

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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**AGENDA**  
**Board Meeting**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Tuesday, February 5, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## AGENDA

- 7:00        1.        Board Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the December 4, 2007 and January 8, 2008 Regular Board Meetings.
- 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.        Staff Report: Update regarding the canal capacity and drought preparedness program.
- 7:20        5.        Staff Report: Update regarding floodSAFE Yolo – pilot program.
- 7:30        6.        Staff Report: Update on Capital Improvement Program.
- 7:40        7.        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.

- 7:50 8. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:00 9. General Manager's Report: 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) Indian Valley Dam  
c) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:15 10. 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.
- 8:20 11. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:22 12. Closed Session:  
Conference with Legal Counsel Under:  
Brown Act Section 54956.9 Carman vs. YCFC&WCD .
- 8:45 13. Closed Session Report
- 9:00 14. 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 1, 2008.

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



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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 7:00 PM

YCFCWCD Offices  
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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 5, 2008, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Vink convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Erik Vink, Chair  
Ron Tadlock, Vice Chair  
Ann Brice, Director  
Bruce Rominger, Director  
David Scheuring, Director

District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Fran Borcalli, Flood Management Program Manager  
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel  
Monique deBarruel, West Yost Associates  
Mike O'Hagan, Stantec Consulting, Inc.  
George Sabol, Stantec Consulting, Inc.  
Terry Wills, Special Legal Counsel, Cook Brown

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors  
Don Rominger, Retired District Director  
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome  
Blair Voelz, Chair, Yolo County Resource Conservation District  
Blake Harlan

**1. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

With no corrections or objections from the Directors, Chairman Vink deemed Regular Board Meeting minutes from December, 2007, and January, 2008, approved as submitted.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

No items.

### **3. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda**

No items.

### **4. STAFF REPORT: Canal Capacity and Drought Preparedness Program Update**

West Yost Associates Consultant deBarruel reported that she had completed 30 interviews with potential well participants, and from these interviews, field inspections will be performed on the most appropriate wells. After field inspections, pump tests will be performed on the best and most advantageous well sites so that the District can select an anticipated 10 wells for the 2008 pilot program. She also reported that progress continues on developing contract language for owners of pilot wells. General Manager O'Halloran added that policy decisions will be discussed in an upcoming meeting with Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz, Vice Chair Tadlock, and Director Rominger related to well-owner incentives, liabilities, and other potential issues for both the District and the pilot program participants.

### **5. STAFF REPORT: floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program Update**

Program Manager Borcalli described the progress of the floodSAFE Yolo – pilot program. He reported that the Flood Advisory subcommittee of the IRWMP has held a meeting with interested Cache Creek citizens to solicit input and to share information on local Cache Creek flood issues. The most recent meeting was held during the prior week, and a final meeting will occur in late February. Borcalli noted that the comments from last week's citizen meeting were positive, and that participants expressed particular satisfaction with the cohesive approach of floodSAFE partners: City of Woodland, Yolo County, and the District.

Borcalli reiterated funding and support benefits of floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program mirroring the structure and content of floodSAFE California as implemented by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). With Cache Creek part of the Sacramento River federal levee project, there must be federal engagement in Cache Creek management solutions. Borcalli indicated that there were opportunities to participate in the federal appropriations process, and that communications with DWR and the Corps of Engineers were important to pursuing federal support, but the timeframe to become part of the process is short.

General Manager O'Halloran commented that the citizen group represented diverse interests, and that support from this cross-section of citizens provides a good indication that the floodSAFE Yolo – pilot program effort can receive the public backing that is essential to its future success. He noted that there would be no point in approaching the federal government without a specific project and community support.

Chair Vink asked about the last federal funding for this area. Program Manager Borcalli indicated that the last request was passed in 1992, and that there is an existing federally authorized project. Any request contemplated by this program would be for additional funds.

District Scheuring inquired about the current DWR floodplain analysis, which Borcalli said would be taking place in the next 2-3 weeks. floodSAFE Yolo – pilot program is attempting to

project costs for a piggybacked expansion of the project, moving the boundary as far west as possible. The DWR study area for the geotechnical evaluation of levees in and around Winters and Davis will determine additional costs.

Duane Chamberlain asked about current floodSAFE Yolo projects. O'Halloran indicated that though the ditch cleanup on County Road 31 has been planned, arundo spraying must be delayed at that site until the correct season of year. Discussions are taking place with the City of Woodland on a canal/drain on the south side of the city. Chamberlain expressed his desire to see trash cleaned out of the sloughs.

## **6. STAFF REPORT: Capital Improvement Program Update**

General Manager O'Halloran introduced current projects, including those on four flumes and two siphons on the Winters Canal, the Capay Dam rehabilitation, the upgrade to the Indian Valley (IV) Dam intake structure, and the Moore Siphon. The inspection of the IV Dam intake structure was not possible this past month because of poor water clarity. Project work on the Gordon Slough heading is on hold. The Knight Reservoir project is also on hold until O'Halloran can meet with neighboring landowners to present the topography information for the project area.

Stantec Consultant O'Hagan reported on Stantec progress on Winters Canal sites which included the development of important data not available in District records. The report for the Lamb Valley Slough flume is in draft form, and once approved, will serve as the report prototype for the other Winters Canal sites that are part of this project. O'Halloran noted that he had seen an early version of the draft report and, without comment on the merits of the draft report contents, he expressed satisfaction with the structure, format, and nature of the report as currently envisioned by Stantec. Director Scheuring asked about the next steps following the submission of the Stantec reports. O'Halloran indicated that subsequent action were yet to be decided, but that once the Stantec findings, analysis, and recommendations contained in the reports could be considered by the District, then the next steps could range from no action taken at all to repair or complete replacement of infrastructure features. The timeframe for any actions would also depend on a variety of considerations.

