



FLOOD CONTROL &  
WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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, February 4, 2025 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Tucker 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  
Tom Barth

### District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager  
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager  
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel, via phone for Items 11 and 12

### Members of the Public

Jim Barrett  
Duane Chamberlain

## **1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C approved the minutes of the January 7, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

## **2. OPEN FORUM**

None.

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

There were no changes made to the agenda.

### **4. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution No 25.01 to Amend and Restate District Conflict of Interest Code**

General Manager Sicke reviewed the process for reviewing and updating the District's conflict of interest code. The District is required under Government Code Section 87306.5 to conduct a biennial review of its Conflict-of-Interest Code (Code) on even numbered years no later than October 1, and is currently delayed in the 2024 review. Legal Counsel Morgan Biggerstaff reviewed the current Code and requested the District to update the Code and related appendix to properly reflect FPPC regulation.

Chair Tucker asked if this related to the Form 700 filings. Sicke stated yes. Board members and the General Manager are statutory filers for compliance, but this also defines AGM and others that may have decision making authority.

Director Mayer stated he would like to better understand the role of the consultants in the conflict of interest code and what qualifies them being involved in this process. Sicke stated she will follow up for clarification.

M/S/C approved the Adoption of Resolution No 25.01 to Amend and Restate District Conflict of Interest Code

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **5. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution No 25.02 to Monitor Groundwater Use During the 2025 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21467**

General Manager Sicke provided an update on the temporary permit process for diverting excess storm flows for groundwater recharge. After consultation with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), United States Bureau of Reclamation, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Water Resources, the District submitted a temporary water right permit application August 12, 2024. The District received a Temporary Permit for Diversion and Use of Water for groundwater recharge on December 13, 2024 to divert up to 72,000 acre-feet of excess flows at the Capay Diversion Dam; up to a rate of 600 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Sicke reported that diversions at the Capay Diversion Dam were allowed with bypassing flows of at least 50 cfs in Cache Creek at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Yolo gauge, except in April when at least 100 cfs of flows must be bypassed. Sicke discussed the permit conditions that require the District to quantify the groundwater extraction and use and determine that the

extractions are from water stored by the District and not based on other claims of right.

Sicke requested that the Board approve the proposed resolution to monitor groundwater use during the 2025 irrigation season and comply with permit conditions.

**M/S/C** adopted Resolution No. 25.02 to Monitor Groundwater Use During the 2025 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21467.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

## **6. 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 YSGA Executive Committee and Board meeting are scheduled for February 18 and March 17, respectively.
- YSGA has spent approximately \$1.25M of SGMA Implementation Grant funds to-date.
- MBK Engineers is refining the water availability analysis for the District's long-term permit application for winter recharge. 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.
- YSGA staff collaborated with the USDA to conduct a geophysical study using tTEM along the Hungry Hollow Canal. Data collected suggests there are multiple recharge opportunities to optimize recharge along the Hungry Hollow Canal and expand recharge potential in specific areas adjacent to the canal.
- YSGA staff have identified a landowner adjacent to China Slough who would like to pilot on-farm recharge during rainfall and runoff events and is coordinating monitoring activities to effectively report results of recharge activities.

## **7. 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 a NCWA strategic planning meeting that was focused on the Bay-Delta Plan, Healthy Rivers and Landscapes, and the new federal administration. Director Barth also attended the YSGA January Board meeting. Director Kimball had no updates to report.

## **8. 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 February 4, 2025:

1. Clear Lake is currently at 7.01 feet Rumsey, and Cache Creek Dam is releasing flood flows in the amount of 1,960 cfs.
2. Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 272,000 AF storage and above the USACE's maximum allowable flood storage curve. The District will be releasing water from Indian Valley through the hydropower turbines starting February 5, 2025 to bring the storage in Indian Valley closer to the flood storage curve level.
3. Northern Sierra precipitation is currently tracking above average at this time of year.
4. Sicke reviewed groundwater level conditions for January 2025.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Reviewed preliminary finances through January 2025.
- 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. State Water Board Modeling in the Putah Creek Watershed (February 5)
  2. Valley Clean Energy IVR Power Purchase Agreement Discussion (February 5)
  3. YSGA: Lower Sacramento Valley GSP Interbasin Coordination Meeting (February 6)
  4. YCFC&WCD/Yolo County CAAP Coordination Meeting (February 6)
  5. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (February 7)
  6. ACWA Groundwater Banking Working Group Meeting (February 10)
  7. South Colusa North Yolo Coordination Meeting (February 13)
  8. Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee Meeting (February 13)
  9. ACWA SGMA Implementation Committee Meeting (February 14)
  10. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (February 18)
  11. Yolo-Zamora Landowner Meeting (February 21)
  12. Rolling Acres Town Hall Meeting (February 27)
  13. Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (March 3)

## **9. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chamberlain asked about slough/canal cleaning near Rolling Acres. Sicke provided background on recent and historical activities.

Chair Tucker noted that with our new board member arriving soon, Board members should consider which committees they would like to serve on in 2025. Committee assignments will be brought back to the Board in March.

Barrett asked whether there were current efforts to oxygenate Clear Lake and Sicke reported that Lake County was currently investigating cost-effective options for improving the water quality of Clear Lake, and to ideally mitigate algae issues.

Chamberlain inquired whether the District had any intention to bring the Cache Creek Dam

hydropower facility back online. Sicke explained that the District had completed investigations that confirmed the technical complications in the design of the facility coupled with the high price tag did not make sense for bringing it back online.

#### **10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills**

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 64375-64392.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

#### **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 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. 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.

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

Kristin Sicke, Secretary

Shane Tucker, Chair

