

**Yolo County Flood Control &
Water Conservation District**

**Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, December 5, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the November 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 7:02 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances, opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items
- 7:03 3. Consideration: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda
In order to add an item to the agenda, it must fit one of the following categories:
a) A majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or
b) A 4/5ths determination that the need to take action that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
- 7:05 4. Consideration: January 2023 Storm Events Emergency Canal Repairs
- 7:10 5. Presentation: Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Update
- 7:20 6. Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 7:25 7. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District

- 7:30 8. General Manager’s Report: Report regarding current general activities and projects of the District
- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions
 - b) Financial Report
 - c) Capital Improvement Program
 - d) General Activities
 - e) Upcoming Events
- 7:40 9. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 7:45 10. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills
- 7:50 11. Closed Session:
Closed session conference with legal counsel for anticipated litigation, Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(d)(2) – Claim by Chamberlain Farms.
- 8:05 12. 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.
- 8:20 13. Adjourn

The public may address the Board concerning an agenda item either before or during the Board’s consideration of that agenda item. Public comment on items within the Board’s jurisdiction is welcome, subject to reasonable time limits for each speaker. Upon request, agenda items may be moved up to accommodate those in attendance wishing to address that item. Times listed for consideration of agenda items are approximate only. The Board may consider any agenda item at any time during the Board meeting.

I declare that the foregoing agenda was posted at the office of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA on December 1, 2023.

By:

Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2023

ITEM #: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adoption of the November 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

INITIATED OR BOARD
REQUESTED BY: STAFF
 OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT YES NO
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION
 ACTION: MOTION
 RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Section 54957.5 of the Brown Act, copies of the draft minutes are available to the public on the District's website and at the District office prior to their approval.

In advance of the Board meeting, staff request the Directors notify staff if a correction is needed in the draft minutes to clarify a substantial point or to correct content. Staff will make the appropriate change(s) and submit the revised draft for review to the Board and the public at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend the adoption of the attached minutes with any corrections.



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FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 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, November 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

Tom Barth

Mary Kimball

Jim Mayer

Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager

Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

James Barrett

Duane Chamberlain

Rod Scheaffer

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

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 October, District staff 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 that were expected to be complete by the end of November 2023.

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

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

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

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

Sicke and Chair Barth provided an update on the following YSGA-related meetings: October 19 Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee, October 25 Ad Hoc Finance/Governance Committee, and October 27 Special Board of Directors. Additionally, Sicke provided an update on the Board of Supervisors meeting that was held earlier in the day, which resulted in the 45-day temporary well permitting moratorium expiring on November 10, 2023.

Sicke reviewed the recent [DWR conditional approval notice for the Yolo Subbasin GSP](#) and reported on the YSGA's partnership with TNC to better incorporate groundwater-dependent ecosystems into the GSP. Additionally, Sicke reported on the WaterSMART Applied Science Grant proposal, DWR's Technical Support Services for three new multi-completion wells in the Yolo Subbasin, and the Farming for our Future video project.

Sicke reported on YSGA's recent discussions related to long-term funding for the YSGA and reviewed the District's potential options for continuing to financially support GSP implementation.

Lastly, Sicke provided an update on the YSGA's Focus Areas mapping delineation and the potential process for requiring hydrogeology reports in the Focus Areas as part of complying with the Governor's Executive Orders ([N-7-22](#) and [N-3-23](#)) for well permitting.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mayer reported on participating in various NCWA meetings.

7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Ramos reported on BKS assisting the District with a comment letter on the [State Water Board's Draft Emergency Information Order Regulations for the Clear Lake Watershed](#). The District's primary concern with the draft regulations is the delineation of the "Clear Lake Watershed" boundary that would be applicable to the regulations.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions – The irrigation season ended October 6, 2023.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the October 31, 2023 Financial Statements Report were reviewed along with the preliminary projection of the end of FY 2023/2024 Budget. Sicke reported that preliminary October 2023 water sales were approximately 1,900 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 for 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. DWR's Flood MAR Forum (November 7)
 2. DWR's 2023 Fall GSA Forum: Well Management (November 9)
 3. Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee: Capital Projects Audit (November 9)
 4. South East Geysers Effluent Pipeline Tour – 25 Years of Success (November 13)
 5. Meeting to Discuss the CVRB Notice to Comply for Nitrate for Dischargers (Nov. 14)
 6. YSGA EC Meeting (November 14)
 7. District Meeting with Farmers to Discuss "Farmers Committee" (November 15)
 8. ACWA Board Meeting (November 17)
 9. YSGA: Board of Directors Meeting (November 20)
 10. ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting (November 21)
 11. YSGA: TNC Collaboration Meeting (November 27)
 12. ACWA Fall Conference (November 27-30)
 13. NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force (December 4)
 14. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force (December 11)
 15. NCWA Water Managers Dinner (December 13)

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 62854-62862.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

11. 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Tom Barth, Chair

ATTEST:

Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2023

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Consideration: January 2023 Storm Events Emergency Canal Repairs

INITIATED OR BOARD
REQUESTED BY: STAFF
 OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT YES NO
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION
 ACTION: MOTION
 RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

At the November 7, 2023 Board meeting, the Board continued to declare emergency conditions related to the January 2023 Storm Events and Emergency Canal Repairs projects.

District staff will provide an update on emergency repair projects and the Cal OES/FEMA reimbursement process.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend the Board declare continuation of the emergency conditions related to the January 2023 Storm Events and Emergency Canal Repairs projects for December 2023.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2023

ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Presentation: Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Update

INITIATED OR BOARD
REQUESTED BY: STAFF
 OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT YES NO
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION
 ACTION: MOTION
 RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

Similar to the November Board meeting, District staff and the Board’s representative to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) will provide an update on 1) [DWR’s approval of the 2022 Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan](#), 2) the YSGA’s process for revising the well permitting procedures for verifying new agricultural well permits in the Yolo Subbasin, and 3) the YSGA’s funding mechanism for administering and implementing the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.