Stantec Consultant Sabol reported on the Capay Dam projects, which consist of three elements: replacement of the apron, assessment of the abutment walls, and an inspection of the upstream side of the dam.

### **1. Apron Replacement**

Regarding apron replacement, Stantec has obtained environmental clearance to bring in a rig to take borings below the apron, which it hopes to accomplish in the latter part of February. Director Scheuring expressed his concern that seasonal flows will prevent access for the boring rig, possibly for several months. Sabol expressed hope that low water levels would permit access, and explained that the environmental permit process which caused the delay was unavoidable. Sabol added that Stantec should have information in the next month on the feasibility of hydroelectric power. Stantec also expects to have an expert on site next month to assess the potential for adding a fish passage as part of the dam rehabilitation project. Sabol expects that the Stantec deliverable on the apron replacement project will include alternatives and their

constructability related to stream flow and seasonal considerations, and will likely be completed by June or July, 2008.

2. Assessment of Abutment Walls

In the next month, a team of concrete and structural specialists will identify the locations where core samples will be taken. The deliverable, which will consist of an assessment of the condition of the abutment walls, will likely be completed by May or June, 2008.

3. Upstream Dam Inspection

The inspection of the upstream side of the dam will not take place until after the irrigation season. O'Halloran noted that because of flow regime considerations, the West Adams side will be started first, and the Winters Canal side of the inspection will not likely be performed until December. The inspection report cannot be completed until both sides have been inspected.

## **7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Scheuring shared that Bill Marble, member of the Woodland City Council, is now the chair of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County.

Chair Vink indicated that the NCWA annual conference will take place on Friday, February 22.

## **8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

District Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz reported that the NCWA Executive Committee Board is focusing on Delta issues, particularly as they relate to upstream water rights. Bartkiewicz indicated that because District water does not impact the Delta, these are not considerations that are likely to have a direct affect on the District.

Sacramento legislators are focused on the budget so there is little legislative action on water issues.

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

a. General Activities

Because of January precipitation, the past month was good for District water supplies. Clear Lake levels passed the mark at which the District can begin accruing its water entitlement. Clear Lake is close to last year's peak level, so chances are good that this season's accrual will surpass last year's. Indian Valley has experienced a 20 ft gain in its depth.

O'Halloran thanked Chair Vink for signing the contract for Environmental Associate Lorenzato. Lorenzato will be working to fold the District general maintenance permits into an umbrella permit with the Yolo Natural Heritage Program.

O'Halloran and Lorenzato have been invited to Lakeport to talk to Lake County water managers on the IRWMP process. O'Halloran noted that relations are excellent between Lake County staff and the District.

b. Indian Valley Dam

O'Halloran reported that Anthony Lopez had just received the turbine inspection report and

recommendation. They would be discussing the recommendation with the Infrastructure Committee before deciding how to proceed.

c. Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions

O'Halloran reported on his experience at Cache Creek Dam during a moderate storm event on January 24, 2008. He noted a concern for the lack of redundancy with valves and the electrical system. In addition, the storm event, while it caused no damage, provided a reminder that the District must plan for dam access contingencies in the event of floods, slides, snow, or other road impediments.

General Manager O'Halloran reported meeting with the Finance Committee (Chair Vink and Vice Chair Tadlock) to review a rate contingency plan proposed by the District that will notify District landowners and customers to new rate maximums, while retaining flexibility to address different water supply scenarios determined by a May 1 measurement. The Finance Committee believes this rate structure to be well-considered and defensible. Proposed rates address normal operating costs without including increases for capital projects.

O'Halloran indicated that he and Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz have drafted a letter that will be sent to District landowners and customers as soon as the Board approves the new rate structure. Directors recommended that the letter should include a statement of current water levels, and that the listed rates indicate maximum levels under each scenario, and that actual rates could be lower.

Blake Harlan commended the District on proactive and flexible rate structuring. He expressed concern about use of reserves and coverage of necessary capital expense projects. O'Halloran indicated that current reserves are about \$6.5 m. Director Scheuring noted that permanent crop farmers would likely to be willing to pay even higher rates. O'Halloran shared some policies under consideration, including charging farmers to use the canal for moving their own water. Establishing such a policy would require that water would have to be metered and pumps identified and labeled.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS: (continued)**

(Return to Agenda Item 7 to complete the reporting)

Chair Vink reported that new 2008 Board of Directors committee assignments are as follows:

Yolo County 2x2	Director Scheuring	Chair Vink
Ad Hoc Canal Capacity	Director Rominger	Director Scheuring
NCWA	Vice Chair Tadlock	Chair Vink

All other committee assignments will remain the same.

**10. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Director Brice invited the Board and members of the public to attend the Yolo Basin Foundation Duck Days Regional Festival, beginning on the evening of Friday, February 22, and extending through Saturday, February 23. Friday evening festivities will include an opening reception at the Davis Art Center with live music, local wines, and sushi provided by the California Rice Commission. Trout fishing for children is a new event added to the outings and activities based

at the Yolo Basin Headquarters on Saturday.

**8.5** **11. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**  
M/S/C approval for the following claim(s) for payment:

Yolo Flood Control Checks: # 40234-40248

**12. CLOSED SESSION:**

The regular meeting was adjourned to Closed Session under Brown Act Section 54956.9 Carman vs. YCFC&WCD.

Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O'Halloran, Assistant Manager Barton, District Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz, and Special Legal Counsel Wills.

**13. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The regular Board meeting was reconvened. Chair Vink reported that there was no action to report from the session.

**14. ADJOURN:**

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

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Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim O'Halloran, Secretary



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