

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, July 1, 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 May 13, 2008 and June 3, 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. Board Consideration: Setting a hearing to consider the recommendation of the 2008 Delinquency Report and related public comments.
- 7:15 5. Board Presentation: floodSAFE Yolo – pilot program.
- 7:30 6. Board Update: Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir seasonal water supply forecast.
- 7:40 7. Board Update: Review of District’s emergency response to the Walker Fire.
- 7:50 8. Board Update: Capay Dam Repair Project.

- 8:00 9. Board Update: Pilot Groundwater Pump Program status report.
- 8:10 10. 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 11. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:  
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:30 12. 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) County Water Proposals  
c) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:45 13. 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.
- 8:50 14. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:55 15. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the potential acquisition of Yolo Flyway Farms (452 acres) in southern Yolo County (APNs 033-220-49, 033-390-02, and 033-210-29). Instructions to the real property negotiator may include price, terms of payment, or both. (See Government Code Sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8)
- 9:28 16. Closed Session Report:  
Report action and vote, if any, taken in Closed Session.
- 9:30 17. 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 June 27, 2008.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 7:00 PM

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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 July 1, 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  
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor  
Stefan Lorenzato, Environmental Associate  
Jen Reed, Project Manager  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Board of Supervisors  
Don Rominger, Retired District Director  
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome

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

8.22 M/S/C approved minutes for the May 13, 2008, Regular Board Meeting as submitted, and the June 3, 2008, Regular Minutes as corrected.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

No items.

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

General Manager O'Halloran withdrew Agenda Item 8.

**4. BOARD PRESENTATION: Setting Hearing to consider 2008 Delinquency Report**

Assistant General Manager Barton reviewed the 2008 Delinquency Report and staff's recommends that the accounts be submitted to Yolo County for collection with property taxes and that the accounts be subjected to a 10% penalty and a \$1 fee for Yolo County.

8.23 M/S/C to set a hearing for 7:10 p.m. to consider the 2008 Delinquency and staff's recommendations.

**5. BOARD PRESENTATION: floodSAFE Yolo – pilot program**

General Manager O'Halloran and Project Manager Fran Borcalli shared their newest floodSAFE public presentation (given to the Water Resources Association of Yolo County earlier in the day), covering information on which the Board has been kept apprised.

O'Halloran noted that this presentation would set the stage for developing other public presentations. Chair Vink asked if public presentations would be an opportunity to obtain input from the public or used only for information dissemination. O'Halloran indicated the presentations would be for both purposes, and designed for different types of audiences and different levels of outreach. He added that the floodSAFE Yolo program was a technical product that would be handed over to the public and its political leadership to be used as a foundation for public decision-making and implementation. O'Halloran noted that it was important for floodSAFE to offer a complete and methodical analysis of all possible flood solutions, being open to all.

**6. BOARD UPDATE: Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir Seasonal Water Supply Forecast**

General Manager O'Halloran informed the Board that his last projection that the irrigation season might end around October 1 probably needs revising to the middle of September. While the District is delivering a bit under the District's historical average, supplies may not last as long as previously thought. O'Halloran emphasized the importance of keeping delivery customers informed of best estimates, and encouraging the use of groundwater pumping.

**7. BOARD UPDATE: Pilot Groundwater Pump Program Status Report**

(Originally Agenda Item 9)

General Manager O'Halloran indicated that the pilot groundwater pump program has been instructive because of difficulties presented by identifying and coordinating use of privately owned wells, determining the condition and appropriateness of wells, and maintaining and

repairing participating wells. While three wells have signed agreements to participate in the program, only two are serviceable at this time. The District may need to consider alternatives in the future, such as obtaining easements to place District wells for this program. Vice Chair Tadlock expressed concern about growers of permanent crops such as vineyards and orchards that may have no other water source. Director Rominger added that it would be helpful if growers could let the District know how they are planning to respond to the current supply situation.

#### **8. BOARD UPDATE: Review of District's emergency response to Walker Fire** (Originally Agenda Item 7)

General Manager O'Halloran referred to his comprehensive June 25 email to Board Members and other interested parties on the Walker Fire that began on June 22, 2008. He indicated that the coordinated response of District staff allowed the District to convert quickly to a manual dam management system, with no interruption of water deliveries. While telecommunications links were lost in the fire, the District has been able to access satellite communication systems, and the hydroelectric generation plant has been authorized to resume operations. No power poles were lost in the fire. Project Manager Reed indicated that the Walker Fire consumed 14,500 acres, but is 100% contained. Thirty bulldozers and helicopters have been employed in aggressive containment and mop up operations. Insurance inspectors are already inspecting damage. Lake County Office of Emergency Services helped escort campers to safety.

#### **9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

(Originally Agenda Item 10)

None.

General Manager noted that as back-up District representative for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA), he has become the District's only named representative since Director Scheuring's resignation from the Board. The next WRA meeting is scheduled for October 6, and O'Halloran suggested that it would be appropriate to have a Board Member named as the District's primary representative to the WRA before that time.

#### **10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

(Originally Agenda Item 11)

Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz announced that to date, there have been no state budgetary changes affecting District property tax income.

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

(Originally Agenda Item 12)

a. General Activities

O'Halloran will be making a public presentation on July 16 as part of the Yolo County 101 program.

b. County Water Proposals

Yolo County has acknowledged the need for facilitating a public process for considering changes to water management in the County, which is expected to begin in two months under the direction of a professional facilitator. This effort will be used to define the problems and to identify goals. O'Halloran feels the process has already stimulated

conversation and dialogue, and this discussion is healthy for the WRA, the local communities, and public leaders.

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

To date, there has been no need to rely on waiting lists, and the District is nearly out of the timeframe when such waiting lists would be necessary.

The District is currently releasing 430 cubic feet per second (cfs) from the Indian Valley Reservoir, of which 250 cfs is passing through the turbines. Because reduced reservoir levels create lower head for the water releases, less water is pushing through the turbines and penstock. As more head is lost, more efficiency is lost, and analysis will reveal at what point the hydroelectric plant should be shut off. O'Halloran stated the District is using this situation to improve its understanding of the relationship between hydroelectric operational efficiency and flow rates.

**12. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

(Originally Agenda Item 13)

Director Brice inquired about the progress of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on naming a replacement for former Director Scheuring. General Manager O'Halloran noted a nomination was coming to the Board of Supervisors from Supervisor Chamberlain for consideration on July 29.

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

(Originally Agenda Item 14)

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: # 40974, 40982-40996

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

(originally Agenda Item 15)

Chair Vink adjourned the meeting to closed session under Government Code Sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8 for a conference with the District's real property negotiator involving the potential acquisition of Yolo Flyway Farms, Inc. (APNs 033-220-49, 033-390-02, and 033-210-29) General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager Barton and District Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz attended the closed session.

**15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

(Originally Agenda Item 16)

Chair Vink reconvened the meeting to open session at 10:10 p.m., and stated that there was no action to report from the closed session.

**16. ADJOURN:**

(Originally Agenda Item 17)

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