



**FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 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 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Barth convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Tom Barth
Mary Kimball
Jim Mayer
Shane Tucker
Erik Vink

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Andrew Ramos, Legal Counsel (remotely in attendance for closed session)

Members of the Public

Kristin Wraithwall

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

23.30 M/S/C approved the minutes of the June 6, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

4. CONSIDERATION: January 2023 Storm Events Emergency Canal Repairs

General Manager Sicke reviewed the events at the March 7, 2023 Board meeting, where the Board adopted Resolution No. 23.05 Declaring Emergency Conditions from the December 2022 and January 2023 Storm Events. During the month of May, District staff have continued to work with FEMA to provide documentation for reimbursement of funding expenses related to storm damages. The majority of canal system improvements were completed by May 1, 2023 with a few outstanding mitigation projects still to be completed at the end of the 2023 irrigation season.

Sicke recommended that the Board continue to declare emergency conditions related to the January 2023 Storm Events and Emergency Canal Repairs projects.

23.31 **M/S/C** Continued the Emergency Declaration from damages incurred during the January 2023 Storm Events.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. PRESENTATION: Climate Action and Adaptation Planning in Yolo County

General Manager Sicke introduced Yolo County's Sustainability Manager Kristen Wraithwall who proceeded to present on the goals and objectives of the [2030 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan \(CAAP\)](#).

The Yolo County Climate Action Commission (YCCAC) is charged with guiding the development and implementation of a 2030 CAAP that will chart a path toward achieving a Countywide goal of reaching net-negative Carbon emissions by 2030, and ensuring vulnerable, marginalized, and historically underserved communities are centered in the process. Wraithwall explained that net-negative Carbon emissions means that the community of Yolo County will remove more Carbon from the atmosphere than we produce; reducing emissions while supporting practices that increase the amount of Carbon stored in our soils (known as Carbon sequestration). Wraithwall informed the Board that as an update to the [County's 2011 Climate Action Plan](#) the 2030 CAAP will include an expanded section on the role of farms, ranches, and natural lands as part of the solution to climate change. The Yolo County Resource Conservation District is leading the *Natural and Working Lands Technical Advisory Committee* to ensure the agricultural community is well represented and has a strong voice in the process, and that feedback is solicited from the Yolo County agricultural community via online and paper surveys. The survey is anticipated to take less than 10 minutes and can be accessed [here](#) until October 13, 2023. Wraithwall stressed the importance of grower participation in the survey to inform CAAP implementation actions.

Wraithwall informed the Board that the final CAAP was anticipated to be available by June or July of 2024, and that the County is currently looking for eligible grant programs to implement the actions and sustain the program into the future.

Director Mayer suggested that the County consider elevating both drought and flood periods as in the future there will likely be more acute impacts and it will be necessary to mitigate extreme climate events. He suggested focusing on common shared strategies and capturing water when its available (excess storm flows) for recharge and recovery of the groundwater aquifer (to build up the drought reserve). He also mentioned that low-hanging fruit for the County would be to focus on prioritizing and incentivizing local drainage solutions and cleaning of the sloughs and natural drainage features.

The Directors thanked Wraithwall for her time in presenting and asked her to please let the District know how we can help.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Directors Mayer reported on participating in NCWA's Groundwater Management Task Force and that the NCWA Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for July 12, 2023.

Directors Kimball and Tucker reported on participating in the District's Infrastructure Committee meeting on June 28, 2023 to discuss the Capay Dam Bladder Replacement Project.

Chair Barth reported on participating in the YSGA Board of Directors meeting on June 19, 2023, a conversation with Mid-Kaweah GSA's Executive Director, and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting on July 11, 2023.

Director Vink had nothing to report.

7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Ramos was not in attendance for the Attorney's Report as he had nothing to report.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions – Algae growth continued to result in issues with consistent delivery as growth and accumulation of algae in Cache Creek resulted in the plugging of trash racks and the headworks of Capay Dam.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights from the June 30, 2023 Financial Statements Report were reviewed along with the preliminary projection of the end of FY 2023/2024 Budget. Sicke reported that preliminary June 2023 water sales were approximately 24,000 AF, which was less than 2019 and 2017 irrigation seasons sales. The late spring rains resulted in a slow start to the irrigation season, and the algae issues in June proved to be challenging.

- c) Capital Improvement Program – An update on the planning activities related to capital projects was provided.
- d) YSGA Update – An update on Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency’s *2022 Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan* implementation activities was provided.
- e) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
- f) The following upcoming events were announced:
 1. Westside IRWM Coordinating Committee Meeting (July 12)
 2. Hungry Hollow Stakeholder Engagement Check-in Meeting (July 12)
 3. ACWA Regions 2-4 Legislative Meeting (July 13)
 4. Meeting with Paradise Valley Ranch Developer (July 13)
 5. CLBL/Community Outreach Video Steering Committee Meeting (July 13)
 6. ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting (July 18)
 7. CII Board of Directors Meeting (July 21)
 8. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (July 24)
 9. DWR/TNC FloodMAR Coordination Meeting (July 26)
 10. ACWA Board of Directors Meetings (July 27-28)
 11. YSGA/Farm Bureau Coordination Meeting (August 2)
 12. Butte County Brown Bag Webinar: Recharge (August 23)
 13. NCWA: Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (September 5)
 14. NCWA Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting (September 11)
 15. Drought/Groundwater Update to Board of Supervisors (September 12)
 16. YSGA: Board of Directors Meeting (September 18)
 17. Yolo Land Trust’s A Day in the Country (October 1)

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

23.32 M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks # 62477-62490.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

11. CLOSED SESSION

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 Barth reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, and Legal Counsel Ramos (remotely) 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.



Tom Barth, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristin Sicke, Secretary

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