



Y O L O C O U N T Y

FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 3:00 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 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Tucker convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Shane Tucker, Chair

Mary Kimball (Arrived at 3:04 pm)

Tom Barth

Lee Smith

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager

Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager

Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel (via phone for Items 12, 13, 14, and 15)

Members of the Public

Duane Chamberlain

James Woodruff

1. OPEN FORUM

None.

2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

Since Director Kimball was running late, Chair Tucker moved Item 4 so that there would be four Directors in attendance to continue declaration of the emergency at Indian Valley Reservoir for completing repairs to the spillway.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of May 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on this item.

b. Adopt Resolution 25.08 to Nominate Kristin Sicke to ACWA Region 4 Board

There was no discussion on this item.

M/S/C approved the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Kimball and Mayer

Abstain: None

4. CONSIDERATION: Emergency Repairs at Indian Valley Reservoir Spillway

General Manager Sicke asked the Board to continue declaration of emergency to continue work on spillway repairs. District Staff solicited several contractors and requested contractors to provide proposals by June 9. These proposals will be shared with the Infrastructure Committee. The project is anticipated to start at the end of July or early August.

Chamberlain asked how much the District spent on the emergency repair. Sicke stated that she would follow up with Mr. Chamberlain via email.

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

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

Abstain: None

5. PRESENTATION: Extension of Highlands Mutual Water Company's Water Supply Agreement

General Manager Sicke reviewed the history of the Highlands Mutual Water Company Water Supply Agreement with the District and their ability to purchase up to 3,000 AF annually. The agreement lapsed at the end of 2024 and Sicke is requesting an interim agreement through December 2026 to be approved while a long-term agreement is negotiated.

M/S/C approved an extension of the Highlands Mutual Water Company's Water Supply Agreement.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

Abstain: None

6. 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: YSGA Hungry Hollow Groundwater Committee Meeting (June 26), YSGA Executive Committee meeting (June 30), and YSGA Board Meeting (July 21). YSGA staff also mentioned they are working on planning a Yolo-Zamora Landowner meeting in July and kickstarting the North Yolo Management Area Public Advisory Committee Meeting in July/August. Other related meetings include South Colusa North Yolo (SCNY) Groundwater Committee Meeting (June 18) and CAFF's Sustainable Groundwater Panel (July 16).
- To date approximately \$2.24M of SGMA Implementation Grant funds have been expended. It was also noted that Component 1 and 2 funds need to be fully expended by April 2026 and Components 3, 4, 5, and 6 must be spent by April 2027. YSGA staff will be submitting a grant agreement amendment to DWR for review by the end of June to request an extension of time for each component.
- YSGA Staff are starting the YSGA Fee Study with Hansford Economic Consulting and working with a new public outreach specialist, Consero Solutions, to assist with outreach efforts in Hungry Hollow and North Yolo.
- 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. District staff are working to file a long-term water right application this summer and are coordinating with NCWA and SWRCB on the timing and application type. In addition, the District is working with landowners to prepare for 2026 on-farm recharge opportunities.
- Cadaret shared a map of all the towed Time Domain Electromagnetic (tTEM) surveyed canals to date. tTEM is being used to quickly identify potential recharge sites immediately adjacent to existing District canals and bolstering monitoring activities related to recharge.
- Sicke shared an update on the City of Winters grant-funded project and noted that through this project, one landowner has agreed to sign up and use surface water to help alleviate declining groundwater levels. Further analysis and meetings are underway.
- Cadaret shared tTEM survey results from Dunnigan Water District for an on-farm recharge site being evaluated to increase recharge in the North Yolo Management Area.

Smith asked if the District Board has had previous discussions to consider selling water for the purpose of recharge. Sicke and Cadaret shared background information on what's been discussed and what's being considered.

Chamberlain asked about what's being done to address concerns voiced by landowners in Hungry

Hollow. Cadaret and Sicke shared the current work being done to prepare for the June 26 workshop where the water budget and potential projects and management actions will be reviewed.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Tucker attended the *Lake County Long-Term Water Supply Agreements Committee* and coordinated with the District *Personnel Committee* regarding General Manager Sicke's performance evaluation, including conducting a 360-review interview. Director Barth attended the May 2025 YSGA Board meeting and ACWA JPIA meeting. Director Smith attended YSGA Executive Committee meetings with Director Barth.

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 June 3, 2025:
 1. Clear Lake is currently at 7.35 feet Rumsey, and Cache Creek Dam is releasing flows in the amount of 385 cfs
 2. Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 250,000 AF storage and releasing 405 cfs.
 3. Sicke noted that the irrigation diversions started on April 18 and were releasing 285 cfs into the West Adams Canal and 405 cfs into the Winters Canal.
 4. Sicke reviewed real-time groundwater levels for May 2025, and reviewed the updated District Spring 2025 hydrograph for periodic monitoring wells
- b) Financial Report Summary – Sicke provided an update on irrigation season water sales and FY budget to date.
- 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 the 2026 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 Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting (June 9)
 - CII Board Workshop (June 16)
 - Yolo County Financial Oversight Committee Meeting (June 17)
 - South Colusa/North Yolo Community Meeting (June 18)
 - ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (June 20)
 - Sac Valley Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement Workgroup (June 23)
 - NorCal Water Leaders Program (June 25)
 - YSGA: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Workshop Meeting (June 26)
 - YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (June 30)

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chamberlain shared concerns on water flow in the canal where he takes water. Sicke stated she will follow up with him on this concern.

Smith asked about the location of the Rolling Acres community and the flooding issues. Sicke shared background information on the Rolling Acres community and the objective of the meetings. Chamberlain shared his thoughts on the flooding issues in the area and the possible solutions that could be implemented based on what has been discussed before.

Chamberlain asked when the District will announce the end of the irrigation season. Sicke projected that by the end of August or beginning of September the District should have better information about water demand through the remainder of the growing season.

Chamberlain suggested that the YSGA should collect pumping water level data to better understand the water level changes and pumping dynamics. Sicke encouraged Chamberlain to submit pumping water level data for his wells.

10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #64828-64841.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Smith, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: Director Mayer

Abstain: None

11. CONSIDERATION: Announce Designation of District Labor Negotiation Representatives

Chair Tucker assigned Directors Kimball and Mayer as the District Labor Negotiation Representatives when negotiating the General Manager Sicke's contract for agenda item 15.

12. 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.

13. 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 discussion and that there was nothing to report.

14. 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 and General Manager Sicke participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

15. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957.6)

District Representative(s): Director Kimball (Director Mayer was absent)

Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

Closed Session Report: Chair Tucker reported that the Directors participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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


Shane Tucker, Chair

ATTEST:


Kristin Sicke, Secretary