



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Minutes Regular Meeting, July 08, 2020, 1 p.m.

MODIFIED BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

The Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (Agency) Board of Directors (Board), State of California, met on the above date at 1 p.m. in Compliance with CA Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 members of the Board of Directors and members of the public participated in this meeting by teleconference.

These minutes do not represent a transcript of the meeting and are intended to be a summary of the most important points. For a complete record, please refer to the video recording of the meeting, which is posted on SBFCA's website: <http://sutterbutteflood.org/board/meetings-agendas/>

MEMBERS PRESENT

County of Sutter:	Mat Conant, Mike Ziegenmeyer
County of Butte:	Bill Connelly
City of Yuba City:	Shon Harris, Manny Cardoza
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
City of Gridley:	Bruce Johnson
City of Live Oak:	Lakvhir Ghag
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris
Levee District 1:	Charlie Hoppin, Francis Silva

MEMBERS ABSENT: Grace Espindola, Steve Lambert, Chris Schmidl

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bessette, Executive Director; Scott Shapiro, Agency Counsel; Andrea Clark, Agency Counsel; Seth Wurzel, Budget Manager; Kim Floyd, Public Outreach; and Terra Yaney, Board Clerk

MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

At 1:00 p.m., Director Mat Conant opened the meeting and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes for the June 10, 2020 Board Meeting
2. Authorization of the Executive Director to Execute a Funding and Services Agreement with the Feather River West Levee Financing Authority to provide administrative functions for the Authority and for the establishment of a Special Benefit Assessment District for Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Rehabilitation & Replacement (OMRR&R) of the locally maintained levees in the Sutter-Butte Basin

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Director Manny Cardoza and seconded by Director Bo Sheppard. The motion passed with no objection. The Consent Calendar was approved as follows:

- Manny Cardoza– yes
- Mat Conant– yes
- Bill Connelly– yes
- Lakvhir Ghag- Yes
- Bruce Johnson - yes
- Mike Morris– yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes
- Francis Silva - yes

- Shon Harris - yes
- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes

No public Comment

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PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

3. Future Management of Mitigation Area at Star Bend Setback and Matthews Mitigation Areas

Agency Counsel Andrea Clark provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the future management of the Star Bend and Matthews mitigation areas. She provided background on the Memorandum of Understanding between Levee District 1 and SBFCA to plant Elderberry Shrubs. She further explained SBFCA’s future obligations under the Framework Agreement and outlined the discussion between Levee District 1 and SBFCA regarding the long-term management of the mitigation plantings on LD 1’s property. It was recommended to approve the Framework Agreement with LD 1 regarding future management of Star Bend mitigation area; direct staff to carry out SBFCA’s obligations under the Framework Agreement; and direct staff to carry out all remaining mitigation-related tasks associated with the Star Bend and Matthews mitigation areas.

A motion to approve the Framework Agreement and direct staff to carry out SBFCA’s obligations under the agreement; and direct staff to carry out all remaining mitigation-related task associated with the Star Bend and Matthew mitigation areas was made by Director Mike Morris and seconded by Director Many Cardoza. The motion passed with no objection. The Consent Calendar was approved as follows:

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| • Manny Cardoza– yes | • Bruce Johnson - yes |
| • Mat Conant– yes | • Mike Morris– yes |
| • Bill Connelly– yes | • Bo Sheppard - yes |
| • Lakvhir Ghag- Yes | • Francis Silva - yes |
| • Shon Harris – no answer | • Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes |
| • Charlie Hoppin - yes | |

No public Comment

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4. Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report

Budget Manager Seth Wurzel presented the monthly financial reports for May and answered questions regarding operating revenue of advanced funding. The entire report, along with a PowerPoint presentation is available on the SBFCA website at: <http://sutterbutterflood.org/board/meetings-agendas/>

INFORMATIONAL AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ITEMS

5. Program/Project Update

Executive Director Michael Bessette gave a presentation outlining the recent and ongoing activities of the agency. He reported that staff continues to coordinate with River Partners on the OWA project regarding their work on the invasive species removal and new vegetation plantings.

He went on to report that staff continues to work with the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and local stakeholders for \$5 million of direct funding for sediment removal at both the Yuba City and Star Bend boat launch locations, and removal of aquatic invasive species at the Live Oak boat launch location. SBFCA will be the lead Agency

for the projects located in Live Oak and Yuba City. In June, the project team continued with the 30% design and continued working on environmental and permitting efforts.

Mr. Bessette reported that closeout activities related to the UPRR Closure Structure are near completion. The remaining activities for this project are the completion of As-built drawings and incorporating this project as a supplement to the USACE Operation and Maintenance manual. He reported that the construction management team completed the fabrication of a scale model of the closure structure and it will be housed in the LD1 maintenance yard to be used for training installations. Mr. Bessette provided photos representing the completed scale model in the LD1 maintenance yard.

Chris Fritz with Peterson Brustad provided a presentation on the Regional Flood Management Planning (RFMP). He provided background information and explained that it is 100 percent funded by DWR to provide direct funding to agencies. He went on to report that SBFCA was the grantee for Phases 1 & 2 and TRILA is the Phase 3 grantee. He explained the grant is administered via a regional working group comprised of SBFCA, TRILIA, Yuba Water Agency, Marysville Levee Commission and RD 1001. He reported that DWR's Small Community Program is a direct outgrowth of the RFMP efforts.

The entire report, along with a PowerPoint presentation is available on the SBFCA website at:
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6. Other Reports from Agency Staff and Consultants

Nothing to report.

7. Report by Member and Partner Agencies

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

8. Report on Correspondence Sent by and Received by the Board

It was reported that we received a copy of a letter from the Northern California Guides and Sportsman's Association to DWR requesting additional funding for the Feather River Sediment Removal project.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Public Employment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Title: Executive Director Evaluation

OPEN SESSION

Following the Closed Session, Agency Counsel Scott Shapiro reported that the Board recognized the excellent work of Michael Bessette as Executive Director, including his efforts in reducing expenses for the agency, and approved a 1.39% merit raise.

The vote was as follows:

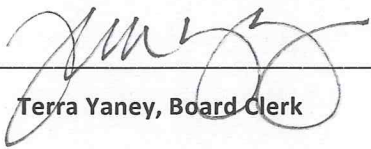
Aye – Sheppard, Conant, Morris, Hoppin, Silva, Johnson

Nos – Connelly, Ziegenmeyer, Ghag, Cardoza, Harris

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ATTEST BY:



Terra Yaney, Board Clerk



Board Chair