



YOLO COUNTY

FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 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, October 3, 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
Jim Mayer
Shane Tucker
Erik Vink

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

James Barrett
Duane Chamberlain
Pierce Wray, MUN CPAs

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

23.43 M/S/C approved the minutes of the September 5, 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. 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. Sicke reported that during the month of September, 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 Fall 2023.

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

23.44 **M/S/C** continued the Emergency Declaration from damages incurred during the January 2023 Storm Events.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Review of Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Independent Audit

Pierce Wray, Audit Manager of Mann, Urutia, Nelson, CPAs & Associates, LLP (MUN CPAs) reviewed the requirements for an independent audit (Audit) and stated that the Audit resulted in a clean unqualified report for the District. He then reviewed the highlights of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023 Audit, including any significant changes from FY 2021/2022. Wray reported there were no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or compliance exceptions.

Director Barth thanked Wray for his presentation and the MUN CPAs team for their work as part of the District's Audit. Sicke also acknowledged Financial Supervisor Barbara McGriff's excellent work as part of the Audit.

District staff recommended the Board accept the filing of the FY 2022/2023 Independent Audit.

23.45 **M/S/C** accepted the filing of the FY 2022/2023 Independent Audit.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. CONSIDERATION: FERC Part12D Comprehensive Assessment – Approval of Entering into a Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc.

General Manager Sicke reported that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) selected the District to complete a Comprehensive Assessment of the Indian Valley Project as part of the Ninth Part12D Report that is due December 1, 2024. Key components of the Comprehensive Assessment Report include a Potential Failure Modes Analysis, a Level 2 Risk Analysis, a Part12D Inspection Plan along with an Independent Consultant Team Proposal, a Pre-Inspection Preparation Report, documentation of findings, and a plan and schedule for corrective measures.

In coordination with the District's Chief Dam Safety Engineer, Marc Ryan, the District solicited proposals from seven reputable consulting firms that specialize in Part 12D Reports. The District received four proposals and met with Marc Ryan to select the optimal firm for proceeding with the Comprehensive Assessment Report. GEI Consultants, Inc. provided a fiscally competitive proposal with a competent team to ensure a successful update to the Part12D Report.

District staff recommend authorizing General Manager Sicke to enter into an agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. not to exceed \$310,000 to complete the District's Comprehensive Assessment of the Indian Vallely Project as part of the Ninth Part12D Report.

23.46 M/S/C authorized General Manager Sicke to enter into an agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. not to exceed \$310,000.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7. PRESENTATION: Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Update

General Manager Sicke reported on the September 12 and 26 Yolo County Board of Supervisors meetings where YSGA and County staff provided an update on groundwater permitting activities. Sicke reviewed the upcoming schedule for the YSGA Board of Directors to receive updates on the Areas of Special Concern mapping process. Sicke also reviewed various well hydrographs throughout the Subbasin that recently posted Fall 2023 measurements; the comprehensive depth to water hydrograph for the Yolo Subbasin was expected to be posted in late October. Lastly, Sicke discussed DWR's final funding recommendations for the SGMA Implementation Grant Program, which awarded \$7.917 million to the YSGA (and relevant project proponents).

Chair Barth reported on participating in the YSGA's September 18 Board of Directors meeting and the September 28 Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee meeting.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mayer reported that there was a NCWA Board meeting scheduled for October 4 and an upcoming Conservation Task Force meeting planned with EDF.

Directors Barth, Kimball, Tucker, and Vink had nothing to report.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Ramos reported on the [State Water Board's 2023 Draft Staff Report for the Sacramento/Delta Update to the Bay-Delta Plan](#), which is open for public comment until December 15, 2023.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions – The irrigation season was expected to end around October 7, 2023.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the September 30, 2023 Financial Statements Report were reviewed along with the preliminary projection of the end of FY 2023/2024 Budget. Sicke reported that preliminary September 2023 water sales were approximately 11,000 AF, which was less than 2017 and 2019 irrigation season sales. The late spring rains resulted in a slow start to the irrigation season, the algae issues in June, July, and August proved to be challenging, and the milder summer temperatures may have resulted in less irrigation demand from crops.
- 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. NCWA: Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (October 2)
 2. ACWA Region 4 Program: C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant (October 4)
 3. YSGA/Farm Bureau Coordination Meeting (October 6)
 4. YSGA Coordination with Yolo County Environmental Health (October 6, 13, 20, 27)
 5. Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (October 9)
 6. Yolo County Farm Bureau Board Meeting (October 10)
 7. YSGA Coordination with Yolo County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (Oct. 10)
 8. YSGA and TNC Coordination Meeting on GSP Implementation (GDEs) (October 13)
 9. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (October 19)
 10. NCWA Fall Celebration (October 19)
 11. YSGA: Board of Directors Special Meeting (October 27)
 12. South East Geysers Effluent Pipeline Tour – 25 Years of Success (Nov. 2)
 13. DWR's Flood MAR Forum (November 7)
 14. DWR's 2023 Fall GSA Forum: Well Management (November 9)
 15. ACWA Fall Conference (November 27-30)

16. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force (December 11)
 17. NCWA Water Managers Dinner (December 13)

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

12. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

- 23.47 M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 62747-62756.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

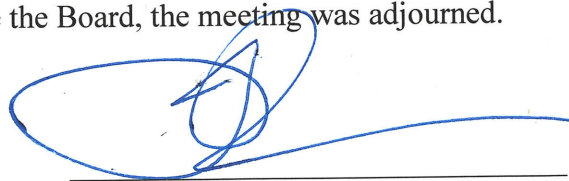
13. CLOSED SESSION

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.

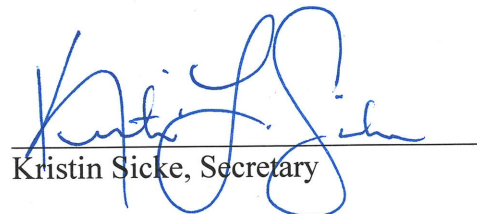
14. ADJOURNMENT

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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