



Y O L O C O U N T Y  
 FLOOD CONTROL &  
 WATER CONSERVATION  
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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, December 5, 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, December 5, 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  
 Jim Mayer  
 Shane Tucker  
 Erik Vink

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager  
 Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

23.51 **M/S/C** approved the minutes of the November 7, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Kimball and Vink

Abstain: None

**2. OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments.

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

Because Directors Kimball and Vink being absent upon Agenda Item #4, Agenda Item #6 (Director's Report) was moved up to occur prior to Agenda Item #4 (Consideration of the January 2023 Storm Events Emergency Canal Repairs).

### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Directors Tucker and Barth reported on participating in the Tour of The Geysers where they met at the Calpine Geothermal Visitor Center and departed to tour a portion of the pipeline and geothermal power infrastructure. Director Barth also reported on participating in the Fall 2023 ACWA Conference, the YSGA Board meeting, and the District Farmer's Council meeting in November. Directors Mayer and Vink did not have anything to report. Director Kimball was not in attendance.

### **5. 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 November, District staff continued to work with FEMA to provide documentation for reimbursement of funding expenses related to storm damages. All canal system improvements were completed by the end of November 2023, and the outstanding project is the erosion along Cache Creek near the West Adams Canal heading.

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

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

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

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

Sicke and Chair Barth provided an update on the November 20, 2023 YSGA Board of Directors meeting.

Sicke reviewed the corrective actions listed in the [DWR conditional approval notice for the Yolo Subbasin GSP](#), which will need to be addressed in YSGA Annual Reports and incorporated into the 2027 Yolo Subbasin GSP Update.

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. Sicke also reported on the draft membership proposal for the YSGA's Management Area Public Advisory Committees, which is anticipated to have one voting seat per YSGA Member within the boundary of, and impacting, a specific Management Area.

Director Mayer suggested considering whether the Management Area Public Advisory Committees have authority or are advising the YSGA Board of Directors. He referenced the example of a neighborhood planning commission, which allows for the community voice to be lifted and for the community to engage in the process. He suggested the YSGA consider having a similar structure to the Public Advisory Committees allowing them to serve as conduits for representatives in the community.

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.

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

Legal Counsel Ramos reported on the [State Water Board's Draft Emergency Information Order Regulations for the Clear Lake Watershed](#), and the State Water Board's responsiveness to the District's comments on the delineation of the "Clear Lake Watershed" boundary. Ramos reported that a new laws update would be available in January 2024.

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

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the November 30, 2023 Financial Statements Report were reviewed along with the preliminary projection of the end of FY 2023/2024 Budget.
- 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. China Slough Rehabilitation Project Kick-off Meeting (December 6)
  2. Salt Creek Pipeline Coordination Meeting (December 6)
  3. Oat Creek Recharge Project Meeting (December 7)
  4. Regional Board Nitrate Management Planning Zones Meeting (December 7)

5. County / YSGA / LSCE / West Yost: Well Permitting Coordination Meeting (December 8)
6. Meeting with DWR to Discuss VAs (December 8)
7. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force (December 11)
8. YSGA: Dunnigan Water District Board Meeting (December 13)
9. NCWA Water Managers Dinner (December 13)
10. YSGA: Planning Commission Meeting (December 14)
11. YSGA: Meeting with Supervisor Frerichs (December 14)
12. ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting (December 19)
13. Yolo County Board of Supervisors: Well Permit Discussion (January 9)
14. YSGA: Meeting with Supervisor Provenza (January 11)
15. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (January 22)
16. Yolo County Farm Bureau's Irrigated Lands Program (January 22-24)

#### **9. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no general discussion.

#### **10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

- 23.53 **M/S/C** approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 62958-62976.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

#### **11. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session conference with legal counsel for anticipated litigation under Government Code § 54956.9, subsection (d)(2) – Claim by Chamberlain Farms.

*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.

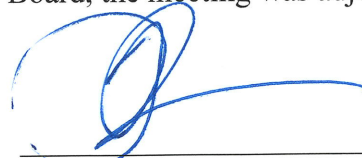
#### **12. CLOSED SESSION**

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.

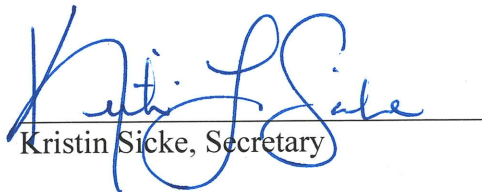
**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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



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Tom Barth, Chair

ATTEST:



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Kristin Sicke, Secretary

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