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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 7:00 PM**

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

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Due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to the [AB 361 \(Government Code section 54953\(e\)\)](#), the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) was agendized to allow Board members, staff, and the public to participate in the meeting via teleconference. The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 remotely via GoToMeeting. Chair Vink convened the meeting. The following people were remotely in attendance:

District Board

Erik Vink, Chair  
 Tom Barth  
 Mary Kimball  
 Jim Mayer  
 Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager  
 Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Taylor Broadhead  
 Charles Delgado  
 Cork McIsaac  
 Dave Pratt  
 Taryn Ravazzini  
 Kate Reza

**1. CONSIDERATION: Re-authorize Teleconference Meetings as a Result of COVID-19 Emergency**

District staff recommended the Board find that, as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to health and safety of attendees and recommend the Board hold meetings by teleconference as authorized by Section 54953 (e)(1)(C) of Government Code.

22.13 **M/S/C** found that, as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees and as authorized by Government Code Section 54953 (e)(1)(C) meetings will be held by teleconference.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**2. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

22.14 **M/S/C** approved the minutes of the February 1, 2022 regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3. OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments.

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

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**5. PRESENTATION: Sustainable Conservation's Groundwater Recharge Efforts**

General Manager Sicke introduced Sustainable Conservation's (Conservation) Policy Director Charles Delgado and Project Manager Taylor Broadhead prior to their presentation on Conservation's groundwater recharge efforts.

Broadhead reviewed the [technical support](#) that Conservation provides to growers, non-profit partners, and government agencies related to groundwater recharge, which includes on-farm assistance, soil health impact assessments, crop compatibility calendars, a recharge methods manual, and the [Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool \(GRAT\)](#). Broadhead discussed some of the regenerative agriculture practices for modifying fields to slow the spread of water and ensure runoff capture and retention. The Directors and Broadhead engaged in a discussion about possible ways to ground truth the true quantity of recharged water, such as an isotope study or a defined

monitoring plan connected to an isolated or confined aquifer. Lastly, Broadhead mentioned Conservation's current 'On-Farm Recharge Pilot Site Program 2022' opportunity where Conservation is looking to recruit four to six willing growers for on-farm pilot recharge projects to demonstrate and promote successful grower experiences. This opportunity will likely be limited by available water in the 2022 Water Year, but Conservation is interested in extending the opportunity to next year.

Delgado reviewed Conservation's core mission to achieve a sustainable groundwater future and incentivize responsible actors and pioneers that are leading groundwater recharge policy innovations. Conservation maintains effective relationships with the State Water Board, Department of Water Resources, and Department of Fish and Wildlife, and is currently examining ways in which we can improve or streamline agency processes related to groundwater recharge. Delgado presented on Conservation's involvement in the evaluation of the current water right system and the potential revamping of the State's water right system to eliminate inadequacies.

On behalf of the Directors, Chair Vink thanked Broadhead and Delgado for their time.

## **6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Mayer reported on NCWA's bi-monthly coordination task force meetings with state, federal, and water district managers, which allow for interagency coordination in preparing and planning changes in flow standards and processing of water transfers. He also reported on NCWA's Board meeting, annual meeting, and North State Drinking Water Solutions Network Webinar.

Director Kimball had nothing to report.

Director Tucker reported on his very enjoyable field trip with Senior Advisor Tim O'Halloran to come up to speed on District activities. He also reported on his review and requested sharing of the Kaweah GSA presentation on their groundwater allocation process for GSP implementation.

Director Barth reported on participating in the District's meeting with Clearlake Oaks County Water District to continue negotiations for a long-term water sales agreement. He also reported on his participation in the District's Finance Committee meeting with Chair Vink. He reported on his involvement in the Hungry Hollow Area Community Groundwater meeting, and the upcoming objective to identify priorities, define the problem, evaluate near-term solutions, and implement action for long-term change in the Hungry Hollow area.

Vink reported on his participation at the Finance Committee meeting on February 23, 2022.

## **7. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**

Legal Counsel Ramos reported that Governor Newsom's Emergency Proclamation was amended the week before and that the Yolo County Public Health Officer advised it was okay to conduct in-person meetings.

## **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 February 28, 2022 Financial Statements Report were reviewed, and the actual FY 2021/2022 Budget was compared to the projected FY 2021/2022 Budget. Additionally, there was a review of items discussed at the February 23, 2022 Finance Committee meeting, which included a discussion of Larsen Wurzel and Associates' current alternative funding assessment and planning related to FY 2022/2023. As part of the discussion, the Board of Directors discussed scheduling a special Board meeting on March 14, 2022 to have a focused discussion on the upcoming fiscal year activities and budget.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – An update on the planning activities related to capital projects was provided.
- d) YSGA Update – An update on Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency's *2022 Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan* implementation activities was provided.
- e) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects both in-house and coordinated with other agencies was reviewed.
- f) The following upcoming events were announced:
  1. YSGA Working Group Meeting (March 3)
  2. Assessment & Alternatives Analysis for Reducing Flooding on Hwy. 16 (Mar. 3)
  3. NCWA Annual Meeting (March 4 & 11)
  4. NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (March 7)
  5. Meeting with State Water Board to Discuss Winter Water Right Permit (March 9)
  6. North Yolo – South Colusa Recharge Meeting (March 10)
  7. YSGA: HUH Area Community – Groundwater Subcommittee Mtg. (March 10)
  8. WRA/YSGA Executive Committees' Meetings (March 14)
  9. NCWA Groundwater Task Force Meeting (March 14)
  10. NCWA Coordination Task Force Meeting (March 15)
  11. YSGA: Colusa Drain MWC Annual Board Meeting (March 16)
  12. NCWA Water Managers' Meeting (March 18)
  13. WRA Technical Committee Ad Hoc Drought Task Force Meeting (March 18)
  14. WRA/YSGA Board of Directors' Meetings (March 21)
  15. Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting – Drought Update (March 22)
  16. California Water Data Consortium Meeting (March 22)

- 17. Jeanette Wrynski’s Retirement Party (March 24)
- 18. WRA Technical Committee Meeting (April 7)
- 19. ACWA / ACWA JPIA 2022 Spring Conference (May 3-6)

**9. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no general discussion.

**10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

22.15 **M/S/C** approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 60935-60945.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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



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Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kristin Sicke, Secretary

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