

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting Tuesday, August 3, 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:  
The Board will receive a presentation from Chris Leininger, a Deer Creek landowner (Butte County), discussing the development of a Deer Creek Watershed Conservancy. While the Deer Creek watershed encompasses a different set of issues and circumstances than the Cache Creek Watershed, the Board had expressed an interest in hearing how other stakeholder groups had organized their watershed efforts.
- 7:40 5. Board Presentation:  
The Board will receive a presentation from representatives of Luhdorff & Scalmanini regarding the District's AB 303 Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program and Data Management System.

- 8:20 6. Board Consideration:  
The Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to enter into two separate agreements with Wi-Fi Matrix.
- a) To install high-speed wireless network in furtherance of implementing a District-wide telemetry network.
  - b) A royalty agreement to allow Wi-Fi Matrix to utilize the District's wireless network to provide broadband internet service.
- 8:45 7. Board Consideration: Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code. The Board will consider changes to the determination form.
- 8:50 8. Board Presentation:  
The Board will receive a status report on the University Ditch Emergency Repair Project.
- 9:10 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.
- 9:20 10. Wild & Scenic Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report:  
The Wild & Scenic Ad Hoc Subcommittee will report on any activities related to potential Wild & Scenic Legislation.
- 9:25 11. General Manager's Report:  
The Board will receive a report from the General Manager regarding current general activities and projects of the District.
- 9:30 12. Operations and Maintenance Report:  
The Board will receive a status report on the previous month's operation and maintenance activities.
- 9:40 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.
- 9:45 14. Board Consideration:  
The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 9:50 15. Closed Session:  
The Board will confer with legal Counsel under:  
  
Brown Act Section 54956.9(b) significant exposure to litigation involving (three) potential cases.
- 10:30 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 July 29, 2004.

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

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2004

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 3, 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, District Engineer  
Ryan Bezzera, Legal Counsel  
Gary Sandy, Gary Sandy Communications

### **Members of the Public**

Jan Lowrey, Cache Creek Conservancy  
Lynnel Pollock, Yolo County Supervisor  
Duane Chamberlain, District Water User  
Vicki Kretsinger, Luhdorff & Scalmanini  
Debbie Cannon, Luhdorff & Scalmanini  
Spencer Defty, Diamond D  
Lance Cason, WiFi Matrix  
Chris Leininger, Deer Creek Watershed  
Michael Lamb, WiFi Matrix

### MINUTES

M/S/C approved the minutes of the July 6, 2004 Regular Board meeting as mailed.

### OPEN FORUM

Lynnel Pollock invited all present to the Capay Open Space Park dedication on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at County Road 85 and Cache Creek.

### DEER CREEK WATERSHED

Chris Leininger, a Deer Creek landowner in Tehama County, discussed the development of the Deer Creek Watershed Plan. The 290 square mile watershed is primarily privately owned. Deer Creek has salmon and steelhead fish and its water rights are fully adjudicated. Ms. Leininger stated that the Watershed Management Plan was developed as a better alternative to efforts to designate the creek as Wild and Scenic. Major efforts were required to bring landowners, government agencies, elected officials, and environmental interest together, research existing information, develop data, refute misconceptions, address concerns, build trust and complete a Memorandum of Understanding. A common purpose of the stakeholders was to prohibit dams and water impoundments on the creek.

Education and outreach was the most critical element of the plan process.

The plan was based upon U.S. Forest Service documents and cost \$250,000. Funding came from various government agencies and local sources.

### **AB 303 GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROGRAM**

Vicki Kretsinger of Luhdorff & Scalmanini provided a detailed summary of AB 303 Groundwater Monitoring Program and Data Management System Report. The report was finalized in July 2004, submitted to the State Department of Water Resources and distributed to project stakeholders. It formalized a long recognized need for a county-wide groundwater quality monitoring program and centralized data acquisition and management system.

Report development encompassed public participation, well owner cooperation, existing data analysis, designation of the project area, groundwater sub basins and aquifer zones, water levels and quality program creation, data base construction, and baseline groundwater quality sampling. State legislation was reviewed and applicable components were incorporated. Some noted benefits of the project included creation of a data repository, identification of data gaps, assessment of groundwater quality trends, clarification of sub basin areas and expansion of the Capay Valley groundwater level monitoring network.

The Report also provides findings and recommendations which identify beneficial information derived from the analyses performed and provides guidance for further actions to improve and enhance the groundwater monitoring and data program. The continuation of program activities is crucial to the creation of long term benefits.

### **WI-FI AGREEMENT**

Mr. O'Halloran introduced a proposal for the District to enter into two separate agreements with Wi-Fi Matrix a telecommunications company from Roseville:

- 1) To install a high-speed wireless network in furtherance of implementing a District-wide telemetry network; and
- 2) A royalty agreement to allow Wi-Fi Matrix to utilize the District's wireless network to provide broadband internet service.

