



Y O L O C O U N T Y

FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 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, January 3, 2023 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
Mary Kimball
Tom Barth
Jim Mayer
Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Scott Brown	Lee Smith
Ed Carman	
Duane Chamberlain	
Fritz Durst	
John Facque	
Blake Harlan	
Geoff Klein	
Bruce Rominger	
Adam Riley	
Elisa Sabatini	

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

23.01 **M/S/C** approved the minutes of the December 6, 2022 regular Board meeting.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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: Election of Officers

General Manager Sicke reviewed the Board's past policy of rotating Directors through the positions of chair and vice chair. Sicke stated that there was a desire by Director Kimball to pass her rotational Chair position to the next Director in line due to other commitments in 2023. The slate of officers proposed for 2023 was Directors Tom Barth as Chair and Jim Mayer as Vice Chair, and General Manager Kristin Sicke as Secretary.

23.02 **M/S/C** approved the election of Directors Tom Barth as Chair, Jim Mayer as Vice Chair, and General Manager Kristin Sicke as Secretary. Director Barth proceeded to serve as Chair the remainder of the meeting.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution 23.01 Initiating Proceedings, Providing Intention to Levy Assessments, Preliminarily Approving Engineer's Report, and Providing for Notice of Hearing for the Formation of Special Assessment District and Resolution 23.02 Adopting Proposition 218 Procedures for the 2023 Assessment Ballot Proceedings

General Manager Sicke provided a brief update on the discussion of the December 13, 2022 "focus group" meeting with water customers to discuss the proposed approach for revising the District's funding mechanism. Sicke announced the Community Information meeting scheduled for January 11, 2023 to discuss the District's proposed Revenue Stabilization Program. Adam Riley of Larsen, Wurzel & Associates provided a presentation on the Resolution of Intention to Form a Capital Improvement Assessment District, Preliminary Approval of the Engineer's Report, and the Ballot Proceeding and Public Hearing process.

Director Tucker commented on the relationship with property value and whether there is access to two water sources, and the potential for tenants and landowners to share the cost of a property assessment.

Director Mayer commended previous General Manager Tim O'Halloran's efforts to assess and document all the deferred maintenance throughout the District's system. Mayer also commended O'Halloran's implementation of the new sliding water rate structure, which helped to increase the District revenues, but still did not allow for the ability to fund large infrastructure projects. We're at a point where we need something more equitable and sustainable and there are limitations in the solutions so that taxpayers are protected under the law.

Director Vink appreciated Directors Barth and Tucker's service on the Outreach Committee. Vink stressed the importance for the District to be fiscally sustainable and ensure that all beneficiaries are involved in the process.

Director Kimball emphasized the need for infrastructure improvements and acknowledged farmers' previously requesting investments in these infrastructure improvements. Kimball also underscored the importance for forward-thinking solutions and she commended the District for being fiscally prudent in the past. She commented on a recent event she attended where Former Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson remarked that the County had "taken a vow of poverty for agriculture".

Chair Barth commented on the proposed approach for the property assessment being fairly precise in ensuring benefitting landowners are included. Barth acknowledged that landowners and farmers are important to the District and the outreach efforts moving forward will highlight the District's desire to efficiently serve these properties.

23.03 **M/S/C** Adopted Resolution 23.01 Initiating Proceedings, Providing Intention to Levy Assessments, Preliminarily Approving Engineer's Report, and Providing for Notice of Hearing for the Formation of Special Assessment District and Resolution 23.02 Adopting Proposition 218 Procedures for the 2023 Assessment Ballot Proceedings.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Mayer reported on the NCWA meeting with GSAs and NGOs on December 8, 2022, which showcased groundwater recharge projects in North Yolo Management Area and initiated

GSP implementation coordination opportunities. Director Kimball also attended this event. Directors Tucker and Barth reported on the December 13, 2022 Focus Group meeting to discuss the District's Revenue Stabilization Program.

Director Barth also reported on the ACWA JPIA Board meeting at Fall 2022 Conference, which announced a 20% increase in property insurance rates and a 10% reduction in employment benefits. Barth announced that the District received the ACWA JPIA President's award for the Workers' Compensation pool.

Director Vink had nothing to report.

7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Ramos had nothing to report.

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 December 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. YSGA and YCFB Monthly Coordination Meeting (January 4)
 2. Clear Lake Hitch Discussion with Lake County Watershed Protection District (Jan. 4)
 3. YSGA: Executive Committee Meeting (January 5 or January 12)
 4. Yolo County's Water Awareness Planning Meeting (January 5)
 5. YSGA Drought Contingency Planning Task Force (January 6)
 6. Operational Area: Yolo County Storm Briefing (January 6)
 7. Monthly Cross-Pilot Water Accounting Platform Coordination Meetings (January 9)
 8. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (January 9 or January 23)
 9. NCWA Dry Year Task Force Meeting (January 10)
 10. YCFB&WCD Community Information Meetings (January 11 and February 1)
 11. California Irrigation Institute Board Meeting (January 12)
 12. Rolling Acres Ad Hoc/Community Meeting (January 18)
 13. RD 108 Board of Directors Meeting (January 19)

14. YCFB's 108th Annual Meeting (January 19)
15. NCWA's Sustainable Conservation Disc. of Statewide Restoration Permits (Jan. 24)
16. YCFB's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Meetings (January 24-26)
17. ACWA Region 4 Board Meeting and Regular Board of Directors Workshop and Meeting (January 30 and February 2-3)

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

23.04 M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 61890-61898.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

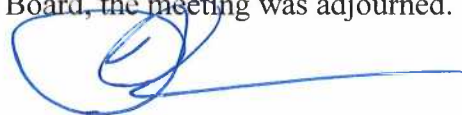
11. CLOSED SESSION

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.

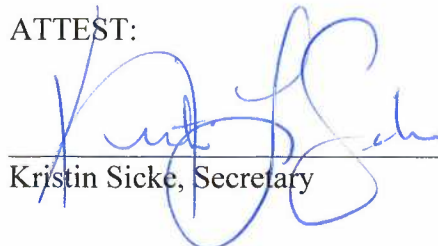
12. ADJOURNMENT

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



Tom Barth, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristin Sicke, Secretary

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