

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

**Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, January 2, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the December 5, 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: Election of Officers 2024
- 7:10 5. Consideration: Action on Claim by Chamberlain Farms
- 7:15 6. Consideration: January 2023 Storm Events Emergency Canal Repairs
- 7:20 7. Discussion: District Representatives to Committees and Various Groups
- 7:30 8. Presentation: Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Update

- 7:40 9. Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 7:45 10. Attorney's Report: Report on legal matters of concern to the District
- 7:50 11. 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
- 8:00 12. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:05 13. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills
- 8:10 14. 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 15. Adjourn

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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 29, 2023.

By:

 Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2024

ITEM #: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adoption of the December 5, 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.



Y O L O C O U N T Y

FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 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, December 5, 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
Jim Mayer
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

M/S/C approved the minutes of the November 7, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Kimball and Vink

Abstain: None

2. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

Because Directors Kimball and Vink being absent upon Agenda Item #4, Agenda Item #6 (Director's Report) was moved up to occur prior to Agenda Item #4 (Consideration of the January 2023 Storm Events Emergency Canal Repairs).

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Directors Tucker and Barth reported on participating in the Tour of The Geysers where they met at the Calpine Geothermal Visitor Center and departed to tour a portion of the pipeline and geothermal power infrastructure. Director Barth also reported on participating in the Fall 2023 ACWA Conference, the YSGA Board meeting, and the District Farmer's Council meeting in November. Directors Mayer and Vink did not have anything to report. Director Kimball was not in attendance.

5. 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 November, 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.

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

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

Sicke and Chair Barth provided an update on the November 20, 2023 YSGA Board of Directors meeting.

Sicke reviewed the corrective actions listed in the [DWR conditional approval notice for the Yolo Subbasin GSP](#), which will need to be addressed in YSGA Annual Reports and incorporated into the 2027 Yolo Subbasin GSP Update.

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.

Sicke also reported on the draft membership proposal for the YSGA’s Management Area Public Advisory Committees, which is anticipated to have one voting seat per YSGA Member within the boundary of, and impacting, a specific Management Area.

Director Mayer suggested considering whether the Management Area Public Advisory Committees have authority or are advising the YSGA Board of Directors. He referenced the example of a neighborhood planning commission, which allows for the community voice to be lifted and for the community to engage in the process. He suggested the YSGA consider having a similar structure to the Public Advisory Committees allowing them to serve as conduits for representatives in the community.

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.

7. ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Legal Counsel Ramos reported on the [State Water Board’s Draft Emergency Information Order Regulations for the Clear Lake Watershed](#), and the State Water Board’s responsiveness to the District’s comments on the delineation of the “Clear Lake Watershed” boundary. Ramos reported that a new laws update would be available in January 2024.

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 November 30, 2023 Financial Statements Report were reviewed along with the preliminary projection of the end of FY 2023/2024 Budget.
- 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. China Slough Rehabilitation Project Kick-off Meeting (December 6)
 - 2. Salt Creek Pipeline Coordination Meeting (December 6)
 - 3. Oat Creek Recharge Project Meeting (December 7)
 - 4. Regional Board Nitrate Management Planning Zones Meeting (December 7)
 - 5. County / YSGA / LSCE / West Yost: Well Permitting Coordination Meeting (December 8)
 - 6. Meeting with DWR to Discuss VAs (December 8)
 - 7. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force (December 11)
 - 8. YSGA: Dunnigan Water District Board Meeting (December 13)

9. NCWA Water Managers Dinner (December 13)
10. YSGA: Planning Commission Meeting (December 14)
11. YSGA: Meeting with Supervisor Frerichs (December 14)
12. ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting (December 19)
13. Yolo County Board of Supervisors: Well Permit Discussion (January 9)
14. YSGA: Meeting with Supervisor Provenza (January 11)
15. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (January 22)
16. Yolo County Farm Bureau's Irrigated Lands Program (January 22-24)

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 # 62958-62976.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

11. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session conference with legal counsel for anticipated litigation under Government Code § 54956.9, subsection (d)(2) – Claim by Chamberlain Farms.

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. 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:

Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2024

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Consideration: Election of Officers for 2024

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:

Every January the Board elects the Chair and Vice Chair, its officers for the 2024 year. The Secretary to the Board is the District’s Secretary/General Manager.

It has been the policy of the Board to rotate Directors through the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. If the Board wishes to continue that policy, the officers of the Board of Directors for 2024 would be as follows:

Chair: Jim Mayer
Secretary: Kristin Sicke

Vice Chair: Shane Tucker

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend the Board continue the policy of the Board to rotate Directors through the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2024

ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Consideration: Action on Claim by Chamberlain Farms

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:

The District received a claim from Chamberlain Farms, which was reviewed with counsel in closed session at the December Board meeting, and the District’s counsel provided a confidential opinion recommending denial of the claim.

RECOMMENDATION:

District counsel recommends the Board of Directors deny the claim by Chamberlain Farms.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2024

ITEM #: 6

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 December 5, 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 January 2024.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2024

ITEM #: 7

SUBJECT: Discussion: District Representatives to Committees and Various Groups

INITIATED OR BOARD
REQUESTED BY: STAFF
 OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Director Jim Mayer
APPROVED BY: Director Jim Mayer

ATTACHMENT YES NO
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION
 ACTION: MOTION
 RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

Annually, the Chair appoints the District's representation to various groups and committees at the February Board meeting. During the January meeting, the Chair would like to discuss the potential to dissolve or repurpose committees in preparation for the 2024 appointments.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2024

ITEM #: 8

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:

District staff and the Board’s representative to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) will provide an update on the YSGA’s process for revising the well permitting procedures for verifying new agricultural well permits in the Yolo Subbasin and on the SGMA implementation grant projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

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