

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

**Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, July 9, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the June 4, 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. Presentation: NCWA's Regional Priorities
- 7:10 5. Presentation: YSGA Update
- 7:15 6. Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District
- 7:20 7. 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

- 7:35 8. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 7:40 9. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills
- 7:45 10. 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.
- 8:00 11. 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 July 5, 2024.

By:

Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2024

ITEM #: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adoption of the June 4, 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

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, 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

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.

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.

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 ...

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

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.

Jim Mayer, Chair

ATTEST:

Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2024

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Presentation: NCWA’s Regional Priorities

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:

The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) convenes scenario planning sessions with state and federal agencies and conservation partners to identify early actions, cooperative approaches, and creative partnerships to help protect shared values that will mitigate economic, social, and environmental impacts from dry water years. NCWA has explored opportunities to integrate ridgetop to river mouth actions to provide multiple benefits for Sacramento Valley communities, economy, and ecosystems for long-term resilience in the face of a changing climate. Several planning sessions focused specifically on groundwater resources and helped prioritize short-term implementation building upon the 2022 submission of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The following five regional priorities emerged from the discussions and renewed NCWA’s focus on the natural infrastructure and the importance of a healthy landscape in the Sacramento Valley to conjunctively manage resources and deploy [nature-based solutions](#) to achieve sustainability:

1. Ensure safe drinking water for communities
2. Advance groundwater recharge opportunities
3. Better understand and manage surface water and groundwater interaction
4. Help coordinate effective well permitting programs across the region
5. Align state and federal priorities with local and regional needs

To effectively implement some of these regional priorities, NCWA is partnering with local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, DWR, and other local agencies to take action to avoid subsidence in the Sacramento Valley. District staff will provide an update on this effort.

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: July 9, 2024

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:

District staff and the Board’s representatives to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) will provide an update on the YSGA’s activities, including SGMA implementation grant projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

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