



YOLO COUNTY

FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 7:00 PM

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

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, September 6, 2022 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Vink convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Erik Vink, Chair
Mary Kimball, Vice Chair
Jim Mayer
Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett
Nick Edsall
Geoff Klein
Lee Smith

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

22 . 30 **M/S/C** approved the minutes of the August 2, 2022 regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Barth

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: Receive Update from Outreach Committee and Authorize General Manager to Enter into Services Agreement with Larsen, Wurzel & Associates

General Manager Sicke reviewed the August Board meeting, when Larsen, Wurzel & Associates (LWA) staff provided an update on the draft technical memorandum outlining the District's options for proceeding with implementing an alternative funding mechanism. Director Tucker and Sicke provided a brief update on the discussion of the August 15, 2022 Outreach Committee meeting where the purpose of LWA's Revenue Assessment and Analysis and Technical Memorandum was defined as being the supporting document for the District's public policy decision and serving as the roadmap for the District to make public policy. The committee reviewed potential "Focus Group" participants for assisting the District in refining the message, constructing the reason, and illustrating the solution to the rest of the community.

Sicke reviewed the recommended funding structure and implementation approach and provided a summary of LWA's proposal for a cost-of-service study, engineer's report, and outreach activities. She requested the Board allow the District to proceed with the process while she continues to investigate the level of effort needed in outreach tasks included in the proposal. Sicke requested authorization to enter into a Services Agreement with LWA for up to \$162,000 on behalf of the District.

Director Kimball recommended Sicke investigate the potential legal costs involved in the process, and the necessity to dedicate 100 hours to outreach materials as shown in LWA's proposal.

22.31 M/S/C authorized General Manager Sicke to enter into Services Agreement with Larsen, Wurzel & Associates for up to \$162,000 on behalf of the District.

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Barth

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Authorize General Manager to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Eaton Drilling

General Manager Sicke provided a review of the District's recent discussions in potentially partnering with Eaton Drilling (Eaton) to expand the District's winter recharge activities to agricultural properties within the Yolo Subbasin, which would enhance or increase water recharged into the groundwater aquifer. Eaton is specifically proposing to partner with the District

in preparing grant application materials and obtaining grant funding for completion of a groundwater recharge pilot project. Sicke summarized the July Board meeting presentation where there was a discussion of the roles and responsibilities of a potential public-private-partnership, which served as the backbone of the draft memorandum of understanding included in the Board package.

Sicke discussed the need to review Eaton's organizational structure to understand the dynamic of staffing capacity and evaluating whether a successful grant application could be achieved.

Directors Tucker and Mayer recommended Sicke obtain additional information regarding Eaton's capacity for initiating a grant application process and implementing a farmfield-flooding project prior to the District entering into a memorandum of understanding.

6. PRESENTATION: SGMA Implementation: Update on District's Projects

General Manager Sicke provided an update on District project concepts that were included in the [Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan](#). The YSGA solicited additional information on project concepts for prioritizing and preparing for upcoming grant funding opportunities. The YSGA intends to submit a grant application of up to \$20M for [DWR's SGMA Implementation funding solicitation](#).

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Mayer reported on participating in the August 16, 2022 Winter Water Rights Committee meeting with Director Barth, and the NCWA board of directors meeting.

Director Tucker reported on participating in the August 15, 2022 Outreach Committee meeting with Barth.

Directors Kimball and Vink had nothing to report.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Ramos briefly reported on the passing of [AB 1642 – CEQA-Exemption for Domestic Wells](#), [SB 1205 – Water Rights: Appropriations](#), and [AB 2449: Limited Teleconference Options](#). Additionally, he reported on the temporary failure of [SB 1219 – California Water Systems Committee \(Dissolvement of the State Water Board\)](#) and [AB 2201 – Groundwater Extraction Permit](#).

9. 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 August 31, 2022 Financial Statements Report were reviewed, and the actual FY 2022/2023 Budget was compared to the projected FY 2022/2023 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 (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
- f) The following upcoming events were announced:
 1. NCWA: Discussion on Surface/Groundwater Interaction in the Sacramento Valley (September 8)
 2. YSGA/YCFB Coordination Meeting (September 9)
 3. YSGA: Coordination of Oat Creek Recharge Projects (September 9)
 4. Highway 16 Flooding Solutions Meetings (September 9 and 23)
 5. NCWA: Groundwater Task Force Meeting (September 12)
 6. WRA TC Ad Hoc Drought Task Force (September 15)
 7. WRA/YSGA: Board of Directors’ Meetings (September 19)
 8. Yolo Land Trust’s A Day in the Country: River Garden Farms (September 25)
 9. Bucks for Ducks (October 9)
 10. ACWA Fall Conference 2022 (November 29-December 1)

10. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

11. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

- 22.32 M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 61534-61543.

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Barth

Abstain: None

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 Vink 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.



Erik Vink, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristin Sicke, Secretary

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