



**FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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, January 6, 2026 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

Tom Barth

Mary Kimball

Jim Mayer

Lee Smith

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager

Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett

Kenneth Breckinridge

Duane Chamberlain

Geoff Klein

1. OPEN FORUM

None.

2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

General Manager Sicke requested adding the following item to the Consent Agenda (Item No. 3): Adoption of Resolution No. 26.01 to Monitor Groundwater Use During 2026 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21483. Director Mayer motioned and Director Smith seconded adding the requested item to the Consent Agenda.

M/S/C added Adoption of Resolution No. 26.01 to Monitor Groundwater Use During 2026 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21483 to the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Tucker, Mayer, Smith, and Barth

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of December 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on this item.

b. Adoption of Resolution No. 26.01 to Monitor Groundwater Use During 2026 Irrigation Season Under Temporary Permit 21483

There was no discussion on this item.

M/S/C approved the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Tucker, Mayer, Smith, and Barth

Noes: None

Absent: Director Kimball

Abstain: None

4. PRESENTATION: Update on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project

General Manager Sicke provided updates on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project (Project). The Project will replace a failing 60-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) that siphons water under the Chickahominy Slough (also known as the Walnut Canal). This project has potential build-out capacity to deliver ~130 cfs downstream to farmers. The District plans to create all-weather access for ingress and egress during construction, which will occur during winter conditions. The District solicited bids on December 17 and the bidding process will close on January 26 with bids due at 10 a.m.. The District currently has a draft environmental permit from CDFW, which will be finalized prior to construction activities. Mitigation and restoration activities will need to be incorporated into the Project, and the District needs to hire a biologist to assist with surveying and monitoring during the Project.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for January 8 for prospective bidders to learn more about the Project and to visit the site. The District will hold a special Board meeting on January 27 to award

a contractor for initiating construction by February 9. One change that has been incorporated into the bid is that the contractor will complete demolition work to ensure there are efficiencies with construction activities. The District is aiming for a project completion date of May 1, 2026 to ensure a successful start to the 2026 irrigation season.

5. 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.

Sicke reviewed updates related to the County's agricultural well moratorium to be discussed at the January 8, 2026 County Working Group meeting.

The following upcoming meetings were discussed:

- January 8: County Well Moratorium Working Group Meeting
- January 12: YSGA Board of Directors Meeting
- January 28, 29, and Feb. 11: Irrigated Lands (Yolo Sub-watershed Coalition) Workshops
- February 9: Special YSGA Board Meeting (YSGA Fee Study)
- February 19: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting

Cadaret provided an update on DWR SGMA Implementation grant funds, a possible change to the previous time extension for Components 1 and 2, and staff's plan to adapt, if changes are required. Cadaret also reviewed completed milestones and next steps for the Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group, District Recharge Program, YSGA Fee Study, GSP Periodic Evaluation, and Yolo Zamora Recharge Pilot Project.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Director Kimball attended the *District's Infrastructure Committee* meeting.
- Director Smith attended the *YSGA Executive Committee* and *Ad-Hoc Finance Committee* meeting, and the *District Infrastructure Committee* meeting.
- Director Barth attended the *YSGA Executive Committee* meeting and *Ad-Hoc Finance Committee* meeting. Director Barth also provided an update on the ACWA JPIA insurance report from the 2025 Fall Conference: property insurance is expected to increase by about 10% and liability is expected to increase by about 5% with Workers' Compensation Program remaining flat. The District also received the 2025 ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award honoring the District with an exceptionally low loss ratio in General Liability, Property, and Workers' Compensation programs.
- Director Mayer attended the *NCWA Board of Directors* and *Groundwater Management Task Force* meetings.
- Director Tucker attended the *County's Well Moratorium Working Group* meeting, *YSGA Ad-Hoc Finance Committee* meeting, and a meeting with County Supervisor Sheila Allen.

7. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions: an overview of current water conditions as of January 6, 2026:
 - Clear Lake is currently at 6.22 feet Rumsey. Flood flow releases of approximately 875 cfs are currently occurring at Cache Creek Dam to comply with the Gopcevic Decree. Irrigation season entitlement starts at 3.22 feet.
 - Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 226,300 AF storage. Environmental releases of 10 cfs will continue through the winter. Total capacity in the reservoir cannot exceed 260,760 AF after October 15 and prior to March 15.
 - The anticipated weather forecast for this week of January 6 was received.
 - Groundwater level conditions as of January 6, 2026 were also reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary –an update on finances as of December 31, 2025.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – The *Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Headworks Replacement Project* is the main focus for capital jobs in addition to completing critical culvert replacements and turnouts for ensuring the system is ready for the 2026 irrigation season.
- d) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
 1. On-Farm Recharge Landowner Coordination Meeting (December 10)
 2. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (December 11)
 3. Capay Dam and Cache Creek Settling Basin Site Visit with CDFW (December 12)
 4. YSGA Finance Committee Meeting (December 12)
 5. NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (December 15)
 6. NCWA/DWR Sac Valley Flood Diversion Recharge Events Meeting (December 17)
 7. YSGA / YC DEH Coordination Meeting on Well Permitting and Land Use Planning (December 30)
- e) The following upcoming events were announced:
 1. Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Focus Areas Working Group Meeting (January 8)
 2. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (January 12)
 3. California Irrigation Institute Board of Directors Meeting (January 15)
 4. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (January 16)
 5. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (January 22)
 6. Yolo County Farm Bureau Agriculturalist of the Year (January 22)
 7. YSGA Ad-Hoc Finance Committee Meeting (January 23)
 8. California Irrigation Institute 2026 Conference (January 26-27)
 9. District Special Board of Directors Meeting (January 27)
 10. Yolo Sub-watershed Coalition (Irrigated Lands Program; Jan. 28-29, Feb. 11)
 11. ACWA Board of Directors Meeting (January 29-30)
 12. Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Focus Areas Working Group Meeting (Feb. 5)

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION

None

9. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #64009-64021 and E167-169.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

10. CONSIDERATION: Election of Officers

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 Mary Kimball as Chair, Lee Smith as Vice Chair, and General Manager Kristin Sicke as Secretary. The Board appreciated Director Tucker serving as Chair for 2025 and welcomed Director Kimball as the new Chair for 2026.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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 Kimball reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, Assistant General Manager Cadaret, and Legal Counsel Ryan 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.



Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristin Sicke, Secretary