

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

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

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**AGENDA**

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the March 5, 2024 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: Strategic Planning Initiative
- 7:40 6. Presentation: YSGA Update
- 7:45 7. Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District

- 7:50 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
- 8:05 9. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:10 10. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills
- 8:15 11. Closed Session: Long-Term Water Supply Agreements  
 Closed session conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54956.8
- Property: Long-Term Water Supply Agreements with Clear Lake Diverters
- Agency negotiators: Kristin Sicke, Jim Mayer, Tom Barth, Shane Tucker
- Negotiating parties: California Water Service Company, City of Lakeport, Clear Water Mutual Water Company, Clearlake Lakewood Resort, Clearlake Oaks County Water District, Golden State Water Company, Harbor View Mutual Water Company, Highlands Water Company, Konocti County Water District, Lake County CSA No. 2, Lake County CSA No. 20, Lake County CSA No. 21, Lake County Watershed Protection District, Lake County Sanitation District, Lower Lake Cemetery District, Lower Lake County Waterworks District No. 1, Mt. Konocti Mutual Water Company, Nice Mutual Water Company, Rodman Ranch, Sanam LLC
- Under negotiation: price and terms of payment
- 8:30 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.
- 9:00 13. 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 March 29, 2024.

By:

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Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2024

ITEM #: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adoption of the March 5, 2024 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

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**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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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 7:00 PM**

**YCFC&WCD Offices**  
**34274 State Highway 16**  
**Woodland, CA 95695**

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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, March 5, 2024 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice Chair Tucker convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Shane Tucker  
Tom Barth  
Mary Kimball  
Erik Vink

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager  
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

James Barrett  
Duane Chamberlain  
Wendy Rash  
Lee Smith  
Kim Villa

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Regular Board meeting.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

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 December, 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, Kimball, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

Abstain: None

## **5. PRESENTATION: USDA NRCS Groundwater Recharge Pilot Program**

General Manager Sicke introduced Wendy Rash, a State Water Quality Specialist at Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) who provided a presentation on the Groundwater Recharge Pilot Program and the current work of recommending adoption of groundwater recharge practices for the USDA-NRCS National Headquarters.

Rash provided an overview of the USDA-NRCS Groundwater Recharge Pilot Program that is currently piloting the success of groundwater recharge basins and on-farm recharge with the Madera, Fresno, Merced, Tulare, and Kern County water districts and landowners. NRCS has new authority under the 2018 Farm Bill to work with water management entities. Applicants work with NRCS conservationists to develop a conservation plan including recharge practices and any needed supporting practices (physical infrastructure and land shaping). NRCS utilizes UCD's SAGBI to evaluate site suitability interpreting soil survey data based on recharge suitability along with LandIQ's groundwater recharge suitability index. NRCS reviews the nutrient management plans for fields participating and a risk assessment is completed with the pesticide use reports. NRCS

funds the construction of the recharge basins and any appurtenant infrastructure and relies on water agencies to facilitate the water right process or use an existing water right. Contracts with NRCS take approximately one year to execute and Rash reported that there may be a streamlined process available via the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding.

Vice Chair Tucker thanked Rash for her time in presenting to the Board.

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

General Manager Sicke provided an update on the YSGA's draft well permitting review procedures for a 2-tiered process in evaluating whether a hydrogeology report is necessary 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. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Directors Barth and Tucker reported on participating in the District's Farmers' Council meeting. Barth also reported on participating in the District's Infrastructure Committee meeting and the YSGA Board of Directors meeting. Director Tucker suggested the District should investigate opportunities to obtain some of the NRCS funding for installing surface water delivery infrastructure to provide an in-lieu benefit to the aquifer. Director Vink reported on participating in the Voluntary Agreement Committee meeting with Chair Mayer on February 29, which would be discussed in more detail during the closed session item of the agenda.

#### **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 February 29, 2024 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. NCWA Annual Meeting (March 8)
  2. Rolling Acres Meeting (March 13)
  3. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (March 18)
  4. Yolo County Board of Supervisors: Well Permit Discussion (April 9)
  5. ACWA Spring 2024 Conference (May 7-9)
  6. GRA/ACWA SGMA Implementation Workshop (June 5-6)

**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 # 63288-63299.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

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:* Vice Chair Tucker reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, 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.

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Shane Tucker, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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Kristin Sicke, Secretary



YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2024

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

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**BACKGROUND:**

At the March 5, 2024 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 April 2024.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2024

ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Presentation: Strategic Planning Initiative

INITIATED OR  BOARD  
REQUESTED BY:  STAFF  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO  
 DIRECTION

INFORMATION  
 ACTION:  MOTION  
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**BACKGROUND:**

Annually the District’s Board of Directors hosts a Board workshop for planning for the year ahead and preparing for change and uncertainty. This year, the Board has requested a more formal process for memorializing the District’s vision, mission, and path to customer satisfaction.

In early 2021, the District worked with Stantec and stakeholders to complete a Transition Planning Memorandum that identified strengths, weaknesses, expected issues, opportunities, and wild cards. This Transition Planning Memorandum will serve as the foundational document as the Board and staff embark on developing the District’s first Strategic Plan.

Jeff Boian of Morrison & Co. will provide a brief presentation on the proposed approach for facilitating the District’s strategic planning process.

**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: April 2, 2024

ITEM #: 6

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

INITIATED OR [ ] BOARD  
REQUESTED BY: [X] STAFF  
[ ] OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

ATTACHMENT [ ] YES [X] NO  
[ ] DIRECTION

[X] INFORMATION  
[ ] ACTION: [ ] MOTION  
[ ] RESOLUTION

**BACKGROUND:**

District staff and the Board’s representatives 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.