

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## AGENDA

- 7:00      1.      Consideration: Re-authorize Teleconference Meetings as a Result of the COVID-19 Emergency
- 7:05      2.      Consideration: Adoption of the November 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 7:07      3.      Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances, opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items
- 7:12      4.      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.
- 7:15      5.      Consideration: Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Winter Water Right
- 7:30      6.      Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 7:40      7.      Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District
- 7:45      8.      General Manager's Report: Report regarding current general activities and projects of the District  
a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions  
b) Financial Report  
c) Capital Improvement Program  
d) YSGA Update  
e) General Activities  
f) Upcoming Events

- 8:05      9.      General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:10      10.     Consideration: Consider the approval and the payment of bills
- 8:15      11.     Adjourn

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I declare that the foregoing agenda was posted at the office of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA on December 3, 2021.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristin Sicke, General Manager

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 7, 2021

ITEM #: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration: Re-authorize Teleconference Meetings as a Result of the COVID-19 Emergency

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATED OR  
PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke  
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION  
 ACTION:  MOTION  
 RESOLUTION

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**BACKGROUND:**

Yolo County health officer has recommended that local government boards, commissions, and councils continue to meet remotely given the continued threat of COVID-19. Assembly Bill 361 passed in September 2021, which allows virtual board meetings to continue until January 1, 2024. In order to meet remotely, government agencies must make findings every 30 days that the existing state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person, or state officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend that the Board 1) find that, as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and 2) hold meetings by teleconference as authorized by subdivision (e)(1)(C) of Section 54953 of the Government Code.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 7, 2021

ITEM #: 2

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adoption of the November 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATED OR  
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION  
 ACTION:  MOTION  
 RESOLUTION

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**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to Section 54957.5 of the Brown Act, copies of the draft minutes are available to the public on the District's website and at the District office prior to their approval.

In advance of the Board meeting, staff request the Directors notify staff if a correction is needed in the draft minutes to clarify a substantial point or to correct content. Staff will make the appropriate change(s) and submit the revised draft for review to the Board and the public at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District staff recommend the adoption of the attached minutes with any corrections.



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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 7:00 PM**

**YCFC&WCD Offices  
34274 State Highway 16  
Woodland, CA 95695**

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Due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to the [AB 361 \(Government Code section 54953\(e\)\)](#), the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) was agendized to allow Board members, staff, and the public to participate in the meeting via teleconference. The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 remotely via GoToMeeting. Chair Rominger convened the meeting. The following people were remotely in attendance:

### District Board

Bruce Rominger, Chair  
Erik Vink, Vice Chair  
Tom Barth  
Mary Kimball  
Jim Mayer

### District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager  
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager

### Members of the Public

Jim Barrett  
Dave Pratt  
Lee Smith  
Shane Tucker

**1. CONSIDERATION: Re-authorize Teleconference Meetings as a Result of COVID-19 Emergency**

District staff recommended the Board find that, as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to health and safety of attendees and recommend the Board hold meetings by teleconference as authorized by Section 54953 (e)(1)(C) of Government Code.

M/S/C found that, as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to health and safety of attendees and as authorized by Government Code Section 54953 (e)(1)(C) meetings will be held by teleconference.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**2. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the October 5, 2021 regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3. OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments during the open forum.

**4. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**5. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Barth reported on participating in the YSGA's Hungry Hollow area community meeting on October 7, the YSGA's Special Board of Directors meeting on October 11, and the District's meeting with Clearlake Oaks County Water District on November 1 to begin contract negotiations for a revised water supply agreement.

Director Kimball reported on participating in the District's Infrastructure Committee meeting on October 12.

Director Mayer reported on NCWA's upcoming meetings of interest related to dry year scenario planning and groundwater recharge on the Westside of the Sacramento Valley: November 12 and December 13, respectively.

Chair Rominger reported on participating in the Infrastructure Committee meeting as well, and on attending NCWA's Celebrate the Sacramento Valley reception at Matchbook on October 21.

