



**FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 1, 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, April 1, 2025 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Tucker convened the meeting and welcomed the newly appointed Region 1 Director, Lee Smith, to the Board. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Shane Tucker, Chair
Mary Kimball
Tom Barth
Jim Mayer
Lee Smith

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel
David Guy, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain
Jim Barrett

1. OPEN FORUM

None.

2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda. Chair Tucker announced that Closed Session Item 16 (Anticipated Litigation) would move to the top of the closed session items and that Closed Session Item 15 (Bay-Delta) would commence after 16. Also, that Closed Session Item 14 (Long-Term Water Supply Agreements) would commence after 16 and before 17 (Public Employee Performance Evaluation).

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of March 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

No discussion

b. Declaration of Surplus Assets and Authorization of Disposal

No discussion

M/S/C approved the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. CONSIDERATION: Approval of a Waiver of Competitive Bidding and Award a Public Works Contract to JS Weld Inc. for the Chapman Reservoir Inlet Automated Trash Screens

General Manager Sicke reviewed the history of the Winters Canal inlet into Chapman Reservoir where aquatic weeds clogged the pumps that prevented landowners from accessing water during 2023 and 2024 which translated to lost revenue. Sicke shared that the automated trash rack screens will help with catching aquatic weeds and removing them before they reach Chapman. Sicke reviewed the trash rack size and customized build that requires services from this welder and the unique request that initiated the need for a waiver.

M/S/C approved the Waiver of Competitive Bidding and Award a Public Works Contract to JS Weld Inc. for the Chapman Reservoir Inlet Automated Trash Screens

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution No. 25.05 Authorizing Quit Claim of a Portion of the West Adams Canal to Jim Barrett

General Manger Sicke highlighted the location and land that's associated with the Quit Claim along West Adams Canal. Barrett is going through a land easement process with Yolo Land Trust, which required a clean-up of the property title to support the processing of the easement with Yolo Land

Trust. In documenting the quit claim of underlying property rights to Barrett, the District and Barrett will also document the District's easement or right-of-way for using the canal and roadway for maintaining and operating the West Adams Canal.

Barrett shared that the process has been complicated and there have been previous lot line adjustments, but there may have been a lack of formal documentation. Barrett also mentioned that the ownership of some of the neighboring properties may be incorrect in the GIS parcel database.

Sicke mentioned that the District uses ParcelQuest which is the GIS data provider for landownership.

Kimball asked for a definition of a Quit Claim. Bezerra explained that it's a form of a deed.

Tucker asked for clarification on the Quit Claim and Easement. Sicke shared that it boils down to allowing the District to use the canal that runs through Barrett's property and allowing for access by Yolo Land Trust to monitor the property to the south of the canal.

Barth asked for clarification on the width of the easement on the map in the packet. Tucker and Barrett shared clarification on the map.

Tucker asked about the order of the process. Sicke shared that the District would prepare the Quit Claim as a final document and ensure the easement is recorded at the same time as the Quit Claim.

M/S/C adopted Resolution No. 25.05 Authorizing Quit Claim of a Portion of the West Adams Canal to Jim Barrett

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. CONSIDERATION: Adoption of Resolution No. 25.06 Authorizing Quit Claim of a Portion of the Alder Canal to Jim Barrett

General Manager Sicke highlighted the location and land that's associated with the Quit Claim along the Alder Canal. In documenting the quit claim of underlying property rights to Barrett, the District and Barrett will also document the District's easement or right-of-way for using the canal and roadway for maintaining and operating the Alder Canal.

Tucker asked how this Quit Claim is different besides location. Sicke shared that this one is older, but essentially the same.

Barrett asked where the West Adams Canal ends, and the East Adams Canal begins. Sicke pointed to the location on a map.

M/S/C adopted Resolution No. 25.06 Authorizing Quit Claim of a Portion of the Alder Canal to Jim Barrett

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7. CONSIDERATION: Adopt Resolution No.25.07 Setting the Regular Board Meeting Time

General Manager Sicke shared the history of the Regular Board Meeting time setting and 2021 Board meeting that considered potentially changing the time from 7 p.m. Sicke discussed the March Board discussion that requested coordination with the Farmers Council on a preferred time that would allow for farmer/grower participation. Sicke shared that the feedback was generally supportive of moving it to 3 p.m.

Director Smith mentioned that a meeting time of 3 p.m. is conducive to younger farmers' participation as they balance work and family life. Directors Mayer and Kimball also said that 3 p.m. would be a better time for a Board meeting.

M/S/C adopted Resolution No.25.07 Setting the Regular Board Meeting Time to 3:00 pm PST on the first Tuesday of each month

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

8. CONSIDERATION: Emergency Repairs at Indian Valley Reservoir Spillway

General Manager Sicke shared updates on the planning activities for emergency repairs at the Indian Valley Reservoir spillway. The current target start date for repairs is the beginning of July. This agenda item is to continue the emergency to facilitate repairs in an expedient manner.

M/S/C approved a continuation of the emergency for completing repairs to the Indian Valley Reservoir spillway

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

9. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update

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

- Upcoming meetings: Yolo County Board of Supervisors Hearing regarding appeal to an agricultural well permit (April 8), YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (April 14), and YSGA Board meeting (May 18)
- To-date approximately \$1.6M of SGMA Implementation Grant funds used
- MBK Engineers has drafted the water availability analysis for the District's long-term permit application for winter recharge. Winter water diversions under the temporary permit occurred in January and February in the amount of approximately 4,400 acre-feet. Diversions will not be able to continue because of necessary repairs in the District's canal system. The District is working with landowners to prepare 2026 on-farm recharge opportunities.
- 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 other property owners interested in piloting recharge in Yolo Zamora. YSGA staff are diligently working on the next steps to make further progress on the project.
- YSGA staff shared the long-term vision to scale up District and YSGA recharge efforts throughout the subbasin and in particular, in areas where water level declines and land subsidence are of concern.
- YSGA staff shared results from the Water Year 2024 annual report. The Subbasin groundwater aquifer is in good condition thanks to the past few years of above normal water years, including the current water year.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Director Tucker attended the *Lake County Long-Term Water Supply Agreements Committee* meeting with Director Barth. Director Kimball attended the strategic plan Committee meeting with Director Mayer. Director Mayer attended the NCWA executive committee, Board of Directors and Groundwater Management Task Force meetings. Director Mayer plans to participate in the NCWA/DWR Groundwater Recharge work group meeting on April 24. Director Barth attended YSGA Executive Committee and Board meetings and the Farmers Council meeting with Director Lee. Director Lee attended the South Colusa North Yolo (SCNY) landowner coordination meetings, NCWA leadership meetings, and a meeting with District staff to discuss surface water quality.

11. 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 April 1, 2025:
 1. Clear Lake is currently at 7.92 feet Rumsey, and Cache Creek Dam is releasing flows in the amount of 2,500 cfs
 2. Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 273,400 AF storage and above the USACE's maximum allowable flood storage curve; the District is releasing 10 cfs.
 3. Northern Sierra precipitation is currently tracking above average at this time of year.
 4. Sicke noted that the irrigation season is scheduled to start between April 22 - 29
 5. Sicke reviewed groundwater level conditions for March 2025
- b) Financial Report Summary – Reviewed preliminary finances through March 2025.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – Provided updates on the planning and construction activities related to capital projects, what has currently been completed to date, and what's anticipated to be completed before the start of irrigation season.
- 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:
 - NCWA Board Tour of Solano County/Putah Creek (April 2)
 - NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (April 7)
 - South Colusa North Yolo Coordination Meeting (April 7)
 - Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting (April 8)
 - Winters-Area Landowner Workshop (April 9)
 - Yolo Farm and Ranch Programs 101 Workshop (April 10)
 - YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (April 14)
 - Community Alliance with Family Farms (CAFF) GW Workshop (Apr. 17)
 - CII Board Meeting: Strategic Planning Session (April 21)
 - Sac Valley Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement Workgroup (April 24)
 - ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (April 25)
 - ACWA Spring 2025 Conference (May 13-15)
 - YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (May 19)
 - GRA Spring Conference (May 27-28)

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chamberlain mentioned federal land trust concerns around easements.

13. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #64574-64594.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Mayer, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

14. CLOSED SESSION: Anticipated Litigation

Closed session conference with legal counsel for initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5, subdivision(c), and 54956.9, subdivision(d)(4): One case.

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

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54954.5(e) and 54957)

Title: General Manager

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

18. ADJOURNMENT

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



Shane Tucker, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristin Sicke, Secretary