



**FLOOD CONTROL &  
WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 3, 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 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 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

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager

Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager

Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel (closed session via teleconference)

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain

Lee Smith

Maddie Munson

**CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

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

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Kimball and Vink

Abstain: None

**1. OPEN FORUM**

None

**2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**3. PRESENTATION: Farming for Our Future: Solutions from the Fields**

General Manager Sicke reported that the Center for Land Based Learning (CLBL) 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 the District to submit a \$300,000 grant application to [Capital Region Creative Corps](#). The proposal included the creation of 18 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 included participation and demonstrations by local farmers, water managers, and various stakeholders.

Sicke played two of the 18 videos that related to water resources management. Director Kimball shared lessons learned in CLBL's leadership role and requested feedback on the programs that were presented in the videos. Director Barth commented that the videography was excellent. Lee Smith suggested the District share the videos with The Almond Board of California and the American Pistachio Growers and other agriculture-based organizations such as the California Farm Bureau Federation as they would love to have additional educational videos to share with their members.

Sicke shared that there will be a viewing party on September 9 at 4 pm at CLBL.

**4. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update**

General Manager Sicke and Assistant General Manager Cadaret presented updates on the YSGA SGMA Implementation Grant funding projects. Directors asked clarifying questions related to the projects and data involved. Duane Chamberlain made comments on the winter water recharge in the canal system and shared that the canals near his properties appear to recharge quickly when water is present.

## **5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Directors Mayer and Vink have proactively conducted outreach related to the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes initiative. Director Mayer will be attending the NCWA Board meeting this month. Director Tucker will be reaching out to current District 4 Supervisor Provenza and future District 4 Supervisor Allen during harvest in October. Director Kimball participated in the District's strategic planning committee meeting where the committee discussed ways to increase survey response rates from agency partners. Kimball also mentioned that District staff have a strategic planning workshop scheduled for September.

## **6. 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 August water sales.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the August 2024 Financial Statements Report were briefly reviewed.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – A brief update on the planning activities related to capital projects was provided. Mr. Smith suggested that once the Capay Dam Bladder Replacement Project is complete, the District should hold a celebration event.
- 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. UCD Law Symposium: SGMA Implementation (September 6)
  2. Yolo Land Trust: A Day in the Country (September 8)
  3. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting (September 9)
  4. Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee Meeting (September 12)
  5. ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting (September 12)
  6. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (September 16)
  7. Bucks for Ducks (September 29)
  8. YSGA: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting (October 2)
  9. GRA's Western Groundwater Congress (October 7-9)
  10. NCWA's Sacramento Valley Celebration (October 17)
  11. ACWA's Fall Conference (December 3-5)

## **7. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Duane Chamberlain asked General Manager Sicke to provide an update on the Bay-Delta Plan. Sicke noted that November will be the time when there will be new information to share.

**8. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

24.35 M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 63892-63902.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Mayer, Tucker, and Kimball

Noes: None

Absent: Director Vink

Abstain: None

**9. 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.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

  
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Kristin Sicke, Secretary

  
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Jim Mayer, Chair