## **6. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**

There was no report from Legal Counsel.

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

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the October 31, 2021 financial statements report were quickly reviewed, and the actual FY 2021/2022 Budget was compared to the projected FY 2021/2022 Budget.
- c) YSGA Update – An overview of recent YSGA meetings and GSP-related tasks was discussed. A brief review of the public comments received on the draft Yolo Subbasin GSP was provided.
- d) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects both in-house and coordinated with other agencies was reviewed.
- e) The following upcoming events were announced:
  1. November 3: YSGA Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee Meeting (GoToMeeting)
  2. November 4: Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee Meeting (Zoom)
  3. November 4: CII November Board meeting (Zoom)
  4. November 5: YCF&WCD Personnel Committee Meeting (District Boardroom)
  5. November 5: WRA TC Ad Hoc Drought Task Force Meeting (GoToMeeting)
  6. November 8: WRA/YSGA Executive Committee Meetings (GoToMeeting)
  7. November 9: Sites Discussion with RD 108 and Sites JPA (Zamora)
  8. November 10: Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee Meeting (Zoom)
  9. November 12: NCWA 2022 "Scenario Planning" and Dry Year Review (Zoom)
  10. November 15: WRA/YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (GoToMeeting)
  11. November 17: Yolo County Farm Bureau Realtor Seminar (YCFB)
  12. November 17: Cache Creek Capacity Analysis Check-in Meeting
  13. November 23: Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting (Zoom)
  14. November 29-December 2: ACWA 2021 Fall Conference (Pasadena)

## **8. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

During the general discussion, Assistant General Manager Stevenson announced his desire to take a new job opportunity at Solano County Water Agency as the Putah Creek Streamkeeper. He thanked the Board for all of their support during his time at the District, and promised to still keep in touch.

Chair Rominger thanked Stevenson for his 17 years of service and recognized the accomplishments and contributions he has made to the District. Rominger said he looks forward to the District's partnership with Stevenson's new role in the future.

Director Kimball thanked Stevenson and said she looks forward to working with him at Center for Land-Based Learning and with the SLEWS Program.

Director Vink mentioned that it was hard to imagine doing work at the District without Stevenson and he greatly appreciates what Stevenson's done for the District. He said that Putah Creek is in good hands.

Director Mayer acknowledged this tremendous opportunity for Stevenson to put his ecological background to good use and he celebrated the proximity of Stevenson's new watershed to the District.

Director Barth also celebrated and appreciated Stevenson's contributions to the District and community and mentioned that his depth of knowledge would be greatly missed.

**9. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 60547-60555.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Rominger, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Title: General Manager (Government Code 54954.5(e) and 54957)

**11. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Chair Rominger reported that the Board of Directors and General Manager Sicke were in attendance during the Closed Session Item and that there was nothing to report at this time.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Bruce J. Rominger, Chair

ATTEST:

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Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 7, 2021

ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Consideration: Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Winter Water Right

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATED OR  
PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke  
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  
 DIRECTION

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**BACKGROUND:**

Over the past 6 years, the District has applied for and received a Temporary Permit for diverting excess storm flows for groundwater recharge. The 180-day Temporary Permit is appropriate for short-term projects where an urgent need exists, and the District has greatly appreciated the State Water Board's streamlined process as part of Governor Brown's Executive Orders [B-36-15](#) and [B-39-17](#). The State Water Board has requested that the District consider a suitable long-term plan for diverting excess flows for groundwater recharge and assess whether a standard permit is appropriate for the District's needs.

District staff are requesting the Board's assistance in evaluating the best mechanism for defensibly diverting excess storm flows for groundwater recharge. Staff recommend the Board form an ad hoc committee to consider the appropriate District winter water right, which will include an assessment of the District's existing pre-1914 water rights and the process involved in obtaining a long-term standard permit.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend the Board form an ad hoc committee to consider the appropriate District winter water right.