



YOLO COUNTY

FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 5, 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, September 5, 2023 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice Chair Mayer convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Tom Barth
Mary Kimball
Jim Mayer
Shane Tucker
Erik Vink

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

James Barrett
Duane Chamberlain
Geoff Klein
Rod Scheaffer
Lee Smith

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

23.37 M/S/C approved the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Barth and Kimball

Abstain: None

2. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

Since Directors Barth and Kimball were absent at the start of the meeting, agenda item #4 related to the January 2023 Storm Events Emergency Canal Repairs was moved to after the agenda item related to the Capay Dam Bladder Replacement Project.

4. CONSIDERATION: Adopt Resolution 23.10 to Nominate Kristin Sicke to ACWA Region 4 Board

General Manager Sicke reported the desire to continue serving on the ACWA Region 4 Board and requested the Board adopt Resolution 23.10, which is required for ACWA's Board selection process.

23.38 M/S/C adopted Resolution 23.10 to Nominate Kristin Sicke to ACWA Region 4 Board.

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Barth and Kimball

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Declaration of Surplus Assets and Authorization of Disposal

General Manager Sicke reported the following vehicles are past their useful life and no longer supportive of District operations.

Proposed Surplus Property September 2023 Summary List

<u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1	2006 Ford F150 (1/2-ton)	153,892	5266
2	2007 Ford F150 (1/2-ton)	174,636	5269
3	2013 Ford F150 (1/2-ton 4x4)	136,298	5278

District staff recommended the Board declare the list of vehicles as surplus to the needs of the District and authorize Sicke to dispose of them as appropriate.

23.39 M/S/C declared the list of vehicles as surplus to the needs of the District and authorized General Manager Sicke to dispose of them as appropriate.

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Barth and Kimball

Abstain: None

6. CONSIDERATION: Approve a Waiver of Competitive Bidding and Award a Public Works Contract to HTE Engineering for the Capay Dam Bladder Replacement Project

General Manager Sicke provided a brief review of the process for soliciting the appropriate contractor proposals to replace the Capay Dam bladder, the Infrastructure Committee meeting discussions, and legal counsel's opinion for proceeding with award of a public works contract to HTE Engineering for the Capay Dam Bladder Replacement Project.

Facilities Supervisor Anthony Lopez reviewed the difference in specifications, costs, and warranties of the contractor proposals and reported that bladder replacement was scheduled for after the 2024 irrigation season.

District staff recommended the Board approve of a waiver of competitive bidding and award a public works contract to HTE Engineering for the Capay Dam Bladder Replacement Project. District staff also recommend the Board authorize the General Manager to officially enter into the public works contract with HTE Engineering.

- 23.40 **M/S/C** approved a waiver of competitive bidding and awarded a public works contract to HTE Engineering for the Capay Dam Bladder Replacement Project, and authorized General Manager Sicke to officially enter into the public works contract with HTE Engineering.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

7. 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.

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

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

8. 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. Sicke reviewed the tentative schedule for the YSGA to develop an “Areas of Special Concern” and data gaps map as a tool in the YSGA’s written verification process for the County’s use in issuing well permits.

Director Barth reported on his participation in YSGA meetings and said that the YSGA would ultimately determine the intention of the “Areas of Special Concern” map.

Director Mayer requested the District Board reach a decision on how the District should be represented at YSGA meetings, and provide formal guidance to the YSGA about how to proceed. Mayer also expressed the desire for the YSGA to complete a comprehensive analysis of all the options available under the agency’s authority.

The Directors agreed that there should be continued discussion at the District’s October 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”.

9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Mayer reported that there was a NCWA Board meeting and a NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force meeting scheduled for September 6 and 11, respectively.

Directors Mayer and Kimball reported on participating in an August Personnel Committee meeting with General Manager Sicke to review Sicke’s goals for the year and discuss metrics for evaluating goal completion.

Directors Tucker and 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 agenda item.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Ramos reported on the [Draft Emergency Information Order Regulations for the Clear Lake Watershed](#) because of the concern related to groundwater and surface water interaction on the north side of the lake, and the impact to the Clear Lake Hitch.

11. 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 August 31, 2023 Financial Statements Report were reviewed along with the preliminary projection of the end of FY 2023/2024 Budget. Sicke reported that preliminary August 2023 water sales were approximately 22,000 AF, which was less 2019 irrigation season sales, but more than 2017 irrigation season sales. The late spring rains resulted in a slow start to the irrigation season, and the algae issues in June, July, and August 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. CII Board Meeting (September 6)
 2. NCWA Manager's Meeting (September 6)
 3. CA Water Data Summit Conference (September 7)
 4. YSGA/Farm Bureau Coordination Meeting (September 8)
 5. Gary Sandy's Celebration of Life (September 9 @ 2 p.m.)
 6. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting (September 11)
 7. Drought/Groundwater Update to Board of Supervisors (September 12)
 8. SEGEP Meeting to Discuss Contract Update (September 13)
 9. Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee Meeting (September 14)
 10. YSGA: Board of Directors Meeting (September 18)
 11. ACWA Board of Directors Meeting (September 29)
 12. Yolo Land Trust's A Day in the Country (October 1)
 13. Bucks for Ducks (October 1)
 14. NCWA: Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (October 2)
 15. ACWA Region 4 Program: C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant (October 4)
 16. NCWA Fall Celebration (October 19)
 17. South East Geysers Effluent Pipeline Tour – 25 Years of Success (November 2 @ 9:30 a.m.)

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Tucker requested an investigation into the District’s accounting policy of assigning 20% overhead to internal capital projects.

Director Kimball discussed the [Notice of Preparation of DWR’s Environmental Impact Report for the Cache Creek Channel and Levee Rehabilitation Project](#).

13. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

23.42 M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 62647-62655.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

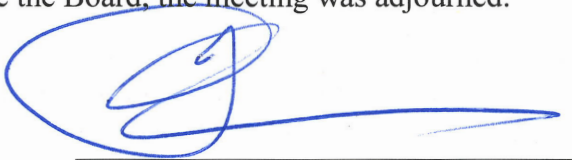
14. CLOSED SESSION

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.

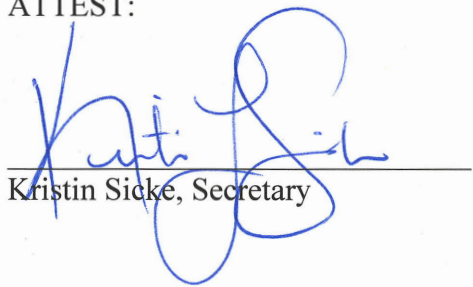
15. ADJOURNMENT

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



Tom Barth, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristin Sicke, Secretary