REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 17, 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>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
Willie Whittlesey, General Manager
Terri Daly, Administrative Manager
DeDe Cordell, Communications Manager
Geoff Rabone, Projects Manager
Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist
Mike Kline, Executive Advisor
Nistar Sandher, Administrative Assistant
JoAnna Lessard, Project Manager
Kurtis Crawford, Finance Manager
Jackie Sillman, Community Impact Specialist
Creighton Avila, Project Manager
Mary Gabel, Power Contracts Administrator
Abby Villegas, Accounting/Admin Clerk
John James, Water Operations Project Manager
Richard Shanahan, Agency Counsel

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
Charles Sharp shared his thoughts on learning of the agency’s legal matters with the State Water Resources Control Board.

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 November 3, 2020.

2. Consider approval of a Bill Shaw Rescue Equipment and Training grant for up to $10,000 to the Foothill Fire Protection District towards the purchase of 20 new Motorola pagers and related equipment. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations and Development Committee on November 3, 2020.

3. Consider approval of a Bill Shaw Rescue Equipment and Training grant for up to $10,000 to the Dobbins Oregon House Fire Protection District for a gear dryer and an extractor washer designed to remove all hazardous materials from personal protective fire gear. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations and Development Committee on November 3, 2020.

4. Consider approval of a grant for up to $50,000 to the Marysville Levee Commission to complete a Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation survey to support relocations of PG&E poles required for phases 2B and 3 of the Marysville Ring Levee Project. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations and Development Committee on November 3, 2020.

5. Receive and file the Agency Budget Summary and Grant Budget Report through September 2020 as recommended by the Administration, Budget, and Personnel Committee on November 3, 2020.
6. Consider approval of the Procurement Contracts Specialist job description and salary range as recommended by the Administration, Budget, and Personnel Committee on November 3, 2020.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. Update on the current year legislative outlook from Pilar Oñate Quintana of the Oñate Group, legislative lobbyist on behalf of the Agency.

Pilar Oñate Quintana led a presentation covering legislative activities for 2020. The Board Chair requested a similar update in the summer of 2021.

*No formal action.*

8. Consider approval of a grant to the County of Yuba to add three non-routine/capital projects totaling $910,000. This matter was recommended for approval by the Project Operations and Development Committee on November 3, 2020.

Mike Lee, Public Works Director for Yuba County, provided background on the three projects to be added as capital projects, 1) Waterway Cleanup, 2) 11th Ave/Various Storm Drains in Olivehurst, & 3) Wash Rack.

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

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


*No action reported.*


*No action reported.*
MANAGER’S REPORT

Start Date: 00:00 11/16/2020
End Date: 00:00 11/17/2020

Printed on: 11/17/2020

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

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<td>South Irrig. Total Flow: 189</td>
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<td>Spill: 0</td>
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NERC / WECC: The agency continues to operate in compliance with NERC/WECC Electricity Reliability Standards.

Power Systems Revenue Monthly Highlights:
Power Systems revenue for October totaled $7.1 million and we generated approximately 75 thousand MWhs during the month. Average day ahead energy price was $43/MWh. Prices continue to be strong due to above average temperatures. Net CAISO earnings per MWh of generation was $73 for the month. This additional value is due to the sales of ancillary services and to real time market activity.

Power Systems revenue year to date totals $32.6 million, $8.7 million (37%) more than the budget. We have generated 401,922 MWhs year to date, 21% higher than forecasted. In addition to increased generation, energy prices have been 28% stronger on average than forecasted.

Maintenance Update:
Recreation
Routine maintenance continues at the Water Treatment Plant. The Floating Comfort Stations received their annual maintenance which included staining, repairs to the mechanical components and winterizing. The Garden Point pit toilet was pumped. Prep work is starting to replace a 12” culvert on Powerhouse Road which is the access road for the Penstock Shut Off Valve.
Electrical / Communications
Started Colgate 1 annual maintenance. Long term design changes were implemented to the thrust bearing cooling water skid to prevent the loss of cooling during a communication failure with the plant computer which occurred earlier this year forcing the unit for two days. Support was provided to oversee warranty work on Colgate 1 transformer oil leak which was repaired by Voith. Repairs were made to Colgate 2 Vibro system which resulted in lost inputs due to a failed system card which was replaced and restored the same day.

