



YOLO COUNTY

FLOOD CONTROL &  
WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 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, August 1, 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  
Mary Kimball  
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**

23.33 M/S/C approved the minutes of the July 11, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

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: 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. During the month of May, District staff have continued to work with FEMA to provide documentation for reimbursement of funding expenses related to storm damages. The majority of canal system improvements were completed by May 1, 2023 with a few outstanding mitigation projects still to be completed at the end of the 2023 irrigation season.

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

23.34 M/S/C Continued the Emergency Declaration from damages incurred during the January 2023 Storm Events.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

Abstain: None

**5. CONSIDERATION: Adopt Resolution 23.09 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll**

General Manager Sicke reported that the District places the following Regular Special Assessments on the Yolo County (County) property tax roll annually:

1. East Adams Area Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54620)
2. Hungry Hollow Area Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54621)
3. 2012 Annexation Special Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54623)
4. 2020 Annexation Special Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54624)
5. 2023 Special Benefit Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54625)

As part of the Special Assessments' process, the County is requesting the Board adopt a formal resolution that acknowledges the collection of these charges on the County's property tax roll for 2023/2024.

Director Tucker inquired what the County fee was for collecting charges on the County Tax Roll and Sicke reported that she was currently working with staff to determine that cost while noting that the fee is subtracted prior to the District receiving the assessed funds.

District staff recommend the Board adopt Resolution 23.09 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll.

23.35 **M/S/C** adopted Resolution 23.09 Requesting Collection of Charges on County Tax Roll.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

Abstain: None

#### **6. PRESENTATION: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA Update)**

General Manager Sicke reported on the Drought Update item at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors July 11, 2023 meeting. Sicke also provided an update on YSGA and County staff activities in preparation for the scheduled Drought Update at the Board of Supervisors September meeting. The Directors agreed that there should be continued discussion at the District's September Board meeting regarding the District's representation in the YSGA's process for providing proposed solutions to areas that may be experiencing overdraft conditions, "Areas of Special Concern".

#### **7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Tucker reported that he had spoken with a few water customers about their experiences with algae issues and their thoughts on the potential for a well moratorium on previously unirrigated lands.

Director Kimball reported on participating in a July Personnel Committee meeting with Director Mayer and General Manager Sicke to review Sicke's goals for the year and discuss metrics for evaluating goal completion.

Director Vink had nothing to report.

Chair Barth reported on participating in the YSGA's Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee meeting, which was discussed in the SGMA Update board item.

## **8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Legal Counsel Ramos had nothing to report.

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

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions – Algae growth continued to result in issues with consistent delivery as growth and accumulation of algae in Cache Creek resulted in the plugging of trash racks and the headworks of Capay Dam.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the July 31, 2023 Financial Statements Report were reviewed along with the preliminary projection of the end of FY 2023/2024 Budget. Sicke reported that preliminary July 2023 water sales were approximately 27,000 AF, which was less than 2019 and 2017 irrigation seasons sales. The late spring rains resulted in a slow start to the irrigation season, and the algae issues in June proved to be challenging.
- 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. YSGA/Farm Bureau Coordination Meeting (August 2)
  2. YSGA: Coordination Meeting with Sac County GSA (August 3)
  3. NRCS Ditch Tour (August 4)
  4. YSGA/YCEH Coordination Meeting (August 4, 11, 18, and 25)
  5. NCWA: Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (August 7 and September 5)
  6. Yolo County Farm Bureau Board Meeting (August 8)
  7. Yolo Priority 2 Basin Discussion with NCWA (August 11)
  8. ACWA SGMA Implementation Meeting (August 16)
  9. EDF / Water Data Consortium: Cross-Pilot Water Accounting Platform Coordination (August 17)
  10. Butte County Brown Bag Webinar: Recharge (August 23)
  11. NCWA: Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (September 5)
  12. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting (September 11)
  13. Drought/Groundwater Update to Board of Supervisors (September 12)
  14. YSGA: Board of Directors Meeting (September 18)
  15. Yolo Land Trust's A Day in the Country (October 1)
  16. Tentative: *Southeast Geysers Effluent Pipeline Tour – 25 Years of Success (November 2 at 9:30 a.m.)*

**10. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no general discussion.

**11. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

23.36 **M/S/C** approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 62531-62541.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

Abstain: None

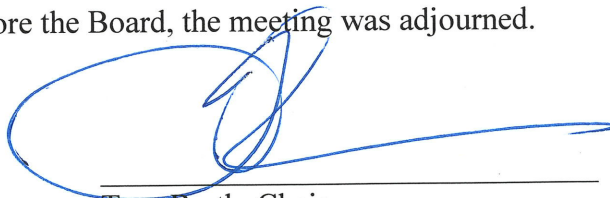
**12. CLOSED SESSION**

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 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.

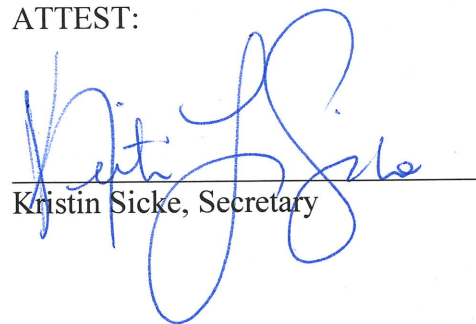
**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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



Tom Barth, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kristin Sicke, Secretary

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