

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

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**Board Meeting  
34274 State Highway 16  
Woodland, CA 95695  
Tuesday, September 3, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

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**AGENDA**

- 7:00 1. Consideration: Adoption of the August 6, 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: Farming for Our Future: Solutions from the Fields
  
- 7:25 5. Presentation: YSGA Update
  
- 7:40 6. Director’s Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District

- 7:45 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
- 8:00 8. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request
- 8:05 9. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills
- 8:10 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.
- 8:30 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 August 30, 2024.

By:

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 Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2024

ITEM #: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration: Adoption of the August 6, 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, August 6, 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, August 6, 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  
Erik Vink

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager  
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager  
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel (closed session via teleconference)

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett  
Duane Chamberlain  
Lynne Haralson  
Lee Smith

**1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the July 9, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Tucker, Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

## **2. OPEN FORUM**

Duane Chamberlain inquired about the District's involvement in weed control along the County's roadside ditches because the ditches on County Road 29 near his property need cleaning. Sicke confirmed the District is assisting the County in spraying and cleaning the roadside ditches at the end of the irrigation season, and Sicke informed Chamberlain that O&M Supervisor Espinoza would call him with additional details.

## **3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

## **4. CONSIDERATION: Adopt Resolution 24.05 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll**

General Manager Sicke reported that the District places the following Regular Special Assessments on the Yolo County (County) property tax roll annually:

1. East Adams Area Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54620)
2. Hungry Hollow Area Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54621)
3. 2012 Annexation Special Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54623)
4. 2020 Annexation Special Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54624)
5. 2023 Special Benefit Assessment District (Tax Area Code 54625)

As part of the Special Assessments' process, the County is requesting the Board adopt a formal resolution that acknowledges the collection of these charges on the County's property tax roll for 2024/2025.

M/S/C adopted Resolution 24.05 Requesting Collection of Charges on County Tax Roll.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

## **5. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update**

General Manager Kristin Sicke and Assistant General Manager Erik Cadaret presented updates on the YSGA SGMA Implementation Grant funding projects. Directors asked clarifying questions related to the projects and data involved.

## **6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Directors Tucker and Barth reported on attending the YSGA's July Board of Directors meeting and a District committee meeting to discuss the contract with the Geysers and LACOSAN. Barth also reported on connecting with the facilitator for the Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group. Director Vink had nothing to report. Chair Mayer reported on participating in the District's strategic planning committee meeting and a NCWA Board meeting.

## **7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions – An update on the 2024 water conditions and July water sales.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the July 2024 Financial Statements Report were briefly reviewed.
- 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 State Legislative Committee Meetings (August 9 and 28)
  2. YSGA: China Slough Rehab. Project – Landowner Meetings (August 13 and 27)
  3. Hungry Hollow Groundwater Committee Meeting (August 19)
  4. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (August 21)
  5. UCD Law Symposium: SGMA Implementation (September 6)
  6. Yolo Land Trust: A Day in the Country (September 8)
  7. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting (September 9)
  8. Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee Meeting (September 12)
  9. ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting (September 12)
  10. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (September 16)
  11. Bucks for Ducks (September 29)

## **8. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Director Tucker inquired whether there were any updates on the FERC inspections related to the [Part 12D Comprehensive Assessment](#). General Manager Sicke reported that discussions with FERC included repair or replacement of Indian Valley Dam's 60" Hollow Jet Valve, which is the low-level outlet works that regulates outflow from the reservoir. Additionally, the FERC Part 12D Comprehensive Assessment workshops have resulted in hundreds of potential failure modes that will be prioritized by risk and the financial impact will be evaluated and presented to the Board at a later meeting.

Lee Smith requested the District share a high-level summary of the proposed [Sacramento/Bay-Delta Update to the Bay-Delta Plan](#) and the District's alternative solution for the [Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program](#). Chair Mayer and Sicke provided a high-level overview of what has recently transpired with the Bay-Delta Plan amendments and the District's proposal to recharge winter water and provide flow contributions to Putah Creek for the benefit of salmon restoration.

Duane Chamberlain commented how measuring standing water levels in groundwater wells is not consistent with determining how the aquifer reacts to pump operations. Sicke agreed with Chamberlain and requested that Assistant General Manager Cadaret follow up with Chamberlain to learn more about any available operational data.

**9. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 63813-63829.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Tucker, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

**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.

*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.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Jim Mayer, Chair

ATTEST:

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Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2024

ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: [Presentation](#): Farming for Our Future: Solutions from the Fields

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 Center for Land-Based Learning partnered with Yolo County RCD, Community Alliance with Family Farmers, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency and the Hungry Hollow Groundwater Committee, Carbon Cycle Institute, Yolo County Health and Human Services, UC Davis, Good Humus Produce, and Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to submit a \$300,000 grant application to [Capital Region Creative Corps](#). The proposal included the creation of short videos on the role of agriculture in mitigating climate change impacts and managing groundwater sustainability, also known as *Farming for Our Future: Solutions from the Fields*. The videos include participation and demonstrations by local farmers, water managers, and various stakeholders.

District staff will play the videos and request feedback from Directors on the appropriate outreach strategy for sharing the videos with the community.

**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: September 3, 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

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**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.