

# **Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District**

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## **AGENDA Board Meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2004 7:00 P.M.**

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### **AGENDA**

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration:  
The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the August 3, 2004 Regular Board Meeting.
- 7:02 2. Open forum; Guest Introductions and Unscheduled Appearances  
Opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.  
Open forum will be limited to five minutes.
- 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 arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
- 7:10 4. Board Presentation: Chapman Reservoir Native Plant Enhancement Project  
Staff from Audubon California's Landowner Stewardship Program and the Center for Land-based Learning's SLEWS program have been working with District staff to develop a Chapman Reservoir Native Plant Enhancement Project. The Board will receive a presentation on these efforts.
- 7:30 5. University Canal Operation & Maintenance Alternatives Report:  
The Board will receive a status report on continuing discussions regarding the long-term viability of operating and maintaining the University Canal. A representative of the University of California, Davis will participate in this report.
- 8:00 6. Wild & Scenic Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report:  
The Wild & Scenic Ad Hoc Subcommittee will report on any activities related to potential Wild & Scenic Legislation.

- 8:20 7. Annual Work Plan and Water Management Plan Update Report:  
District Staff and representatives of Wood Rodgers and Davids Engineering will report to the Board on Annual Work Plan and Water Management Plan Update activities.
- 8:50 8. Board Consideration: Clear Lake Hydrilla Eradication Program.  
The Board will consider approval of a funding contract with the Department of Food and Agriculture to assist its Clear Lake Hydrilla Eradication Program.
- 8:55 9. Proposed Water Rights Fees Report:  
District Counsel will report to the Board on the new fee schedule proposed by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- 9:00 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.
- 9:10 11. General Manager's Report:  
The Board will receive a report from the General Manager regarding current general activities and projects of the District.
- 9:20 12. Operations and Maintenance Report:  
The Board will receive a status report on the previous month's operation and maintenance activities.
- 9:30 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.
- 9:35 14. Board Consideration:  
The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 9:40 15. Closed Session:  
The Board will confer with legal Counsel under:  
  
Brown Act Section 54956.9(b) significant exposure to litigation involving  
(two) potential cases.
- 10:00 16. 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 September 3, 2004.

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 7, 2004

The regular September meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 7, 2004 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chairman Vink convened the meeting with Directors Brice, Eoff, Scheuring and Rominger present. Also in attendance were:

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Mike Horgan, Engineer  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel  
Fran Borcalli, Consulting Engineer  
Grant Davids, Davids Engineering  
Gary Sandy, Gary Sandy Communications

**Members of the Public**

Lynnel Pollock, Yolo County Supervisor  
Don Rominger, Retired District Director  
Chad Roberts, Yolo Audubon  
Vance Russell, Audubon California  
Bob Schneider, Cache Creek Wild

**MINUTES**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the August 3, 2004 Regular Board meeting as corrected.

**OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Schneider raised a concern that a recent District Ad Hoc Committee meeting with two Lake County Supervisors and staff did not receive public notice. While that specific meeting, per legal counsel, did not require public notice, the Board affirmed its intent to maintain open meetings.

**CHANGES TO THE POSTED AGENDA**

Mr. O'Halloran reported that an item, which required Board consideration prior to the next Regular Board meeting, had come to the District after the posting of the agenda. The item was a request for a letter of support for a California Audubon grant proposal.

M/S/C by a 5/5 vote determined that the need to take action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted and approved adding the item to the agenda.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA AUDUBON GRANT PROPOSAL**

Vance Russell of Audubon California requested a letter of support for a grant proposal to the

Wildlife Conservation Board. The Conservation Incentives Building Project is designed to build on the model of collaboration between landowners, agencies and non-governmental organizations to restore wildlife habitat on working family ranches and farms.

Mr. Russell provided a written project description that explained the basis and goals of the program. Board discussion followed.

M/S/C authorized the General Manager to send a letter of general support for the Audubon's grant proposal.

### **CHAPMAN RESERVOIR NATIVE PLANT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

The Board received a presentation from Mr. O'Halloran and Mr. Russell on the status of the Chapman Reservoir Native Plant Enhancement Project. Staff from Audubon California's Landowner Stewardship Program and the Center for Land-based Learning's Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship program have been working with District staff to develop an implementation plan for this work.

The purpose of the project is to enhance wildlife habitat and help stabilize the banks around the District's reservoir.

A written draft of the plan was provided and discussed. Plan elements include an overview, purpose and objectives, existing site conditions, roles and responsibilities of the project partners, work tasks and time line. Cost is anticipated to be about \$20,000 with funding split between the District (cash, in-kind labor and equipment) and Audubon California (CalFed System Restoration Program grant). No changes in reservoir operation will be required. Plantings will include native grasses, bushes and trees. Poor soil at the site will present a challenge.

Board members requested that a survey to identify the existing site biology be performed and that an estimate of avoided costs be made.

