MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 16, 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.

ROLL CALL

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<td>Randy Fletcher (Chair)</td>
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<td>Brent Hastey (Vice Chair)</td>
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<td>Gary Bradford</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
Jeff Mathews, Sr. Project Manager
Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist
Jackie Sillman, Community Impact Specialist

Mary Gabel, Power Contracts Manager
Nicole Hayden, Business Systems Analyst
Bonnie Dickson, Sr. Public Information Officer
John James, Water Operations Project Manager
Richard Shanahan, Agency Counsel
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Fletcher.

The Chair led a special recognition of Curt Aikens as this is his final Board meeting as General Manager. The Board shared numerous significant accomplishments of the Agency under Curt’s leadership, support, and service to the community over his 20+ year career as General Manager.

Curt will transition to the role of Sr. Executive Advisor beginning July 1, 2020 through his retirement in January 2021.

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 meeting of June 2, 2020.

2. Consider approval of a $5,000 contribution to the District 10 Wild Duck Egg Salvage Program. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations and Development Committee on June 2, 2020.

3. Consider approval of a grant request for up to $650,000 to Reclamation District 784 (RD784) to cover the planning, design, and construction of the Unit 38 Levee Mile 4.66 Storm Drain pipe Replacement Project. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations and Development Committee on June 2, 2020.

4. Consider approval of a grant for up to $80,000 to Reclamation District 2103 to evaluate the Grasshopper Slough Levee for FEMA Accreditation. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations and Development Committee on June 2, 2020.

5. Consider approval of a grant for up to $50,000 to Yuba County for a water conservation program to reduce water usage at county facilities. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations and Development Committee on June 2, 2020.

6. Consider approval of a request from the Member Units to forego the automatic 2.5% annual increase for both the base and metered usage components of Member Unit Water Supply Agreements for the 2020 irrigation season.

Vote:
YES: Bradford, Fletcher, Hastey, Leahy, Vasquez
ABSENT: Lofton, Mathews
DISCUSSION ITEMS


Kurtis Crawford led the presentation. The Board briefly discussed the Proposed Budget and Projected budget, respectively.

A motion was made by Director Vasquez, seconded by Director Leahy, to approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 and the Projected Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022 for General and Power Systems funds, including the Personnel Allocation Chart and Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

8. Discuss and consider adoption of revised Reserves Policy.

Terri Daly provided an overview of the proposed revisions to the Reserves Policy. Director Fletcher requested a brief quarterly update on the status of reserves going forward.

A motion was made by Director Vasquez, seconded by Director Hastey, to approve the revisions to the Reserves Policy.

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

9. Consider approval of an allocation for an additional Project Manager position.

Terri Daly was available for questions.

A motion was made by Director Hastey, seconded by Director Vasquez, to approve the additional Project Manager position.

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

Project Operations: The project continues to operate within regulatory requirements.

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<td>Elevation (Ft):</td>
<td>1,935.71</td>
<td>Flood Space Req'd (AF): 0</td>
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<td>Storage (AF):</td>
<td>871,849</td>
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<td>90</td>
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<td>% Usable Capacity:</td>
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<th>Englebright Reservoir</th>
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<td>Englebright Outflow:</td>
<td>1,393</td>
<td>Marysville: 833</td>
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<td>Narrows 1 Gen\Bypass Flow:</td>
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<td>North Irrig. Diversion: 393</td>
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<td>Narrows 2 Gen\Bypass Flow:</td>
<td>1,344</td>
<td>South Irrig. Total Flow: 142</td>
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<td>Spill:</td>
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NERC / WECC: The agency continues to operate in compliance with NERC/WECC Electricity Reliability Standards.