The former will provide the District with a district-wide communication system needed for improved water delivery management. Investigation of various options has led to the selection of a high speed wireless wide area network as the most effective and technically appropriate alternative and Wi-Fi Matrix as the vendor. Lance Cason, Chief Operations Officer of Wi-Fi Matrix, outlined and discussed the facilities and equipment needed to provide a backbone system connecting the District office, in phases, to Bald Mountain, Walker Ridge and the Capay Dam; Walker Ridge and Indian Valley; and Chapman Reservoir. The project schedule, work tasks, and costs per phase were also presented. Total installation will cost no more than \$135,000. Payments will be made following demonstration of successful operation of each phase. Maintenance expenses will be developed once final selection of equipment is completed.

The second agreement presents an opportunity to recoup the District's investment in the communications network over a prospective four year period, but is not required for execution of the former. Wi-Fi anticipates a significant demand for high speed internet service in the rural community. Mr. O'Halloran discussed the principles that are covered in this agreement:

- 1) Royalty arrangements; and
- 2) Separation between District and Wi-Fi Maxtrix responsibilities and interests; and
- 3) Facility ownership rights; and
- 4) District business information confidentiality.

Both Board and public discussion ensued regarding needs, service area, options, anticipated benefits and prospective short comings of both proposals. Mr. Schneider commented that he recognized the importance of the District's efforts to improve water use efficiency and that there is a need to insure the environment is not harmed in the process. The agreement will provide for a 30-day notice cancellation by either party.

M/S/C authorized the General Manager to enter into two separate agreements with Wi-Fi Matrix for:

- 1) Installation of a high-speed wireless network in furtherance of implementing a District-wide telemetry network; and
- 2) A royalty agreement to allow Wi-Fi Matrix to utilize the District's wireless network to provide broadband internet service.

#### **BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

Mrs. Barton reviewed the requirement to conduct a biennial review of the District's Conflict of Interest Code. Law changes require a minor modification to the District's current policy.

M/S/C the acceptance of the proposed changes and authorize staff to provide Yolo County with the District's revised policy.

#### **UNIVERSITY DITCH EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT PRESENTATION**

Mr. O'Halloran described the recent University Canal leaks and emergency work required to repair the problem. UC Davis, Putah Creek Stream Keeper and adjacent farmers were notified and kept informed of the project. Pictures of the leak and the various stages of repair activities were shown. Construction was performed by Diamond D Engineering in coordination with District operations staff and the engineering firm of Wood Rodgers, Inc. The existing leaking pipe and concrete lined canal were replaced with new 36 inch diameter gasket reinforced concrete pipe and new concrete lining. Total cost is expected to be approximately \$100,000.

Spencer Defty of Diamond D Engineering complimented District staff on their actions during the repair work.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Eoff reported on the July Northern California Water Association (NCWA) meeting which covered CalFed activities including proposed fees and the group's position on that matter. NCWA will study past usage of CalFed funding by NCWA members.

Director Scheuring reported on the recent Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) meeting which included an update of the IWMP and a presentation on the District's AB 303 Groundwater Monitoring Program. The WRA Technical Committee will provide a recommendation on restructuring the WRA at a forthcoming meeting.

Director Vink summarized the Board's pleasure with Mr. O'Halloran's performance during the past year. He also expressed appreciation for the July 13, 2004 field tours given to Board members. A 2X2 meeting with Yolo County Supervisors was held on July 22, 2004 and the next one will be August 26, 2004. No Conaway JPA meeting was held in July; the next one is scheduled in September.

## **WILD & SCENIC REPORT**

Mr. O'Halloran advised that he will attend Assemblywoman Wolk's roundtable meeting on Cache Creek Wild & Scenic, Friday, August 6, 2004.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. O'Halloran briefly discussed:

- The recent Board field tour;
- The ongoing District work plan;
- The status of the data management plan;
- District personnel – human resource action plan for the next year;
- The conjunctive use/water management plan, including possible study funding by CalFed and RCD involvement.

## **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Mr. O'Halloran reported on the previous month's releases from storage, and operation and maintenance activities. The latter included information on the high demand for irrigation water from the Yolo Central Canal, actions to increase capacity, elimination of the customer waiting list and the change in crop types served by the canal. A serious back log of maintenance continues.

Discussion followed on annual storage available from Clear Lake and the controlling Solano Decree.

## **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #31606, 31633, 32252-32258

**CLOSED SESSION**

The regular meeting was adjourned to Closed Session under:

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

Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant General Manager Barton, District Engineer Horgan, and Attorney Bezzera. Mr. Horgan left after the second 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