



Y O L O C O U N T Y

FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 7, 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, February 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

Erik Vink
Mary Kimball
Tom Barth
Jim Mayer
Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Danielle Ballard
Jim Barrett
Scott Brown
Duane Chamberlain
Nick Edsall
Kim Floyd
Joe Heidrick
Tim Heidrick
Adam Riley
Lee Smith

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

23.05 M/S/C approved the minutes of the January 3, 2023 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. REPORT: Appointment of District Representatives to Committees and Various Groups

Chair Barth reported that each year the Board's representation to various groups and committees are appointed by the District's Chair. The proposed 2023 appointments were reviewed, and Chair Barth approved the proposed appointments for 2023.

5. CONSIDERATION: Changing March 2023 Board of Directors Regular Meeting Time to 6:00 p.m. to Accommodate Public Hearing

Chair Barth announced the request to change the Board of Directors regular meeting time to 6:00 p.m. for the Board meeting on March 7, 2023 where the Board of Directors will facilitate the public hearing for concluding the assessment ballot proceeding.

23.06 M/S/C approved the meeting start time of 6:00 p.m. for the March 7, 2023 regular Board of Directors meeting.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution No. 23.03 Concurring in Nomination of John Pang to the Executive Committee of ACWA JPIA

Chair Barth reported on his participation as a Board of Director of ACWA JPIA on behalf of the District, and he relayed his support of John Pang's appointment to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee. He requested the Board of Directors concur in nomination of John Pang to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee codified in Resolution No. 23.03.

23.07 **M/S/C Adopted Resolution No. 23.03 Concurring in Nomination of John Pang to the Executive Committee of ACWA JPIA.**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7. PRESENTATION: Update from Larsen, Wurzel & Associates on Cost-of-Service Study

General Manager Sicke provided a brief summary of the District's process for developing the Revenue Stabilization Program (Program). As part of Phase 1 of the Program, Larsen, Wurzel & Associates (LWA) completed a [draft Preliminary Engineer's Report](#), which detailed the properties considered in the District's Proposition 218 property assessment ballot proceeding (special benefit assessment). Phase 2 of the Program is completion of a Cost-of-Service Study for revising the District's water rate structure. Adam Riley of LWA provided a summary presentation of the draft Cost-of-Service Study, which illustrated the potential percentage increase of the water rates based on the inclusion or exclusion of the special benefit assessment. There was a discussion about needing to revisit the draft Cost-of-Service Study assumptions related to the long-term hydrology projections and recent trend in water sales. Chair Barth reported that the District's Outreach Committee would convene before the March 7, 2023 Board meeting to thoughtfully proceed with completion of the Cost-of-Service Study.

8. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution No. 23.04 to Monitor Groundwater Use During the 2023 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21440

General Manager Sicke provided an update on the temporary permit process for diverting stormwater for groundwater recharge. After consultation with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), United States Bureau of Reclamation, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Water Resources, the District submitted a temporary water right permit application on January 5, 2023 to the State Water Resources Control Board. The District received a temporary permit on January 26, 2023 to divert up to 72,000 acre-feet of excess flows at the Capay Diversion Dam; up to a rate of 600 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Sicke reported that diversions at the Capay Diversion Dam were allowed with bypassing flows of at least 50 cfs in Cache Creek at the [United States Geological Survey \(USGS\) Yolo gauge](#). Sicke discussed the permit conditions that require the District to quantify the groundwater extraction and use and determine that the extractions are from water stored by the District and not based on other claims of right.

Sicke requested that the Board approve the proposed resolution to monitor groundwater use during the 2023 irrigation season and comply with permit conditions.

23.08 **M/S/C** Adopted Resolution No. 23.04 to Monitor Groundwater Use During the 2023 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21440.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

9. **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Mayer reported on NCWA's January Board meeting where [2023 Priorities](#) were reviewed, such as the Voluntary Agreements and Upper Watershed Health. Mayer announced there was a new climate bond that included a water supply and forest health aspect. NCWA is involved in the discussions with the State Water Board around modernizing water rights and enhancing the data management system.

Director Vink reported on participating on the [Countywide Successor Agency Oversight Board](#) annual Board meeting on behalf of the District.

10. **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 January 31, 2023 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. Meeting with Supervisor Villegas (February 8)
 2. CII Board of Directors Meeting (February 9)
 3. Coordination Meeting with Valley Clean Energy to Discuss IRA (February 9)
 4. NCWA Priority 2 Basin Planning Discussion (ILRP / CV-Salts) (February 10)
 5. County and YCFB Monthly Coordination Meeting (February 13)
 6. YCFB Executive Committee Meeting (February 13)
 7. Yolo County Financial Oversight Meeting (February 15)
 8. ACWA Groundwater and Agriculture Committees Meetings (February 15)
 9. Congressman Thompson Woodland Open House (February 15)
 10. YSGA Drought Contingency Planning Committee Meeting (February 16)

11. Monthly Cross-Pilot Water Accounting Platform Coordination Meetings (Feb. 16)
12. ACWA SGMA Implementation Committee Meeting (February 21)
13. ACWA ED Dave Eggerton Visits District (February 21)
14. YCFB Board of Directors Meeting (February 21)
15. YSGA: Executive Committee Meeting (February 22)
16. CII 2023 Conference (February 27-28)
17. NCWA Annual Meeting (March 3)
18. DWR Water Awareness Event (March 6)
19. ACWA Spring Conference (May 9-11)
20. Yolo County Water Awareness Forum (May 16)
21. GRA/ACWA GSA Summit (June 7-8)

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

- 23.09 **M/S/C** approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 62006-62020.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

13. 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.

14. 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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