DSOD Annual Inspection of New Bullard’s Bar Dam: Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD), Department of Water Resources along with Agency Staff completed the annual inspection of New Bullard’s Bar (NBB) Dam on June 9, 2020. Minor maintenance and housekeeping items were discussed along with ongoing long-term projects. The Agency was praised for their proactive approach to Operations & Maintenance activities and their comprehensive and progressive Dam Safety Program. DSOD is moving towards a semi-annual inspection for NBB Dam and all other dams in the state with a similar hazard classification. The next inspection is expected to occur in fall 2020.

Hallwood Grass Fire: There was a grass fire that began 2 properties north of our Hallwood location. The fire made its way to our property and most of the fire was contained at the black berry brush on the north end of our property and was mitigated by the clearing that was completed at the back portion of the property earlier this year. The fire did find dry brush as it traveled east and started to go toward the shop building but was immediately contained by our local law enforcement officials and neighbors. Disking of the property had been scheduled and planned for the week of June 15th since May but was delayed due to COVID. Remediation steps are already being put in place to have more frequent mowing than what has traditionally taking place in years past.

RMT Break In: There was a break in and theft of the RMT shop building at our Hallwood location. The thief was witnessed on camera and a license plate number was provided to law enforcement. Due to an expeditious response from Yuba County Sheriff almost all items were retrieved and returned to the RMT shop. We would like to specifically thank Yuba County...
Sheriff Deputy Rosa Gonzalez. Without her diligent attention, the outcome could have been vastly different.

**Operations:** NBB reservoir has peaked this year at elevation 1937.3 on June 2nd. Colgate units are operating without limits. Both units were tested by the CAISO and we received the re-certification letter from the CAISO documenting a slightly better regulation range. Narrows 2 continues to operate without restrictions. Narrows 2 is scheduled out of service in the next week to accommodate PG&E work. Narrows 1 continues on an extended outage due to stand-pipe repairs, however; the repair work is on hold due to environmental constraints. Currently Narrows 1 is scheduled to return to service on or by August 27th.

**Maintenance:** During monthly emergency generator testing a bad battery was identified that caused a 15-minute loss of communication during transfer from the generator back to PG&E power. A new battery has been ordered. Annual maintenance work on the Colgate Penstock Valve and New Bullard’s Bar Butterfly Valve systems was completed.

**Cottage Creek Parking Lot Rehabilitation:** Construction has been completed. The work involved construction of an approximately 1800ft long trench for power line conduit, communication line conduit, and pull boxes for future use. Repaving of small areas, and sealing and restriping of the parking lot which added additional single and vehicle + trailer parking spaces. Additionally, removal and installation of a vault toilet and asphalt concrete lifts were performed to accommodate houseboat removal at the boat ramp area.

**Dark Day Parking Lot Rehabilitation:** 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 Notice of Intent to Award was released last week. Construction is expected to start September 2020 and run through early October 2020.

**Cottage Creek Campground Rehabilitation:** 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. A Public Works Notice of Intent to Award was released last week. Construction is expected to start September 2020 and run through the end of November 2020.

**Lake Francis:** Goat Works were used on Lake Francis to trim vegetation down on the downstream side of the dam to help with visual inspection of dam integrity. Lake Francis Fuel Reduction Project is ongoing.

**Public Records Request:** As an informational item, we did receive a Public Records Request on a few Agency projects. Staff expeditiously worked with Counsel to craft a response and we received notice from the party indicating we are in good standing and meeting our Public Contract Code and Public Works Requirements. I would like to thank the Purchasing team and BKS for all they do to support our programs and projects.
Power Sales Monthly Highlights: May Power Systems revenue totaled $4.6 million and we generated ~75 thousand MWhs during the month. The average day ahead hourly price was $21/MWh which is consistent with April’s average price.

For the fiscal year through May, Power Systems revenue totals $51.6 million which is below budget by ~$4.5 million or 8%. The variance is due to a 24% shortfall in generation year to date. Power generation is forecasted to be ~74% of our original forecasted generation for the fiscal year. CAISO sales are down $9.6 million or 21%, however, resource adequacy sales are up $4.7 million reducing the overall variance YTD.

The California ISO’s most recent report reflects an overall 4.5% reduction in energy demand since late March. Residential use is up but non-residential use is down considerably.

Forecast Update: A few weak weather systems have passed through in the past 10 days with small amounts of precipitation. Interestingly, some sites in the foothills have received more precipitation already in June than fell this past February. Runoff into Bullards is decreasing rapidly with the snowpack almost entirely depleted for the season.

Looking ahead monitoring a potentially impactful heatwave impacting Yuba Watershed and Northern CA as a whole. Climate Prediction Center is a noting an area of the Excessive Heat risk next week (Monday – Thursday). Highs in the Valley could approach 105 -110 degrees. Fire Weather risk conditions heading into the summer will expand geographically into as indicated by Northern Operations Fire Risk Maps below.
SIGNIFICANT FIRE POTENTIAL

[Maps of significant fire potential for June 2020, July-August 2020, and September 2020, showing areas with above normal, normal, and below normal fire potential]
Recruitments: We have narrowed applicants down to a few finalists and will begin interviews next week for a Maintenance Temporary/Seasonal Worker.

2020 Summer Interns: We have 4 summer interns this year! All summer interns have started working and include Anthony McKinney (Engineering), Victor Landa (Engineering), Iris Bookholtz (Hydrography), and Lindsay Newey (Ellis Lake Project).

Community Relations: The banners along D Street for our Marysville High School graduates are now up, along with a sponsor banner thanking us and others for our support. On June 27th, we are sponsoring the monthly SAYLove Cleanup day, which will focus on the river and Ellis Lake. Volunteers who want to help out can meet at Hope Point Church at 7:30 a.m. The day’s work will be followed up with a lunch at our D Street “Lakeside Annex,” which will be provided by other sponsors. We are encouraging everyone to participate, but to do so safely, following appropriate health and safety protocols.
**Media Relations:** Since our last meeting, we’ve had a substantial amount of media coverage. In addition to a little more publicity about the OPUD grant, the Appeal Democrat also ran a guest column from Mary Jane Griego that graciously thanked us for the grant and our history of investing in the county. Our water education program received front page coverage with a great write-up. John James was featured in a story about the water outlook for the year. We were mentioned as one of the key contributors to the levee work going on now in the Goldfields. And last weekend, the Appeal also ran a story introducing Willie as the incoming General Manager.

**Water Education:** On June 10, the curriculum development for the water education program got underway. Today is the last day of their initial training, and then the teachers will spend the rest of the summer working in their small groups to develop the curriculum. There have been some technical challenges due to the remote learning environment, but it seems to be going well. We wanted to share this initial response from one of the teachers that we got on day one:

> “I have attended and enjoyed many great trainings in the past 20 years as an educator in all curricular areas. I have to say that today was one of my favorites ever. The variety and focus on science and clear examples of how it can link to writing and art was perfect and in line with the core reasons that I teach - to engage students. Your passion was wonderful, and it had the perfect amount of hands on practice that I need to stay engaged. Even with the switch to zoom and so many hurdles, you all NAILED IT! I’m am so excited to learn more and bring the Yuba Watershed to our local students and community.”

**Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, July 7th, 2020**
DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Hastey reported on the following:
Plans another visit to New Bullards Bar Reservoir.

Director Bradford reported on the following:
Thank you to Curt Aikens.
Ad Hoc Committee pertaining to TRLIA impact fees.

Director Leahy reported on the following:
Thanks to all and shared his appreciation of Curt Aikens.

No other reports were received.

The Board joined Director Hastey in adjourning today’s meeting in honor of Paul Hawes of H & H Trenching, longtime builder in the community and promoter at Marysville Raceway.

ADJOURNED AT: 10:44 A.M.

To be signed as soon as feasible. Approved by the Board 7/7/20

Minutes Approved: Randy Fletcher, Chair
Date signed:_______________

ATTEST: James Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Directors