



Y O L O C O U N T Y
FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10, 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 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 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

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

Jim Barrett

Duane Chamberlain

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the November 5, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Tucker

Abstain: None

2. OPEN FORUM

None.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

4. CONSIDERATION: FERC Part12D Comprehensive Assessment – Approval of Amendment to Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc.

General Manager Sicke reported on the work that is being conducted at Indian Valley Reservoir for preparing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Part12D Comprehensive Assessment. Key components of the Comprehensive Assessment Report include a Potential Failure Modes Analysis, a Level 2 Risk Analysis, a Part12D Inspection Plan along with an Independent Consultant Team Proposal, a Pre-Inspection Preparation Report (PIPR), documentation of findings, and a plan and schedule for corrective measures. Preliminary results so far indicate that the District is in good standing monitoring and managing for all the Part12D requirements.

After soliciting proposals in Fall 2023, the District Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. not to exceed \$310,000 to complete the District's Comprehensive Assessment of the Indian Valley Project as part of the Ninth Part 12D Report. During the first phase of the project, additional effort was spent to prepare the CA-PIPR and accommodate FERC's required reservoir rim and spillway inspections, and the PFMA and L2RA workshops required more time than originally budgeted. Additionally, there was a health emergency with a GEI team member that required the District to request an extension of time with FERC, which has been approved for February 28, 2025. GEI and District staff estimated the additional work to cost approximately \$93,000.

Director Kimball asked about the cost implications of this study. Sicke explained how the cost implications may play out.

Director Vink inquired about the communication and coordination between CA Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) and FERC. Sicke explained how she understands the coordination between the two agencies typically occurs. The consulting team has been diligently working on this project.

Chair Mayer asked about the report and how it may provide us with a basis to acquire grant funds. Sicke explained that this report may be beneficial.

Mr. Chamberlain asked about how this report results in action by FERC. Sicke explained how the report and inspections play into FERC regulations.

M/S/C approved the request to amend the services agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. to complete the FERC Part12D Comprehensive Assessment

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Tucker

Abstain: None

5. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update

General Manager Sicke and Assistant General Manager Cadaret shared updates on GSP implementation progress through the YSGA's SGMA Implementation Grant. The following was presented:

- YSGA honored Helen Thomson for her outstanding work advancing groundwater regulation for the benefit of Yolo County and California and that the YSGA is seeking a new environmental representative as Ms. Ann Brice has chosen to step down from the YSGA Board in 2025.
- YSGA staff will be attending a series of important meetings and workshops in the month of December.
- DWR and the YSGA have identified four continuous GPS station sites that will be installed over the next few years to increase monitoring of land subsidence within Yolo County.
- District staff submitted the 2025 Temporary Winter Water Recharge Permit application in August and MBK Engineers is refining the water availability analysis for the long-term permit application. District staff anticipate submitting a long-term application soon.
- District staff worked with Sustainable Conservation to prepare a draft map that shows farmer fields and the relative recharge potential for prioritizing outreach efforts for the on-farm pilot program and anticipate having landowner agreements in place in January 2025.
- YSGA have spent approximately \$1.03M to date of the SGMA Implementation Grant funds to advance GSP implementation.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Mayer attended NCWA meetings related to groundwater and the Bay-Delta Plan. Mayer will be attending the first of a series of land-subsidence-focused workshops between DWR and NCWA. Director Barth attended the Lake County Long-Term Water Supply Committee meetings with Director Tucker to negotiate a new water supply agreement, and he attended the ACWA-JPIA conference, and the Bay-Delta focused sessions at the conference. Director Vink acknowledged that one of the Directors may be requested to serve as the Special District representative on the Countywide Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board. Vink also expressed his deep appreciation for the District and was proud to serve on the District Board for the last 22 years. Chair Mayer also expressed his appreciation for Vink's service to the District.

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 the District's efforts to be proactive in managing the State Water Board's Bay Delta Plan amendments.
 1. Sicke noted that Indian Valley Reservoir Storage is nearly full and going into the winter

- months we'll have to manage the reservoir flood pool. Sicke also noted that the current percent of average precipitation for the Northern Sierra region on December 10, 2024 is currently indicating a *potential* for another average to above average precipitation year.
2. Sicke noted that on December 5, 2024 at around 11 am, a 4.3 M earthquake occurred near Cobb, CA. This earthquake triggered an accelerometer at Indian Valley. District staff conducted an in-depth inspection of the dam and critical appurtenance structures and found no issues. Existing landslides downstream of the stilling basin showed additional sluffing and deposition into the North Fork of Cache Creek. The results were reports to FERC.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the December 2024 Financial Statements Report were briefly reviewed.
 - c) Capital Improvement Program – A brief update on the planning and construction 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.
 1. Sicke highlighted the draft District Strategic Plan Goals
 - e) The following upcoming events were announced:
 1. YSGA: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting (December 11)
 2. State Water Board Bay-Delta Plan Workshop (December 12)
 3. NCWA/DWR's Subsidence Forum (December 12)
 4. TNC's Webinar on GDEs in the Sacramento Valley (December 12)
 5. ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee (December 12)
 6. District's Holiday Dinner (December 14)
 7. District's Farmers' Council Meeting (December 18)
 8. YSGA: Yolo-Zamora Landowner Meeting (December 18)
 9. District Strategic Plan Committee Meeting (December 19)

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Chamberlain asked if the District has an agreement with the County on maintaining the ditches. Sicke stated that we do have an agreement to do spray treatment along the road ditches.

Mr. Chamberlain asked about in-lieu groundwater substitution transfers and if it's allowed. Sicke stated that it's allowed and there is a fee the County charges.

9. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #64198-64224.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: Director Tucker

Abstain: None

10. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Closed session conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code § 54954.5(e) and §54957.

Title: General Manager

Closed Session Report: Chair Mayer reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, and Legal Counsel Bezerra participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

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 under District's Clear Lake Water Right

Agency negotiators: Tom Barth, Shane Tucker, Kristin Sicke

Negotiating parties: Lake County Sanitation District, Calpine, NCPA

Under negotiation: Price and terms of agreement

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. 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST

Kristin Sicke, Secretary

Jim Mayer, Chair

