



Y O L O C O U N T Y

FLOOD CONTROL &  
WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 7:00 PM**

**YCFC&WCD Offices**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Barth convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Tom Barth  
Mary Kimball  
Jim Mayer  
Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager  
Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

James Barrett  
Duane Chamberlain  
Rod Scheaffer

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

23.48 **M/S/C** approved the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

**2. OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments.

**3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**4. CONSIDERATION: January 2023 Storm Events Emergency Canal Repairs**

General Manager Sicke reviewed the events at the March 7, 2023 Board meeting, where the Board adopted Resolution No. 23.05 Declaring Emergency Conditions from the December 2022 and January 2023 Storm Events. Sicke reported that during the month of October, District staff continued to work with FEMA to provide documentation for reimbursement of funding expenses related to storm damages. The majority of canal system improvements were completed by May 1, 2023 with a few outstanding mitigation projects that were expected to be complete by the end of November 2023.

Sicke recommended that the Board continue to declare emergency conditions related to the January 2023 Storm Events and Emergency Canal Repairs projects.

23.49 **M/S/C** continued the Emergency Declaration from damages incurred during the January 2023 Storm Events.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

**5. PRESENTATION: Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Update**

Sicke and Chair Barth provided an update on the following YSGA-related meetings: October 19 Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee, October 25 Ad Hoc Finance/Governance Committee, and October 27 Special Board of Directors. Additionally, Sicke provided an update on the Board of Supervisors meeting that was held earlier in the day, which resulted in the 45-day temporary well permitting moratorium expiring on November 10, 2023.

Sicke reviewed the recent [DWR conditional approval notice for the Yolo Subbasin GSP](#) and reported on the YSGA's partnership with TNC to better incorporate groundwater-dependent ecosystems into the GSP. Additionally, Sicke reported on the WaterSMART Applied Science Grant proposal, DWR's Technical Support Services for three new multi-completion wells in the Yolo Subbasin, and the Farming for our Future video project.

Sicke reported on YSGA's recent discussions related to long-term funding for the YSGA and reviewed the District's potential options for continuing to financially support GSP implementation.

Lastly, Sicke provided an update on the YSGA's Focus Areas mapping delineation and the potential process for requiring hydrogeology reports in the Focus Areas as part of complying with the Governor's Executive Orders ([N-7-22](#) and [N-3-23](#)) for well permitting.

## **6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Mayer reported on participating in various NCWA meetings.

## **7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Legal Counsel Ramos reported on BKS assisting the District with a comment letter on the [State Water Board's Draft Emergency Information Order Regulations for the Clear Lake Watershed](#). The District's primary concern with the draft regulations is the delineation of the "Clear Lake Watershed" boundary that would be applicable to the regulations.

## **8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions – The irrigation season ended October 6, 2023.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the October 31, 2023 Financial Statements Report were reviewed along with the preliminary projection of the end of FY 2023/2024 Budget. Sicke reported that preliminary October 2023 water sales were approximately 1,900 AF, which was less than 2017 and 2019 irrigation season sales. The late spring rains resulted in a slow start to the irrigation season, the algae issues in June, July, and August proved to be challenging, and the milder summer temperatures may have resulted in less irrigation demand for crops.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – An update on the planning activities related to capital projects was provided.
- d) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
- e) The following upcoming events were announced:
  1. DWR's Flood MAR Forum (November 7)
  2. DWR's 2023 Fall GSA Forum: Well Management (November 9)
  3. Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee: Capital Projects Audit (November 9)
  4. South East Geysers Effluent Pipeline Tour – 25 Years of Success (November 13)
  5. Meeting to Discuss the CVRB Notice to Comply for Nitrate for Dischargers (Nov. 14)
  6. YSGA EC Meeting (November 14)
  7. District Meeting with Farmers to Discuss "Farmers Committee" (November 15)
  8. ACWA Board Meeting (November 17)
  9. YSGA: Board of Directors Meeting (November 20)
  10. ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting (November 21)
  11. YSGA: TNC Collaboration Meeting (November 27)

- 12. ACWA Fall Conference (November 27-30)
- 13. NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force (December 4)
- 14. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force (December 11)
- 15. NCWA Water Managers Dinner (December 13)

**9. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no general discussion.

**10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

23.50 M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 62854-62862.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

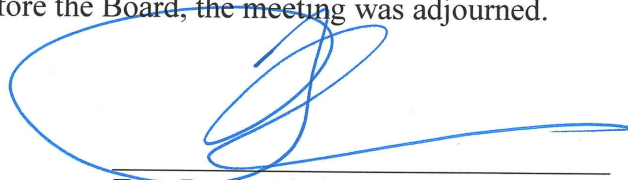
**11. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session conference with legal counsel for existing administrative proceeding and anticipated litigation/significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9, subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) – State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Plan update proceeding.

*Closed Session Report:* Chair Barth reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, and Legal Counsel Ramos participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

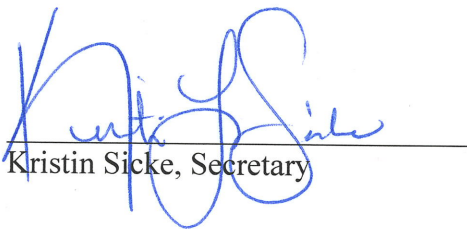
**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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



Tom Barth, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristin Sicke, Secretary