

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting Tuesday, February 1, 2005 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the January 4, 2005 Regular Board Meeting.
- 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. Wild & Scenic Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report and Discussion: The Wild & Scenic Ad Hoc Subcommittee will report on and discuss current activities related to potential State Wild & Scenic legislation.
- 7:50 5. Conaway Ranch JPA Report: The District's representatives to the JPA will report on recent JPA activities.
- 8:00 6. 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.

- 8:10 7. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:
- a) The Brown Act's intent and requirements and the District Rules of Proceeding which assists the Board's in complying with the Brown Act.
 - b) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:20 8. General Manager's Report and Recommendations: 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) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
 - c) Winters Lining Project Update
 - d) Indian Valley Report
 - e) Water Management Plan Update
 - f) Off-Season Maintenance and Construction Program (**Board Consideration**)
- 9:00 9. 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.
- 9:05 10. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 9:10 11. 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 February 9, 2005.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2005

The regular February meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 1, 2005 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Brice convened the meeting with Directors Eoff, 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
Anthony Lopez, Facilities Supervisor
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel
Francis Borcalli, Engineering Consultant

Members of the Public

Robert Becker, Resources Conservation District
Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Supervisor
Petrea Marchand, Yolo County Planning & Public Works
Bob Schneider, Cache Creek Wild
Dave Pratt, Cache Creek Wild
Chad Roberts, Yolo Audubon
Don Rominger, Retired District Director

MINUTES

M/S/C approved the minutes of the January 4, 2005 Regular Board meeting as mailed.

OPEN FORUM

No comments were made.

WILD & SCENIC AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Director Brice reported that she and Director Rominger had participated in meetings with others to develop alternate draft legislation to the State Wild & Scenic (W&S) legislation proposed by Assemblywoman Wolk. The group, which includes members of the Yolo & Lake County Resources Conservation Districts, Yolo and Lake County Farm Bureaus, Yolo County Ag Commissioner, Cache Creek Conservancy, the Cache Creek rafting industry, local landowners and other concerned parties worked to find solutions to those issues of concern that had been expressed by Assemblywoman Wolk. She also stated that Mr. O'Halloran and Mr. Bartkiewicz had worked very hard on the alternative legislation. Director Rominger stated that the group was an important one to work with in order to build good relationships with the District on this and other projects.

Mr. O'Halloran advised that a lot of activity occurred during the last month with frequent coalition coordination with Assemblywoman Wolk and proponents of W&S legislation in order to meet legislation processing deadlines. The draft alternative legislation had been presented to Assemblywoman Wolk for her consideration.

Assemblywoman Wolk's office has since informed the group that she will proceed with Wild & Scenic legislation rather than the alternate that has been proposed.

Mr. O'Halloran then reviewed a range of options for the District and concerns regarding the potential for Federal W&S designation for Cache Creek.

Director Brice advised that more coalition meetings are scheduled and that the subcommittee will continue to report to the Board.

CONAWAY RANCH JPA

Director Vink reported that he attended the JPA meeting held last week. He advised that since the JPA has no specific activities at this time, no actions were taken; public attendance at the JPA meetings is growing; the JPA is not able to address public questions and concerns raised at the meetings; and, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors needs to provide appropriate forums for addressing public concerns.

Supervisor Chamberlain stated that the County's written responses to various public questions and concerns are now available.

Mr. O'Halloran stated that the JPA teams on which he participates are awaiting a Board of Supervisors' letter outlining the role of the JPA. He also discussed freedom of information requests received by the District and the efforts to coordinate responses with other JPA members.

Mr. Bartkiewicz advised that it was not productive for the JPA to move ahead without the Board of Supervisors' letter.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Eoff reported that he attended last month's NCWA meeting which served as a strategic planning session for the organization. Matters covered included long-term planning for water rights and supplies, flood control, urbanization impacts and regionalization. The organization reaffirmed its mission statement and assigned review of its guiding principles to its Executive Committee.

Director Eoff also reported that at the recent Cache Creek Conservancy meeting, the next year's budget was discussed and new officers were elected.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Bartkiewicz reviewed provisions of the Brown Act and District Rules of Proceedings. The latter document was provided in the meeting's agenda package.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. O'Halloran reported on the following:

- a) General Activities:
 1. Copies of two historic drawings, circa 1880 and 1920, of the watershed and irrigation canal system were prepared and placed on display in the boardroom.
 2. Several District staff members will be attending the Tulare Farm show to view potential new mowing equipment for inclusion in the upcoming budget.
- b) The current water conditions report including the rainfall received and the lack of significant flooding problems during the recent storm events.
- c) Mr. Horgan provided an update on the Winters Canal Lining Project. Mr. Horgan advised that a private party claim for flood damages due to the liner failure had progressed to a Request for District Documents and Materials, which have been provided. He also reported that District's legal council is preparing an analysis for the District of its potential position in a damage claim against the liner supplier.
- d) Mr. Lopez provided a report on the District's Indian Valley facilities which covered:
 1. The contractor's efforts to map the campground sewer system and proposed repairs for submission by the District to the Lake County Health Department.
 2. Graveling of an impassible portion of the Walker Ridge access road in a cooperative effort with the US Bureau of Land Management.
 3. The ongoing efforts to complete the telemetry system at various Indian Valley facilities.
 4. Installation of a new, rerouted underground power line to the site's water treatment plant. This installation is planned to occur within the next 2 weeks.
 5. Servicing of dam water discharge valves and the electrical power transformer.
- e) The status of the District's Water Management Plan Update and the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The Water Resources Association of Yolo County Technical Committee is discussing and developing the scope of the latter.
- f) The off-season maintenance and construction program which will require a Special Board meeting for consideration and action on contracting procedures.

Mr. O'Halloran and Mr. Borcalli addressed the need for the District to establish a construction procurement procedure that will address cost, scheduling and environmental constraints.

Mr. Borcalli reported on the current approach used to analyze potential projects from a level of service standpoint. He also discussed the process of Force Account Contracting and of District preordering of long lead-time equipment and materials to save time.

Mr. Roberts expressed a concern that Force Account type construction had the potential

to create significant change without allowing identification of adverse environmental impacts.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Eoff asked for additional information on a recent e-mail regarding District reserve funds. Mr. Bartkiewicz responded that while it was previously found unconstitutional for the State legislature to take special district reserve funds, there is a new interest by a member of the legislature to do so.

Director Brice requested scheduling of the planned Special Board meeting to address system improvements under force account procurement process. Following discussion, February 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. was selected.

Director Scheuring asked whether staff was aware that Yolo County is pursuing improvements to bridges over the Winters Canal at County Roads 85B and 21A and that CalTrans was surveying the Willow and Lamb Valley Sloughs in connection with the State Highway 16 Improvement Project. Mr. Horgan advised that he has been in contact with the County regarding the bridges and Mr. O'Halloran advised that he is addressing the Highway 16 matter. Discussion on the Madison flood wall and Madison growth followed.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

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

Yolo Flood Control Checks: #33195-33197, 33205-33211, 33239

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

Ann Brice, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary