MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY 5, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yuba County Water Agency was held on the above date, commencing at 9:02 A.M. This meeting was conducted by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference Only.

The Yuba County Water Agency supports the orders and directives from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor’s Office in the effort to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 enables meetings of legislative bodies to be conducted by way of a teleconference.

Governor's Executive Order N-33-20 directs all individuals in the state to stay at home or their place of residence except those individuals designated as essential by the Federal Government or the Office of the Governor.

ROLL CALL

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<th>Directors</th>
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<td>Randy Fletcher (Chair)</td>
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<td>Brent Hastey (Vice Chair)</td>
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<td>Andy Vasquez</td>
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Staff in Attendance
Curt Aikens, General Manager
Willie Whittlesey, Assistant General Manager
Terri Daly, Administrative Manager
DeDe Cordell, Communications Manager
Kurtis Crawford, Finance Manager
Jeff Mathews, Sr. Project Manager
Bonnie Dickson, Sr. Public Information Officer
Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist
Richard Shanahan, Agency Counsel
Ric Reinhardt, MBK Engineers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Fletcher.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Director Vasquez, seconded by Director Hastey, to approve all Consent items shown on the agenda and duplicated below for reference purposes.

1. Approval of the Minutes the regular Board meeting of April 7, 2020 and special Board meeting of April 28, 2020.

2. Consider approval of a grant for up to $150,000 to the Hallwood and Cordua Irrigation Districts for planning, design and environmental documentation of the repair solution to their fish screen and return system. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations & Development Committee on April 21, 2020.

3. Consider approval of a Yuba County funding grant request for $347,210 to cover the County’s local match portion of the cost to repair certain County roads after the 2017 storm declared disaster events. The subject road areas are around and access New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations & Development Committee on April 21, 2020.

Vote:
YES: Bradford, Fletcher, Hastey, Leahy, Lofton, Vasquez
ABSTAIN: Mathews

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Consider approval of a grant for up to $40,000 to the City of Marysville for repairs to the fountain at Ellis Lake.

The Board had a brief discussion following an overview of the item by Curt Aikens.

A motion was made by Director Hastey, seconded by Director Vasquez, to approve this matter as presented.

Vote:
YES: Bradford, Fletcher, Hastey, Leahy, Lofton, Mathews, Vasquez

5. Receive an update on Phase 1 of the Hallwood Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration project and authorize the General Manager, or designee, to sign a contract with Teichert Construction in the amount of $1,683,703.25 for project construction.

Jeff Mathews and Ric Reinhardt provided a briefing on this item.

A motion was made by Director Hastey, seconded by Director Vasquez, to approve this matter as presented.

Vote:
YES: Bradford, Fletcher, Hastey, Leahy, Lofton, Mathews, Vasquez

6. Consider adopting Resolution No. 2020-04 to address the following: 1) Making Findings under the California Environmental Quality Act regarding Cordua Irrigation District’s 2020 Groundwater Substitution Water Transfer Program; 2) Approving a Water Transfer Coordination and Facilitation Agreement with Cordua Irrigation District; and 3) Approving a Related Cost Reimbursement Agreement with Cordua Irrigation District.

Prior to this item being called, Directors Mathews recused himself from the discussion citing that he owns property within the boundaries of the Cordua Irrigation District. Director Mathews was moved to a Zoom break out room and did not participate.

Richard Shanahan provided the Board with an overview of the item.

A motion was made by Director Vasquez, seconded by Director Leahy, to approve this matter as presented.

Vote:
YES: Bradford, Fletcher, Hastey, Leahy, Lofton, Vasquez
RECUSED: Mathews
MANAGER’S REPORT

Project Operations: The project continues to operate within regulatory requirements. The Colgate rain gate shows 63% of YTD average and operations are to maximize conservation of water. New Bullards Bar storage is expected to peak this week. The expected end of September storage is estimated at 615,000 af, which is 35,000 af short of our end of September target. The Accord water year type is a schedule 2 and while it could change with future B-120s it is unlikely to change.

Start Date: 00:00 05/04/2020
End Date: 00:00 05/05/2020

Storage data are instantaneous values at the end of the period; flow data are average values for the period

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<th>New Bullards Bar Reservoir</th>
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<td>Elevation (Ft): 1,922.91</td>
<td>Englebright Outflow: 1,747 Marysville: 1,037</td>
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<td>Storage (AF): 815,686</td>
<td>Narrows 1 Gen\Bypass Flow: 0 North Irrig. Diversion: 449</td>
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<td>% Total Capacity: 84</td>
<td>Narrows 2 Gen\Bypass Flow: 1,737 South Irrig. Total Flow: 322</td>
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<td>% Usable Capacity: 79</td>
<td>Spill: 0 Total Diversion: 771</td>
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<td>Flood Space Req (AF): 60,968</td>
<td>Excess Flood Space (AF): 89,449</td>
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<td>Critical Storage Line (AF): 0</td>
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<td>Flood Space Avail (AF): 150,417</td>
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<td>Target Storage Line (AF): 0</td>
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Colgate Ancillary Service – Regulation (Up and Down) and Spin Range: In reviewing our energy sales staff determined that there was potential to increase the generation sold in peak hours if the Colgate governors could be adjusted to minimize base loading. New governors were installed in 2008 and at that time governor response was not as critical as it is today. Operations and Engineering worked with the Governor vendor to reconfigure, test and validate new ramping rate and then verify via CAISO testing. Colgate 1 was reconfigured in December 2019 and Colgate 2 is currently being reconfigured with CAISO (test successfully completed 3/26/2020). Both Units will be able to provide A/S (Regulation and SPIN), flexibility of the full capacity of the Unit for each hour of the day without having to schedule uneconomic energy. The result is better optimization of energy sales resulting in some days 200 MWhs of energy can now be scheduled for peak priced hours. This is another example of how we continue to look for ways to optimize our energy sales.

NERC / WECC: The agency continues to operate in compliance with NERC/WECC Electricity Reliability Standards.

Cottage Creek Additional Parking: As a follow-up, construction continues to be on schedule with an estimated completion of mid-May 2020.
**Dark Day Parking Lot Rehabilitation:** As required by the existing FERC license Exhibit R, the Dark Day Boat Launch Facility’s Parking Lot will be rehabilitated to include additional parking, pavement seal coat, relocation of some facilities and additional features to adequately meet current levels of use. A Public Works information for bid will be posted within the next couple of weeks, construction is expected to start September 2020.

**Cottage Creek Campground Rehabilitation:** As required by the existing FERC license Exhibit R, the Cottage Creek Campground will be rehabilitated to include multiple double camp sites, recreational vehicle camp sites, a host camp site, potable water system restroom facility, paved circulation roadway and additional features. The original Cottage Creek Campground was destroyed by a fire in August 2010 and has been closed since. A Public Works information for bid will be posted within the next couple of weeks, construction is expected to start September 2020.

**Power Sales Monthly Highlights:** March Power Systems revenue totaled $3.6 million and we generated ~36 thousand MWhs during the month. The average day ahead hourly price was $28/MWh which is consistent with February’s average price.

For the fiscal year through March, Power Systems revenue totals $43.7 million which is below budget by ~$3 million. The variance is due primarily to lower than anticipated energy prices and to an 11% reduction in generation below forecast.

For April, Power Systems revenue is $2.9 million thru April 26th including monthly resource adequacy. April’s day ahead hourly price is averaging $21/MWh, $7 lower than March. The California ISO has reported a 5-7% decrease in weekday demand since March 23rd and an $8 reduction in average DA energy prices both attributable to the shelter in place order. A full report on April power sales will be provided at the 1st Board meeting in June.

**Forecast Update:** As runoff from the much-needed late season storms in late March and early April continues, warmer weather will prevail for the foreseeable future. These storms were able to increase the water supply deficit from the historically dry February, however seasonal runoff amounts will likely be only around 60% of normal. Carryover storage and early runoff due to warmer weather has helped New Bullards Bar storage remain near 100% of normal year to date.

Medium range climate models indicate warmer than normal temperatures and below normal precipitation in May and into the beginning of summer. Lower portions of the Yuba watershed are now in D2 “Severe Drought” category with the Upper Watershed in D1 “Moderate Drought” conditions. Fire weather outlook also shows the potential as early as June for high risk in our Watershed.
HR Recruitment and Interviews: Successful interviews were held for the Project Manager position and debriefing is underway. Also, successful interviews were held for Staff Accountant and the candidate will be speaking with our Organizational Consultant this week. A decision was made to under fill the Administrator position with a Security Analyst, as we found a very
qualified candidate and are excited to provide an opportunity to gain more experience, with the eventual advancement into the Administrator position.