Mechanical / Utility
Started Colgate 1 annual maintenance. High level work this year includes repairing the Turbine Shut Off Valve downstream bypass valve hydraulic oil leak and replacing the Turbine Guide Bearing A/C oil pump. Two brand new spare coils for Colgate 1 & 2 were received at Kibbe Road Warehouse and placed in storage as spare parts. Support was provided for the Division of Safety of Dams six-month inspection

Operations Update:
Narrows 2 was returned to service on 10/28 following its annual maintenance and installation of a new Voltage Regulator.

Colgate 1 has been placed under clearance for its annual maintenance. It is expected that, if all goes well, it will be returned to service on Nov 20th.

Colgate 2 is scheduled for its annual maintenance to start on Nov 30th with a return to service on Dec 31st.

Weather Forecast Update:
Current:
A moderate weather system will impact the watershed starting Tuesday morning through Wednesday evening. Current forecast shows a moderate Atmospheric River (currently forecast as an AR 2 level event) even with around 2 - 2.5” in parts of the upper watershed with snow levels between 5500 – 7000’. Generally dry weather is forecast for the weekend and into the first part of next week.
Short-term Forecast:
With another moderately heavy rain event forecast, fire season will come to an end. The decent rainfall forecast will also help with saturating extremely dry soils. Typically, it takes 5-10 inches of rain on the watershed to prime the ground for efficient surface runoff.

Medium Range - Long Range Forecast:
Cold fronts have been sagging into Northern California over the last 10 days, which is a good sign if the jet stream can make it down to our latitude in the La Nina conditions. Overall climate forecasts have not changed much with our Watershed on the fringe of moderately wet to moderately dry. In this case it will all come down to the specific storm tracks as we move through the Winter. Moderate La Nina conditions now forecast to continue through Spring 2021.
HR Update:
Recruitments:
Applications are being accepted for the Health & Safety Officer. An offer has been accepted for Supervising Communications Technician and Heavy Equipment Mechanic, and both are going through the background process. The interview process is underway for Hydrologist and Operator positions. The screening process is ongoing for Utility Worker.

Communications:
Media Relations:
We issued a press release and fact sheet Friday announcing the lawsuit against the State Water Board. The Appeal Democrat’s coverage of that lawsuit was very well done. The story was also picked up by Bloomberg Law and a small Solano County paper. On Monday, I interviewed with Monica Woods of ABC 10 as they are preparing for a story about the secondary spillway and FIRO as it relates to climate change. We’ll keep you posted as to when that airs. Last week, the Appeal Democrat featured a wonderful guest column from Marni Sanders of the Chamber of Commerce sharing her appreciation for all that we do to support Yuba County’s bright future.
Communications:
We learned that our fish habitat video featuring the Hallwood Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project has been accepted as a feature in the upcoming Wild and Scenic Film Festival that SYRCL puts on each year. We worked with Sutter and Yuba counties and TRLIA and SBFCA to submit an all hazards preparedness insert for the Appeal Democrat - it will cover flood, fire, COVID, holidays, mental health and more. That insert should be part of the paper next week. We’ll have extra copies.

Community Relations:
John James and Anna Wilson from Scripps gave presentations on the secondary spillway and FIRO efforts to both of the Yuba County Rotary clubs on Nov 5, and last week, Willie participated in a Forest Health Think Tank discussion hosted by Sac State as well as the virtual Northern California Tour of the Water Education Foundation on Nov 12. We have agreed to sponsor Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture’s holiday celebration, Applause, which is 100% virtual this year at the $2,500 level, which includes live commercials during each performance that are skits performed by the actors.

Upcoming Meetings:
December 1, 2020  Board of Directors meeting
   Project Operations and Development Committee
   Administration, Personnel, and Budget Committee

DeDe Cordell shared a brief homemade video by “Cruz” on his watershed education project.
**DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Director Vasquez commented on the following:
Presentations regarding the agency at a Chamber of Commerce meeting. Gave an overview of the scope of funding limitations and costs of doing business.

Director Mathews commented on the following:
Echoed Director Vasquez’ comments, stressed the need for the agency to regularly demonstrate our financial position.

Director Bradford commented on the following:
Appreciates ongoing efforts of agency staff.

Director Lofton commented on the following:
Shared his excitement for Yuba County youth education. Predicts young “Cruz” will someday be an employee of the agency.

Director Hastey commented on the following:
Appreciates the efforts to educate young people about water in Yuba County.

Director Fletcher commented on the following:
Echoed Directors Lofton and Hastey’s comments.

**ADJOURNED AT: 12:08 P.M.**

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Minutes Approved: Randy Fletcher, Chair
Date signed: ________________

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ATTEST: James Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Directors