

# Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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## AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, June 3, 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 May 28, 2008 Special 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. Board Presentation: Bay Delta Issues – Ryan Broddrick and Paul Bartkiewicz will summarize the various activities associated with the Bay Delta as they might impact the District and the Sacramento Valley.
- 7:40 5. Board Consideration: Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code.
- 7:45 6. Board Consideration: Update of the District’s Rules of Proceedings for Board of Directors’ Meetings.
- 7:50 7. Board Update: Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir Seasonal Water Supply Forecast.
- 8:10 8. Board Update: Pilot Groundwater Pump Program status report.

- 8:15 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.
- 8:25 10. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on the following:  
a) Current legal and legislative activities.
- 8:35 11. 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) County Water Proposals  
c) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
- 8:45 12. 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.
- 8:50 13. Board Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payments of bills.
- 8:55 14. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the potential acquisition of Yolo Flyway Farms (452 acres) in southern Yolo County (APNs 033-220-49, 033-390-02, and 033-210-29). Instructions to the real property negotiator may include price, terms of payment, or both. (See Government Code Sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8)
- 9:28 15. Closed Session Report:  
Report action and vote, if any, taken in Closed Session.
- 9:30 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 May 30, 2008.

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



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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 7:00 PM

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34274 State Highway 16  
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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 June 3, 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

### District Staff and Consultants

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager  
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager  
Fran Borcalli, Flood Management Program Manager  
Margaret Kralovec, Writer/Editor  
Jen Reed, Project Manager  
Max Stevenson, Water Resources Associate  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel

### Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain, Chair Yolo County Supervisors  
Yvonne LeMaitre  
Don Rominger, Retired District Director  
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome  
Frank Sieferman, Sr.

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

- 8.18** M/S/C approved minutes for the May 28, 2008, Special Board Meeting as submitted. Minutes from the May Regular Board Meeting will be presented for approval at the July Regular Board Meeting.

### **2. OPEN FORUM**

No items.

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

No items.

### **4. BOARD PRESENTATION: Bay-Delta Issues**

General Manager O'Halloran introduced presentations by Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz and Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Executive Director Ryan Broddrick with brief comments on the complexities of different efforts regarding Bay-Delta issues, and his request to Bartkiewicz and Broddrick to help the Board understand the interplay of those efforts and identify those that will impact the District.

Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz provided an overview presentation and handout on the scope, and context of the Delta Vision (DV) Blue-Ribbon Task Force, the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), the State Water Resource Conservation Board Delta Strategic Work Plan, and other legislative proposals to address Bay-Delta issues and which have a potential impact on upstream water supplies. NCWA Executive Director Broddrick outlined NCWA's concerns about the DV plan, which broadens the scope of Bay-Delta concerns to include statewide water supply, its reliance on the Public Trust Doctrine, without an adequate definition of Public Trust that acknowledges how it might impact existing water rights. NCWA believes that any strategic plan should concentrate on issues and solutions that are in compliance with long-established water rights laws. NCWA supports a pragmatic approach to Bay-Delta issues that addresses each concern individually, relying upon an understanding of dynamics of the Delta, rather than as a whole by either a Water Board hearing or a Public Trust hearing. Broddrick offered the issue of Delta native fish, (e.g., Delta smelt and Chinook salmon) as an example of a specific need for a solution based upon careful, targeted deliberation and scientific understanding. According to Broddrick, any Bay-Delta solution must recognize the need for additional water storage, including management in groundwater storage and investment in additional surface storage.

In a question and answer session following their presentations, Bartkiewicz and Broddrick discussed the extraordinary pressure of the State's budget deficit upon upcoming legislative deliberations, and the potential for state imposed diversion fees (at \$5 per acre foot or more) that could impact all surface tributaries to the Delta.

### **5. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code**

Assistant General Manager Barton presented an updated, clean version of the District Conflict of Interest Code that reflects current staff positions.

**8.19** M/S/C adoption of Resolution No. 08.04, a revised Conflict of Interest Code.

### **6. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Update of District's Rules of Proceedings for Board of Directors' Meetings**

Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz described recent changes in the Brown Act, requiring addition of a provision that information related to an open session item provided to the Board less than 72 hours before a regular meeting are to be made available at the District Office.

**8.20** M/S/C adoption of revised Rules of Proceedings.

## **7. BOARD UPDATE: Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir Seasonal Water Supply Forecast**

General Manager O'Halloran explained that though the irrigation seasons over the last five years have extended into late October or early November, the best-case scenario in the current year, given supplies, is that irrigation deliveries might extend only to October 1. O'Halloran expressed the importance of communicating this information as soon as possible to local farmers who are relying on District deliveries, and of encouraging them to utilize groundwater to augment surface supplies in order to alleviate water shortages. He indicated a willingness to allow the use of the Indian Valley (IV) Reservoir supplies down to 20,000 acre feet, but a further drawdown of the reservoir would be inadvisable. One reason for caution in dropping reservoir level below 20,000 a.f. is the unknown accuracy of volume measurement of the IV Reservoir at lower levels, due to sediment depositions and other potentially unknown alterations to the underwater landscape over time.

While low supplies are an unavoidable challenge this year, O'Halloran hopes to take advantage of the low water levels by inspecting the intake structure and recalculating the reservoir's state/volume curve.

O'Halloran met recently with Spring Valley representatives to provide them assurance that despite low supplies, their community's need for domestic water use will be met as part of the District's minimum release requirement.

O'Halloran noted that IV Reservoir is just one of the many regional reservoirs that are facing low supplies. The District uses average numbers to project supply use, but each season brings different precipitation levels, temperatures, and cropping decisions by farmers. Chair Vink agreed that varying factors made it important for the District and farmers to remain flexible over the course of the season. Vice Chair Tadlock noted that \$4/gallon diesel might cause farmers to delay starting diesel well use.

## **8. BOARD UPDATE: Pilot Groundwater Pump Program status report**

General Manager O'Halloran announced the signing of three contracts for participation in the upcoming pilot program, and indicated that there might be another two wells added to the program if they appear to be a good fit. One participating well is located on the north side of Cache Creek, while the two others are on the south side. He noted that all participants and applicants offered their services in the spirit of cooperation. Agreements, he indicated, must be signed by both tenants and landowners.

O'Halloran noted that the District recently received a \$250,000 grant with partners UC Davis, City of Davis, and Woodland to assist with canal capacity and recharge, continuous water quality monitoring, and the running of the groundwater model.

## **9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Chair Vink reported on the success of this year's Stewardship Award Luncheon, and was particularly pleased that the well-attended program was able to honor the work of Fran Borcalli. Program Manager Borcalli added his pleasure and gratitude for the honor bestowed on him at the luncheon. Vink also thanked the hard work of the District staff for hosting the luncheon and program, and recognized speaker Joe Countryman for speaking on the Central Valley as an

inland sea.

## **10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Legal Counsel Bartkiewicz announced that the deadline for getting bills out of the legislature had come and gone without any loss of property tax income to the District.

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

### a. General Activities

The District has applied for US Bureau of Reclamation grant funds to assist with canal check infrastructure.

### b. County Water Proposals

While the Yolo County Board of Supervisors continues to consider changes to water management in the county, O'Halloran feels the District can help the process most by remaining positive and helping the County to find ways to achieve larger goals.

### c. Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions

With the exception of a few problems with flumes at the beginning of the irrigation season, things have gone smoothly. Waiting lists have not yet been necessary this season.

## **12. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chair Vink will be preparing the General Manager review over the next month, and will be ready to report at the July Regular Board Meeting.

## **13. BOARD CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

General Manager O'Halloran made special note of the \$100,000 payment to Stantec, reporting that this amount represented two months of physical work, such as concrete coring and analysis, not just planning.

### **8.21 M/S/C approval for the following claim(s) for payment:**

Yolo Flood Control Checks: # 40851-40865

## **14. CLOSED SESSION**

The regular meeting was adjourned to Closed Session to confer with real property negotiator on the potential acquisition of Yolo Flyway Farms (452 acres) in southern Yolo County (APNs 033-220-49, 033-390-02, and 033-210-29).

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

## **15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

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

**16. 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