

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

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## **AGENDA Special Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 August 2, 2005 5:30 P.M.**

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## **AGENDA**

- 5:30      1. Convene meeting at District office for departure to Capay Dam.
- 6:00      2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances and opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.
- 6:05      3. Site tour of the Capay Dam with District staff to view the Capay Dam including access road from the West Adams side of the dam. This tour is for informational purposes only. No action will take place. **[The public is welcome to attend this tour. Due to limited vehicle access at the site, the Board and members of the public must meet at the District office in order to carpool to the site.]**
- 6:30      4. Departure from Capay Dam for District office.
- 6:50      5. Adjourn

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 July 29, 2005.

By:

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Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 2, 2005

The regular August meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 7:00 p.m. on August 2, 2005 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Brice convened the meeting with Directors Scheuring, Rominger and Vink present. Also in attendance were:

### **District Staff and Consultants**

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Mike Horgan, Engineer  
Jennifer Reed, Project Manager  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Ryan Bezzera, Legal Counsel  
Francis Borcalli, Engineering Consultant

### **Members of the Public**

Bob Schneider, Cache Creek Wild  
David Pratt  
Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Supervisor  
Don Rominger, Retired District Director  
Frank Sieferman, Sr., Past Yolo County Supervisor  
Lynell Pollock, Past Yolo County Supervisor  
Petrea Marchand, Yolo County  
George Phillips, Conaway Preservation Group  
Steve Gidaro, Conaway Preservation Group  
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### **MINUTES**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the July 5, 2005 Regular and July 5, 2005 Special Board meetings as mailed.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Chair Brice acknowledged the members of the public in attendance.

## **CONAWAY RANCH**

Mr. O'Halloran introduced representatives of the Conaway Preservation Group (CPG) who had requested an opportunity to address the Board regarding their plans for the Conaway Ranch property. Mr. Phillips, on behalf of the group, stated the CPG owns the Conaway Ranch and they have been speaking to various groups about its activities. He stated that:

- The CPG ownership consists primarily of developers and includes one non-profit organization;
- The group was interested in purchasing the ranch prior to the initiation of the eminent domain process by Yolo County;
- The group is made up of waterfowl enthusiasts;
- The partners are pursuing farming, and wildlife activities, and are seeking conservation and habitat easements for income; and
- They have no intention to develop the ranch.

Mr. Phillips described CPG's objections to the Yolo County condemnation process and to AB 1747. He asked the District to reconsider its support for AB 1747 on the basis that no court decision has yet confirmed Yolo County's right to use eminent domain to acquire the ranch property.

The Board raised a number of questions, to which Mr. Phillips responded:

- CPG has no interest in selling water outside of Yolo County;
- CPG is willing to meet with the County to work out ways for CPG to keep the property and meet Yolo County's needs;
- Area wide mitigation easements/credits and flood protection values are income options should conservation easement sales fail; and
- Possibility of easement sales during eminent domain proceedings is questionable.

Mr. Gidaro stated that CPG is asking folks to stay neutral and neither support nor oppose AB 1747 at this time.

## **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:48 p.m., Chair Brice opened the public hearing on the District's intention to prepare a groundwater management plan.

Mr. Stevenson described the process to bring the District's current Water Management Plan (WMP) into compliance with AB 3030 and SB 1938. With a compliant Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP), the District would become eligible to receive State funding from the Department of Water

Resources. Public input, Basin Management Objectives (BMOs) and documentation are some of the components needed to bring the WMP into compliance for a GWMP.

Mr. Stevenson outlined current District groundwater activities which include:

- Conducting over 640 well water level measurements per year;
- Preparation of an annual groundwater conditions report;
- Annual water quality monitoring within the District and outside the cities;
- Completion of an AB 303 report in 2004;
- Water well owner outreach;
- Well location mapping;
- Water resources information data base creation; and
- Groundwater modeling.

Chair Brice then opened the hearing to the public. She stated the purpose of the hearing was to give persons interested in the opportunity to present their comments to the Board and that notice had been given as required by law. She then requested comments from the public.

Mrs. Marchand and Mr. Schneider complimented the District on its action to pursue a compliant GWMP.

