



YOLO COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 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, June 4, 2024 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Mayer convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Jim Mayer, Chair
Shane Tucker
Tom Barth
Mary Kimball
Erik Vink

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain
Wes Henderson
Lee Smith

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

24.24 M/S/C approved the minutes of the May 7, 2024 Special and Regular Board meetings' minutes.

Ayes: Directors Mayer, Tucker, Barth, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

1. OPEN FORUM

General Manager Sicke introduced the District's new Assistant General Manager, Erik Cadaret. Director Vink asked Cadaret to share more about his background. Cadaret shared a brief overview of his professional background and experience and expressed his excitement to work with the Board, fellow District staff, and the community managing water in Yolo County.

Duane Chamberlain made comments about a conversation he had with Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry about the State Water Board's draft *Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan*. Sicke informed Chamberlain that she has discussed the matter with Aguiar-Curry and is happy to follow up with her regarding his concerns. Chamberlain inquired whether the District could fill vacant ponds in the winter and Sicke informed him that staff are coordinating with landowners to fill ponds when excess winter water is available for recharge.

2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

3. CONSIDERATION: Reschedule July 2, 2024 Board Meeting

General Manager Sicke requested that the Board reschedule the meeting to July 9, 2024 so that the meeting does not take place during the week of Independence Day to avoid any delay in financial reporting and any Directors that may be out of town.

24.25 M/S/C approved rescheduling of the July 2 Board meeting to July 9, 2024.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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 March, District staff continued to work with FEMA to provide documentation for reimbursement of funding expenses

related to storm damages. All canal system improvements were completed by the end of November 2023, and the outstanding project is the erosion along Cache Creek near the West Adams Canal heading.

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

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Claim Filed by Ray Rios

General Manager Sicke shared with the Board the details related to a claim filed by Ray Rios. On June 28, 2023, there was a canal blockage that resulted in flooding Rios' property. The District responded in a timely manner to address the issue and put into place mitigation measures. The District has been working with JPIA insurance to assist with processing the claim and JPIA offered Rios \$2,400 to settle the claim. Rios did not accept the settlement offer and JPIA advised that the District deny the claim.

Director Barth asked District staff if the flooding was caused by a tree or tree branches. Sicke confirmed that District staff found tree branches and leaves obstructed the canal flow and caused flooding to occur. Barth asked when the claim was received by the District. Sicke stated the claim was received June 28, 2023. Barth discussed the claim limitations ...

24.27 **M/S/C** approved the rejection of the claim by Ray Rios based on its merit.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

General Manager Sicke provided a brief update on the YSGA SGMA Implementation Grant funding projects and the YSGA's 2-Tier agricultural well permit review process.

Director Mayer asked District staff if the work included in Component 2 addressed the DWR corrective actions related to the GSP. Sicke confirmed that Component 2 would address the DWR corrective actions.

Director Tucker asked District staff to elaborate on the well permit that is moving forward with the Tier 2 analysis. Sicke described the general location, and that land subsidence was identified as a concern and shared more about the general process for a Tier 2 analysis.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tucker reported attending the District's Farmers' Council meeting on May 29. Director Barth reported attending the YSGA meeting on May 20 and the stakeholder meeting for the Hungry Hollow pipeline extension project on May 22. Director Kimball reported on attending the ALF Leadership welcome reception meeting on May 29 and that Sicke was also in attendance and is participating in the program. Chair Mayer reported attending the NCWA conservation meeting on June 4 and collaborating with District Staff on the beginnings of the District Strategic Plan.

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 May 31, 2024 Financial Statements Report were briefly reviewed along with the preliminary projection for the FY 2024/2025 Budget.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – A brief 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. ACWA/GRA SGMA Implementation Summit (June 5-6)
 2. IVR EAP Tabletop Exercise (June 6)
 3. Meeting with State Water Board to Discuss Long-Term Winter Water Right (June 7)
 4. YSGA Coordination Meeting with CDFW (June 7)
 5. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting (June 10)
 6. Meeting with Supervisor Frerichs to Discuss Slough Cleaning Responsibilities at County Road 28 (June 10)
 7. Yolo County Farm Bureau Board Meeting (June 11)
 8. Meeting with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Impact of Bay-Delta Plan and Benefits of Voluntary Agreements (June 12)
 9. Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee Meeting (June 13)
 10. International Groundwater Conference (June 17)
 11. Meeting with Jay Ziegler and Yolo County (June 19)
 12. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (June 21)
 13. *Tentative* Hungry Hollow Groundwater Committee Meeting (June 24)

- 14. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (July 15)
- 15. Ag Roundtable and Conversation with Supervisors Frerichs and Barajas (July 2)
- 16. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (July 15)

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Tucker asked if District staff have heard anything from the Geysers. Sicke stated we have, but we have not followed up.

10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

24.28 M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 63607-63619.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

11. CLOSED SESSION: Bay-Delta

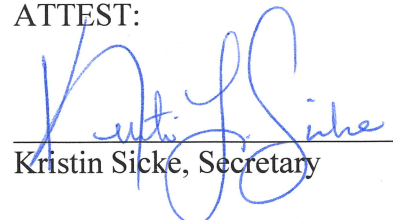
Closed session conference with legal counsel for existing administrative proceeding and anticipated litigation/significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) – State Water Resources Control Board Bay/Delta Plan update proceeding.

Closed Session Report: Chair Mayer reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, Assistant General Manager Cadaret, and Legal Counsel Bezerra 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.

ATTEST:



 Kristin Sicke, Secretary



 Jim Mayer, Chair

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