S/C approval to adopt the proposed FY 2006/2007 budget.

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

Mr. O'Halloran stated that: the storm recovery work was not yet finished but was progressing well; FEMA representatives have made a favorable assessment of the District's project records; he is hopeful of receiving cost reimbursements from FEMA within the 94% to 96% range; the Moore Siphon head gate repair had some design adjustments and should be completed May 3, 2006; and that the repair work schedule required Board action to extend the emergency condition declaration.

M/S/C approval to continue the emergency conditions declaration for another month.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Vink reported Northern California Water Association (NCWA) is looking at taking a position on the Bay-Delta process and at the bill in the state legislature addressing a canal around the Delta. He requested that the Board appoint an alternate member as a representative to NCWA. The Board asked that committee assignments be addressed at its June meeting.

Director Tadlock reported that the Yolo-Zamora Irrigation District is receptive to increased District water deliveries via the China Slough. Mr. O'Halloran added that there is a potential for substantial water sales in the long term and that rules and procedures would need to be developed.

Director Scheuring reported that the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) will hold a public meeting on May 8, 2006 to obtain public input on the Intergrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Technical Committee's work which has identified over 120 water related actions. He also advised that the next step will be to integrate individual action items into a comprehensive package that will receive broad support and potential funding.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update:

Mr. O'Halloran reported that he is resigning as coordinator of the WRA Technical Committee but will continue to represent the District on the Committee. Director Scheuring complimented Mr. O'Halloran on keeping the Committee on schedule and within budget. Mr. O'Halloran stated that Jacques DeBra of the City of Davis will be interim coordinator and that remaining IRWMP tasks include completion of the written report and project ranking.

Indian Valley Reservoir Site Activities:

Mr. O'Halloran reported that: the campground restrooms are now open; Jen Reed will prepare goals and priorities for the site; the reservoir is full and above the 300,000 acre foot level; the hydroelectric generators have been running steady since the power line was repaired; the high reservoir had inundated the Lake County road along the north shore; the reservoir spillway gates were designed with safety features; and with the accuracy of weather forecasts received this winter he has a higher level of confidence in being able to optimize reservoir level operations.

Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions

Mr. O'Halloran reported on the releases from Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir and on the continuing water inflow to Cache Creek from tributaries below the dams.

He also reported that water delivery orders were being received and that the canal system was being brought into service.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

It was stated that while 450,000 acre feet of water was available in storage, 736,000 acre feet had flowed past Yolo on Cache Creek since January 1, 2006.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #36095-36110

CLOSED SESSION

The regular meeting was adjourned to Closed Session under:

Brown Act Section 54956.9(b) significant exposure to litigation involving two potential cases;

Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager Barton and Attorney Bartkiewicz.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The regular Board meeting was reconvened. Chair Rominger reported that during Closed Session the Board took no action.

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

Bruce J. Rominger, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary