

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Special Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 August 24, 2010 4:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 4:30 1. Convene meeting at District office for departure to the University Canal (located approximately at the intersection of County Road 95A and Putah Creek).
- 4:35 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances and opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.
- 4:40 3. Site tour of the University Canal Vegetated Ditch Bank Pilot Project. This tour is for informational purposes only. No action will take place. **[The public is welcome to attend this tour. Due to limited vehicle access at the site, the Board and members of the public are encouraged to meet at the District office in order to carpool to the site.]**
- 6:00 4. Departure from University Canal to return to the District office.
- 6:30 5. Board Consideration: Membership in Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority.
- 7:00 6. Adjourn

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 August 20, 2010.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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FLOOD CONTROL &
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 24, 2010, 4:30 PM

YCFCWCD Offices
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on August 24, 2010 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Brice convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Ann Brice, Chair
Bruce Rominger, Vice Chair
Jim Mayer
Ron Tadlock
Erik Vink - joined the group at the University Canal tour site

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager
Sal Espinoza, Operations Supervisor
Thaddeus Hunt, Water Resources Technician
Stefan Lorenzato, Environmental Program Manager
Jen Reed, Project Manager

Members of the Public

None at this time

SITE TOUR: University Canal Vegetated Ditch Bank Pilot Project

After traveling by van to the tour site, the tour was joined by:

Erik Vink, District Director
John Anderson, Hedgerow Farms
Andrew Fulks, University of California Davis (UCD)
Jon O'Brien, Audubon California
Chad Roberts, Yolo Audubon Society (Audubon)

A tour of the University Canal was organized to show the Board; the relocated University Canal being used for the University Canal Vegetated Ditch Bank Pilot Program, to introduce the Board to involved District staff and project partners from the Audubon and UCD, and to answer questions.

After touring the University Canal and hearing presentations from District staff and the project partners (UCD, Audubon California; and Hedgerow Farms), the van returned to the District office to continue the Board meeting. Director Vink departed to fulfill a previous commitment elsewhere.

Members of the Public at the District Office

Thaddeus Bettner, Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority
Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Supervisor
Dave Pratt
Bob Schneider

BOARD CONSIDERATION: Membership In Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority

General Manager O'Halloran reported he had recently been contacted regarding the District joining the Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

O'Halloran briefly reviewed the concept for the Sites Reservoir (Project) in Colusa County, reporting it could provide water supply and environmental benefits. If the District opts to join the proposed JPA, the initial obligation would be \$5,000 to help offset general and administrative costs, plus whatever staff time that would be needed to participate. He reported that being part of the JPA would give the District a seat at the table with the ability to have direct input regarding studies related to the Project. The District could withdraw at any time with 30-days written notice.

Thad Bettner, Sites Reservoir Joint Power Authority, provided an historical prospective of the Sites Reservoir going back to a 2000 agreement signed as a part of Cal FED. He reported in the last ten years the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has appropriated and spent \$1 million per year to conduct various studies and other Project related activities. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has also spent approximately \$20 million related to the Project. The studies have included addressing Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act issues. Bettner reported that the Project was included in the 2009 water package and in the 2010 Water Bond that is being postponed to the 2012 election.

Bettner reported that the purpose for forming a JPA is to allow locals to act as facilitator in assessing the Project's feasibility and providing input into the planning, design and construction. Additionally, the JPA

would facilitate local input into the governance and operation of the reservoir and related facilities. Bettner reported that due to the timeframe for the USBR appropriation requests and the need for the California Water Commission's support for the JPA's active participation in the Project, certain deadlines must be met. The JPA needs to be created by September 1, 2010 in order to influence the 2010/2011 USBR appropriations request.

Bettner reported that after the initial \$5,000 JPA buy-in, on-going activities and costs of the JPA would be determined by its members. Special projects would be funded on a voluntary basis by those agencies that wished to see the projects conducted. Any agency wishing to withdraw can do so with 30-days written notice to the JPA.

M/S/C approved the District becoming a signatory to the Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Agreement.

The Board noted it is not taking a position of the Project itself, but is supporting the expeditious use of Federal and State funds to answer the question – Is the Project feasible?

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

Ann T. Brice, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O'Halloran, Secretary