**New Hires and Job Offers:** Bonnie Dickson joined the Agency on April 13th as the Senior Public Information Officer. Bonnie holds a Master’s Degree in Emerging Media Studies from Boston University and a Bachelors of Arts in History from San Diego State. Bonnie comes to us from Delta Stewardship Council where she worked in communications as the Information Officer. Earlier in her career, she developed a passion for the water industry working for the U.S. Geological Survey, California Water Science Center.

Nicole Hayden accepted the position of Business Systems Analyst and will start on May 11th. Nicole has a degree from San Francisco State University in Liberal Studies and Education. She has direct experience managing projects and implementing business solutions in organizations.

Will Gisler accepted the position of Electrical Technician and will start on May 18th. Will graduated from Chico State with a degree in Business Management with an emphasis in Project Management. He has worked at PG&E as a Journeyman Power Plant Instrumentation Controls Electrician for 4 years. He and his family live locally in Browns Valley and is excited to join Yuba Water Agency.

A conditional offer has been made for the Power Systems Manager. Pre-employment screenings are underway.

**Temporary/Seasonal Workers:** Marco Magana joined the Water Resource team on April 3rd to support Ditch Tending irrigation services to our partners. Kenneth Reische joined the maintenance crew on April 20th to support seasonal maintenance projects.

**2020 Summer Internship Program:** The Agency has selected two summer interns who are interested in the field of Engineering. Aaron Esselman is looking forward to hosting these candidates. The Agency plans to make an offer as long as we are able to host interns safely and responsibly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Human Resources Assessment:** The Human Resources Assessment and recommendations have been received and distributed to all employees. Human Resources staff has outlined a status spreadsheet listing all recommendations will create project management plans for implementation. Timelines and strategies will vary and discussion about use of consulting services for some recommendations are underway.

**Community Impact:** In addition to our essential work at the Agency, we have employees who have diligently volunteered to get boxes of protein staples through the Food Bank to over 3000 residents in Yuba County. The Agency has provided much needed masks and Tytex to the Adventist Rideout hospital for their employees. Our community impact specialist has worked hand in hand with Yuba Sutter Economic Development and the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce to provide Yuba County businesses with much needed information on Federal, State and Local funding sources. And, we have continued to work closely with the Yuba County Board of Education on how to impact our students with opportunities to help them achieve and succeed.
Communications: We’ve been featured by multiple media outlets in the last few weeks for the purchase of Narrows 1, the plans for the water education center and for our work to improve Cottage Creek parking area at Bullards. Curt was featured in Prospect Magazine as a tribute to his years of service. The communication team is also working on the internal communications plan, a plan to improve our social media and digital presence and the strategic communications plan for the 2nd half of 2020.

Community Relations: We sponsored the Food Bank, and in exchange, they put a Yuba Water sticker on 400 of boxes of food delivered to Yuba County residents and included a flyer about the agency in each box.

Water Education: We’ve developed a detailed list of missions, projects and concepts related to our work that can be tied to curriculum as part of the curriculum development project. We are also planning a Zoom informational session on May 18 for Yuba County teachers that may be interested in the opportunity to work with us on curriculum this summer. Additionally, we worked with Yuba Sutter Arts to turn the 2nd grade Science through Art program into a video lesson to support teachers and parents looking for creative science and art lessons they can do while distance learning remains in effect.

Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, May 19th, 2020
DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Lofton reported on the following:
Welcome to all the new staff members.

Director Mathews reported on the following:
Noted the reservoir is not filling. Asked the GM to provide a report at the next Board meeting. Rice planting is proceeding rapidly. Thanked staff for all the work being done.

Director Leahy reported on the following:
Report from the Ellis Lake Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be planned for a future Board meeting.

Director Vasquez reported on the following:
The Watershed Experience Center Ad Hoc Committee met recently. Requested an agenda item for the next Board meeting to consider approving a policy statement based on the information previously provided to all members by DeDe Cordell regarding the Watershed Experience Center.

Director Hastey reported on the following:
Congratulations to the staff in their continuing excellence. Thanked the Yuba County Board of Supervisors for their continued leadership.

No reports were received from Director’s Bradford or Fletcher.

ADJOURNED AT: 12:39 P.M.

Board approved on 5/19/2020
Chair to sign at next available opportunity

Minutes Approved: Randy Fletcher, Chair
Date signed: __________

ATTEST: James Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Directors