Ms. Pollock stated that the District's work was being well coordinated with the countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. She also asked about the area for which the District would prepare GWMP components. Mr. Stevenson advised that the area to be used would be within the District's boundaries. He also advised that additional areas can be added and that draft BMOs would be developed through the public input process.

Chair Brice asked if any person had provided oral or written comments to the office prior to the meeting. Nothing had been received. Board discussion followed on various aspects of GWMP development.

There being no further comment to be received, the public hearing was closed.

**M/S/C adoption of Resolution 05.10 of Intention to Prepare a Groundwater Management Plan.**

### **BOARD SELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. O'Halloran outlined recommended modifications to the existing Rules of Proceedings' (ROP) Rule 1 that would establish a procedure for cycling a new Board appointee into the rotation for officers of the Board and would update ROP language regarding titles.

**M/S/C adoption of the recommended changes to ROP Rule 1 and an overall update of the Proceedings changing all references from Chairman and Vice-Chairman to Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.**

### **ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA)**

Mr. O'Halloran advised that the District had received a request for support from Glen Peterson of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, for his nomination for Vice-President of ACWA. He also reported on Mr. Peterson's qualifications.

Board discussion followed.

**M/S/C** adopted Resolution 05.11 supporting the Nomination of Glen Peterson for Vice-President of ACWA.

### **INDIAN VALLEY DAM EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

Mrs. Barton reported that the District recently conducted both tabletop and functional tests (as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) of its Indian Valley Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP) procedures. She advised that the tests were well received and constructive.

She also reported that the EAP is reviewed and tested annually and that a full tabletop exercise with other agencies participating is required every 5 years.

Board discussion followed.

### **WINTERS CANAL LINER FAILURE STATUS**

Mr. Horgan provided a status report on the Winters Canal liner resolution process. He stated that since legal counsel has advised that pursuit of breach of contract monetary damages would probably be unsuccessful unless the District first allows the contractor an opportunity to replace the liner. Staff is currently assessing potential replacement sites. He also stated that staff is looking at potential alternatives to District acceptance of a replacement liner.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Brice provided an update on activities of the personnel committee.

Director Scheuring advised that the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) Technical Committee continues to work on the IRWMP. He also reported on the upcoming State Assembly Water, Park & Wildlife Committee hearing to discuss City of Woodland flood control issues.

Director Vink reported that the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) is preparing a \$40 million IRWMP.

Board discussion followed regarding the impacts of NCWA's efforts on the WRA's similar project and on

availability of implementation funding.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Bezzera reported that: SB 1328 was being considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee; AB 1747 was on the floor; and SB 820 was in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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

Special Board Meeting of August 2, 2005: Mr. O'Halloran highlighted the earlier tour of the Capay Dam and West Adams Canal facilities. The tour included stops along the canal, the Hungry Hollow Canal heading and the Capay Dam. At the dam, Mr. Horgan provided an overview of the 2003 work to repair a failed portion of the dam apron and the erosion along the downstream edge of the apron.

General Activities: Mr. O'Halloran advised that District ditchtenders have reported recent occurrences of customers using District water without placing orders. He stated that the District Rules and Regulations will need to be enforced and that a notice to customers about the requirements will be prepared to inform those who are unaware.

Madison Wall Update: Mrs. Barton advised that Yolo County has received a verbal time extension for retention of the Madison flood wall from the new landowner.

Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions: Mr. O'Halloran provided an overview of current operations, maintenance and water conditions. He advised that, due to this year's weather patterns, water sales income would be about \$200,000 less than the budgeted amount.

Board and staff discussion followed on projected income, general water storage, carry-over storage and flood pool requirements.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Bezzera reported on Mr. O'Halloran's recent participation in National Public Radio program on water issues.

Chair Brice asked whether the District was continuing with its newsletter. Mr. O'Halloran stated that a consultant will be preparing a newsletter on a quarterly basis.

Director Vink requested a future presentation on invasive plant species affecting the District's water facilities.

Chair Brice requested a presentation on the Colusa Basin Drain study.

### **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #34235, 34317, 34353-34365

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

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Ann T. Brice, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary