MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 3, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yuba County Water Agency was held on
the above date, commencing at 9:00 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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<th>Directors</th>
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<td>Andy Vasquez</td>
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Staff in Attendance
Willie Whittlesey, General Manager
Terri Daly, Administrative Manager
DeDe Cordell, Communications Manager
Geoff Rabone, Projects Manager
Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist
Curt Aikens, Sr. Executive Advisor
Nistar Sandher, Administrative Assistant
JoAnna Lessard, Project Manager
Bonnie Dickson, Sr. Public Information Officer
Kurtis Crawford, Finance Manager
Jackie Sillman, Community Impact Specialist
Creighton Avila, Project Manager
Phil Cantarinha, Power Systems Manager
Richard Shanahan, Agency Counsel

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 the Consent item shown on the agenda and duplicated below for reference purposes.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes the regular meeting of October 20, 2020.

2. Consider approval of a grant for up to $56,000 to the Camptonville Community Services District for emergency repairs of the Campbell Gulch diversion structure. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations and Development Committee on October 6, 2020.

3. Consider adopting Resolution 2020-12 amending the Yuba Water Agency’s Conflict of Interest Code and authorize staff to submit the amended code to County Board of Supervisors for final approval.
DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Receive an update from the South Yuba River Citizens League regarding the successful completion of the virtual salmon tour project and its rollout to Yuba County 4th grade classes.

Melinda Booth and Rachel Lubitz of the South Yuba River Citizens League provide a summary and brief video of the virtual salmon tour project.

The Board members expressed their appreciation of the effort and encouraged SYRCL and staff to share the video’s with Yuba County residents and agency staff to the extent feasible.

No formal action.

5. Consider adoption of Resolution 2020-13 to support and participate in a regional effort among Yuba County public agencies and local partners to provide water, wastewater and additional infrastructure in the southern area of Yuba County.

Terri Daly provided an overview of efforts to support and participate in finding a solution to provide regional wastewater infrastructure and other infrastructure, including water and transportation, in the southern portion of Yuba County.

A motion was made by Director Hastey, seconded by Director Vasquez to adopt Resolution 2020-13.

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


Willie Whittlesey summarized the background and various steps necessary to affect the purchase and sale agreement and related CEQA determination.

A motion was made by Director Mathews, seconded by Director Vasquez to adopt Resolution 2020-14.

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

7. Consider approval of a Sponsorship Policy.

Terri Daly iterated the purpose of the Sponsorship Policy is to establish the principal policies and procedures to govern the application, review and approval of sponsorship grants.
A motion was made by Director Hastey, seconded by Director Vasquez to approve the Sponsorship Policy as proposed.

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

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

Start Date: 00:00 11/02/2020  
End Date: 00:00 11/03/2020

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

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<td>Narrows 2 Gen\Bypass Flow: 460</td>
<td>South Irrig. Total Flow: 173</td>
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<td>Spill: 0</td>
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Maintenance Update:

Recreation
Routine maintenance continues at the Water Treatment Plant. House boats were removed from the lake for winter storage and maintenance. At the same time, we removed our effluent recovery barge known as the “Bar Tender” for upgrades and maintenance as well as one of the Agency’s pond boats “The Bobber” which is used for debris removal. The crest of Lake Francis Dam had gravel placed and graded for routine maintenance to maintain proper grade and drainage. Log Boom inspections were completed across the face of the dam and road sweeping was conducted at Log Cabin and Our House access roads.
Electrical / Communications
Narrows 2 annual maintenance was completed along with all trip testing, and the new excitation system was commissioned, and mod testing done. The Vibro Monitoring system was also commissioned and tuned by the Vibro technician on site. Finishing touches were done to the new 48-volt DC rectifier.

Mechanical / Utility
Narrows 2 annual maintenance was completed, and complications were encountered when removing the unit stop logs due to new equipment connection failure at the gate. A local dive operation was called in to repair the connection and the gates (logs) were removed without lost time to unit start up or damage to equipment. Annual CO2 maintenance was performed on the unit fire suppression system. The Narrows 2 power plant intake gate was cleared for annual maintenance / inspection and returned to service. The annual maintenance effort at Narrows 2 was an intensive, project driven outage requiring heavy workloads from numerous dedicated agency staff and contractors. The management team recognizes and extends their gratitude to all those who participated.

Operations Update:
PG&E evoked a PSPS this last week. Required the shutdown of Narrows 1 and the mini hydro for the duration of the PSPS. Following the restoration of all PG&E circuits Narrows 1 and the Mini Hydro unit were restored to normal service.

Narrows 2 has been on a 2-month outage. The most significant accomplishment was the replacement of the unit voltage regulator. On Wednesday testing of Narrows 2 and commissioning of the new voltage regulator was completed. The unit was released for normal service.

Operations participated in the NID (Nevada Irrigation District) EAP yearly outreach. All spillway gates have been reclosed following the spillway core drilling that was completed this last week.

Plant Operations has been conducting interviews to hire one more operator as part of the staffing up with the addition of Narrows 1 to the agency’s generation portfolio.

Water Operations has also been conducting interviews this last week to hire a new Hydrographer. This position will provide backup coverage for the ditch tenders and assist with the new ground water monitoring stations that are being added to the Yuba Water ground water monitoring program.
Weather Forecast Update:

Current:
No sign of significant rainy pattern as of yet, but first “winter-like” blast of colder air on the way for the weekend, hopefully accompanied by some precipitation, but not much expected.

Yuba County is now shows **D3 (extreme) drought conditions** in the lower elevations and D2 conditions elsewhere per the U.S. Drought Monitor. Relative humidity levels have been in the single digits in some areas the past month.

Short-term Forecast:
It will finally feel like fall. In a very quick transition, much cooler (cold in some places) weather forecast by Friday and into next week as cold air mass pushed south from Canada/PacNW, remains to be seen how much, if any, precipitation will be associated with cold air.

Medium Range - Long Range Forecast:
Still no clear pattern of significant rain seen on the medium range forecasts. NOAA provided first 2020/21 Winter Outlook on October 15th which confirmed Northern California on the border of “dry” and “normal” precipitation. Specific storms and small variations in the jet stream will likely determine the water year performance. Moderate La Nina conditions now forecast to continue through Spring 2021.
Communications:
Community Relations
Willie, Jackie, Terri and DeDe gave a presentation last Friday for the Chamber’s first virtual Business Connections Breakfast. Jackie received feedback from a local farmer that we thought would be worth sharing. AJ Anderson said, “Great presentation, you are all well versed, articulate and able to see Yuba County economic development on a grander level.”
Later this week, John James will be partnering up with Anna Wilson from Scripps to speak to both the South Yuba Rotary and the Marysville Rotary about FIRO and the secondary spillway.

Communications
We launched our first external e-newsletter, hopefully you all received it. We plan for that to be quarterly. We’ll be launching a monthly newsletter for staff later this week, to help meet our internal communication needs.

Water Education Center
We had the kickoff meeting for the master planning of the water education center with DLR on Oct 21st, and the visioning process is now underway. The first step is a site evaluation matrix that we’ll use to make sure we’ve found the best location for everything we want this center to be. We’ll also start doing virtual tours of other,
existing facilities of a similar nature that can help us visualize what our center could be (virtual, in light of COVID).

**Upcoming Meetings:**
November 17, 2020          Regular Board of Directors meeting.
DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Vasquez extended thanks to Jackie Sillman for her role in a presentation to the Yuba County Chamber of Commerce. Suggested future presentations include an initial statement of the agency’s authorizations as well as the overarching costs of doing business. Requested testing of Yuba river water above and below the homeless camps.

Director Mathews commented on water being our most valuable asset and public outreach is important. Suggested the Board hold a special meeting on the fifth Tuesday of a given month as a means of sharing information with the new Board members.

Director Hastey expressed his thanks for the opportunity to visit the Hammon Grove park area with representatives from SYRCL regarding the proposed watershed experience center and spoke of a possible special event with other agency boards to recognize the efforts.

Directors Fletcher shared his appreciation for the video clip and information shared by SYRCL today.

No other reports were provided.

ADJOURNED AT: 9:45 A.M

Minutes Approved: Randy Fletcher, Chair
Date signed: ______________

ATTEST: James Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Directors