



FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 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, January 7, 2025 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Mayer convened the meeting and acknowledged that currently only four Directors were on the Board since Director Vink retired in December. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Shane Tucker, Chair

Jim Mayer

Mary Kimball

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager

Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager

Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett

Duane Chamberlain

Geoff Klein

Maddie Munson

Lee Smith

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the December 10, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Barth

Abstain: None

2. OPEN FORUM

None.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

4. CONSIDERATION: Election of Officers for 2025

General Manager Sicke provided an update on Yolo County District 1 applications for filling Director Vink's seat on the Board and the anticipated timeline to complete the process and appointment of a new member ideally by February 2025. General Manager Sicke reviewed the Board's past policy of rotating Directors through the positions of chair and vice chair. Sicke stated that if the Board wished to continue that policy, the slate of officers for 2025 would be Directors Shane Tucker as Chair, Mary Kimball as Vice Chair, and General Manager Kristin Sicke as Secretary. The Board appreciated Director Mayer serving as Chair for 2024 and welcomed Director Tucker as the new Chair for 2025.

M/S/C approved the election of Directors Shane Tucker as Chair, Mary Kimball as Vice Chair, and General Manager Kristin Sicke as Secretary.

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Barth

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 has two future meetings planned. The next YSGA Board meeting will take place on January 13 and occur every other month throughout the year. The next YSGA Executive Committee Meeting will occur in February.
- YSGA has spent approximately \$1.12M to date of the SGMA Implementation Grant funds to advance GSP implementation.
- District staff submitted the 2025 Temporary Winter Water Recharge Permit application in August and received notice on December 13, 2024 from the State Board that the permit was approved. MBK Engineers is refining the water availability analysis for the long-term permit application. District staff anticipate submitting a long-term application in March 2025. District staff have engaged with farmers to encourage participation in the District's Winter Water On-Farm Recharge Program and will be pilot testing the program this season pending water availability.
 - o Barrett asked about keeping canals flowing to allow for recharge throughout the

entire period. Sicke and Cadaret responded that may be possible depending on how leaky the canals are and if fields can take on water.

- Barrett asked about how the gravel mining companies could use their pits for recharge. Sicke responded that we asked for data from them, and we anticipate obtaining data soon.
- Smith asked about how we can control canal levels through automated gates.
- Klein asked about how we track canal water traveling through the system.
- District staff previewed a new land subsidence best management practice document that will be released from DWR by March 31, 2025. In addition, DWR will develop new regulations to require GSAs to take immediate actions to prevent more land from sinking due to overdrafting of aquifers prone to land subsidence. In the Yolo Subbasin, there has been less than one foot of subsidence since 2015. DWR is currently installing three land subsidence monitoring stations to improve data collection in the Subbasin.
- YSGA staff have made progress collaborating with Yolo-Zamora landowners to obtain feedback on several project concepts that would bring surface water to a currently groundwater-dependent area. A future meeting is planned to obtain consensus on the most viable project alternatives to pursue and share an update on the environmental permitting process to rehabilitate the slough to mitigate flooding and improve recharge.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Tucker attended the Lake County Long-Term Water Supply Committee meetings with Director Barth to negotiate a new water supply agreement. Director Mayer attended the strategic planning meeting with Director Kimball to refine strategic goals, and Mayer also attended the NCWA/DWR coordination meeting with Sacramento Valley GSAs to discuss land subsidence management. Director Kimball attended a strategic planning meeting with Director Mayer to refine strategic goals.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions: Sicke provided an overview of current water conditions as of January 7, 2025:
 1. Clear Lake is currently at 5.96 feet Rumsey, and Cache Creek Dam is releasing flood flows in the amount of 970 cfs.
 2. Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 268,000 AF storage and above the USACE's maximum allowable flood storage curve. The District will be releasing water from Indian Valley through the hydropower generators starting January 8, 2025 to bring the storage in Indian Valley closer to the flood storage curve level.
 - a) Smith inquired of maximum hydropower flows. Sicke responded that it's 250 cfs.
 3. Staff are preparing to divert winter water at Capay Dam starting January 8, 2025.
 4. Northern Sierra precipitation is currently tracking above average at this time of year.

5. Landslides downstream of the IVR stilling basin are continuing to evolve. The slide that is 300 feet downstream of the stilling basin next to the USGS stream gage has eroded substantially since it was first identified in April 2024.
6. Sicke reviewed groundwater level conditions for the end of 2024.
7. Sicke provided an update on the State Water Board's Draft Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan and upcoming workshops.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Reviewed end of calendar year finances.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – Provided brief update on the planning and construction activities related to capital projects.
- 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. Meeting with Sierra Club: Yolano (January 8)
 2. Westside-Sacramento IRWM CC Meeting (January 8)
 3. ACWA SGMA Implementation Committee Meeting (January 9)
 4. ACWA Region 4 Board Meeting (January 10)
 5. YSGA: Board of Directors Meeting (January 13)
 6. Yolo County Farm Bureau's Agriculturalist of the Year (January 16)
 7. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (January 17)
 8. Yolo County Farm Bureau's Irrigated Lands Program (January 21, 22, and 29)
 9. Solano Water Advisory Committee (January 22)
 10. California Irrigation Institute's 2025 Conference (January 27-28)
 11. NCWA's Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (February 3)

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chamberlain asked about how the canals will be managed for winter recharge water. Sicke mentioned that it depends on what capital projects are currently occurring and which laterals may be available to hold winter water.

Chamberlain asked what ponds will be used to store winter water for recharge. Sicke shared that the reason no ponds are filled is because the District has not initiated winter water diversions yet; staff will investigate which ponds can be filled once water is in the canals.

Chamberlain asked if the District will be spraying the roadside ditches and Sicke recommended that he connect with Operations Supervisor Espinoza.

Chamberlain asked if the District is getting fair rates for hydropower generation. Sicke mentioned the District will be re-negotiating the power purchase agreement in the next year for a higher rate for generating power but currently the District does not believe the rates are fair since not much revenue is generated.

9. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #64273-64288.

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Barth

Abstain: None

10. 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 Tucker 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. 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 Tucker 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.


Shane Tucker, Chair

ATTEST:


Kristin Sicke, Secretary