### **UNIVERSITY CANAL**

Mr. O'Halloran provided a status report on continuing discussions regarding the long-term viability of operating and maintaining the University Canal. UC Davis, as the canal owner, wishes to transfer its existing interests to the District and to obtain a right-of-way for equipment traffic along the canal. The Glide Foundation, as the adjacent landowner, wants the District to take over canal ownership but has concerns regarding a UC Davis right-of-way. The District, as canal operator, is concerned with the balance of income received and expenses incurred as well as risks associated with the canal ownership and operations. For the period of 2000 through 2004 (to date) total water income has been \$122,000 and expenses \$169,000.

The Board discussed various alternative actions it could take and the associated risks. The matter will be presented to the Infrastructure Committee for review prior to being considered further by the Board.

### **CACHE CREEK WILD AND SCENIC**

Mr. O'Halloran briefly highlighted the Cache Creek Wild and Scenic matters discussed at the prior Board meeting. He then presented information on historic and current flow regimes in the creek and discussed the District's method of managing its water supply. Mr. O'Halloran then reported on matters discussed at the last meeting with Assemblywoman Lois Wolk regarding proposed State Wild and Scenic (W&S) Legislation. These included the need for identifying economic effects of W&S Legislation, the W&S designation effect of barring future dams on the creek, ramifications of a lack of W&S designation, conversion to a federal W&S designation and other matters. Assemblywoman Wolk committed to more meetings to discuss these and other issues in depth.

Director Scheuring discussed the possibility of Board action to go on record regarding W&S Legislation. The W&S Subcommittee will address this issue and report to the Board.

Mr. O'Halloran will seek clarification on various issues from Assemblywoman Wolk's office.

### **ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. O'Halloran, Mr. Borcalli of Wood Rodgers and Mr. Grant Davids of Davids Engineering reported to the Board on the Annual Work Plan and the District's Water Management Plan Update.

Mr. O'Halloran outlined the effort to prepare a comprehensive water management plan update that will incorporate the work plan items, conjunctive use initiatives, infrastructure improvements and short-term system improvements. It is intended to provide a comprehensive District operations management strategy.

Mr. Davids stated that the plan update taking shape will integrate operational, agricultural and environmental needs.

Mr. Borcalli stated the District's October 2000 Water Management Plan provided guidance for the District on the next steps to be taken and the plan update will expand coverage to include operational issues. A revised plan will also provide a better basis on which to facilitate obtaining outside funding for projects.

Director Scheuring asked about potential impacts on the District's immediate-need projects. Mr. O'Halloran responded that work will continue on required infrastructure work and projects that make sense.

### **CLEAR LAKE HYDRILLA ERADICATION PROGRAM**

Mrs. Barton provided background information on the Department of Food and Agriculture's Clear Lake Hydrilla Eradication Program as well as their request for continued District financial support in FY 2004 and for payment of the District's 2003 commitment. The latter, while previously approved by the Board, could not be paid due to the absence of a contract with the State Department of Food and Agriculture.

The Board requested additional information on the status of the program and budget of the State for this work before giving further consideration to the requests.

### **PROPOSED WATER RIGHTS FEES**

Mr. Bartkiewicz reported the State Water Resources Control Board has set the coming year's schedule of fees to fund the Division of Water Rights. The fees will apply to the District's Indian Valley Reservoir supply.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Eoff reported on the last Northern California Water Association meeting. The only agenda item covered was the Term 91 Regulation. It requires State water right permittees, under certain conditions, to cease diversions to maintain Delta water quality. This regulation does not affect the District. El Dorado Irrigation District has won a decision on this matter based upon Area of Origin rights; however, the State Water Resources Control Board is appealing that decision.

Director Brice reported Mr. O'Halloran's presentation on the District to the Yolo Basin Area Working Group was very well received.

Director Vink reported that the Conaway JPA meeting was held on August 25, 2004 and the District/Yolo County 2X2 meeting was held on August 26, 2004. Both groups are scheduled to meet again in September.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. O'Halloran reported on the upcoming September 18, 2004 Cache Creek Clean-up Day. It will begin at the Cache Creek Conservancy at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Sandy stated that the event can provide good community relations. Director Vink encouraged participation. Mr. O'Halloran also reported that:

- The Board trip to the ACWA Fall Conference in Palm Springs will be coordinated with a visit to the Imperial Irrigation District.
- The Water Resources Association of Yolo County ("WRA") has distributed the Integrated Water Management Plan for comments.
- The WRA Technical Committee has been charged to develop a detailed list of options for the future of the WRA organization; as he is heavily involved in this process, he asked for an Ad Hoc Board Committee to act as a sounding board on this issue; Directors Vink and Scheuring volunteered.
- The District's booth at the Yolo County Fair was a success; Mr. O'Halloran thanked Mr. Gary Sandy for his work on it.

### **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Mr. O'Halloran advised that:

- The end of the irrigation season is approaching and that water releases will end sometime in late October or early November.

- He will meet with water users in the near future to discuss customer needs, maintenance requirements and prospective water shut off dates.

### **DIRECTOR'S GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Director Scheuring requested that the District review the Capay Hills Golf Club Draft EIR and address the impacts of drought conditions. Supervisor Pollock stated that the EIR comment period may be extended and that the Yolo County Planning Commission will hear the matter in late October.

### **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #32329, 32420-32429

### **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, District Engineer Horgan, and Attorney Bartkiewicz. Mr. Horgan left after the first item.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

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

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

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Erik Vink, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary