



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Minutes Regular Meeting, May 13, 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:	Steve Lambert, Bill Connelly
City of Yuba City:	Grace Espindola, Shon Harris
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: Chris Schmidl

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bessette, Executive Director; Scott Shapiro, Agency Counsel; Seth Wurzel, Budget Manager, 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 April 8, 2020 Board Meeting
2. Approval of Task Order 15 with Peterson Brustad, Inc. for Project Management and Engineering Services for the Feather River Sediment Management Project

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Director Grace Espindola and seconded by Director Mike Morris. The motion passed with no objection. The Consent Calendar was approved as follows:

- Mat Conant– yes
- Bill Connelly– yes
- Grace Espindola– yes
- Lakvhir Ghag- Yes
- Shon Harris - yes
- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Bruce Johnson - yes
- Steve Lambert– yes
- Mike Morris - yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes
- Francis Silva - yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer -yes

No public Comment

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PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

3. Presentation by Julie Minerva, Carpi & Clay, Inc. regarding Federal Government Relations Services to support Flood Risk Reduction and National Flood Insurance Program efforts for Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Executive Director Michael Bessette introduced Julie Minerva with Carpi & Clay. She provided a presentation on the COVID-19 response in Congress and the emergency relief packages. Ms. Minerva also provided an update on NFIP reauthorization and the updates and changes with USACE.

4. Preliminary approval of the Proposed Amended 2019-21 Budget covering Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 and of the Proposed 2021-23 Budget covering Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23

Budget Manager Seth Wurzel presented an overview of the budget approval process. He presented the proposed amended 3-year and proposed 2-year budget-year budget for preliminary approval and a public hearing scheduled for June 10. He provided an overview of the Agency's Program Budget Organization of the Operating Fund and Capital Fund.

A motion to preliminarily approve the Proposed Amended 3-Year Budget covering 2019-21 and Proposed 2-Year Budget covering 2021-22 and 2022-23 and set a public hearing on June 10, 2020 was made by Director Mike Morris and seconded by Director Bo Sheppard. The motion passed with no objection. The item was approved as follows:

- Mat Conant– yes
- Bill Connelly– yes
- Grace Espindola– yes
- Lakvhir Ghag- Yes
- Shon Harris - yes
- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Bruce Johnson - yes
- Steve Lambert– yes
- Mike Morris - yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes
- Francis Silva - yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer -yes

5. Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report

Budget Manager Seth Wurzel presented the monthly financial reports for March 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

6. Program/Project Update

Executive Director Michael Bessette gave a presentation outlining the recent and ongoing activities of the agency. He reported that the construction management team is closing out season-two construction of the OWA Flood Stage Reduction project and the OWA Interior Channel Bridges Project. Project closeout activities including Operation and Maintenance manuals and Construction Completion reports for both projects will take another couple of months to complete.

He went on to report that the physical construction of the UPRR Closure Structure has been completed. The structure installation was tested by the contractor and the installation training for Levee District One has been done. He reported that the construction management team is coordinating with LD1 on the fabrication of a scale model of the closure structure to be housed in the LD1 maintenance yard to be used for training installations of the closure structure components on site, instead of on the actual live UPRR track. He reported that the CM Team issued the Notice to Proceed on the Trailer and Shed Demolition project in Butte County, this is an encroachment compliance clean up action. The project was awarded to W.C. Maloney with anticipated work to be completed in June.

It was reported that staff continues to coordinate closely with the Sacramento Valley Conservancy and LD1 on the Star Bend and Mathews mitigation sites. Coordination meetings are now being held every other week to advance progress towards the completion of the required conservation easement and management plan. Our current schedule is for the framework agreement and associated documents to be presented at the June 2020 Board meeting.

Mr. Bessette provided an update on the Small Communities grant. He reported that we were not successful in receiving the Phase 2 funding from DWR for design, permitting and constructions improvements to the Sutter Bypass east levee.

It was reported 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. In April, the project team began working on the construction logistics and on the environmental and permitting efforts. A cultural resources site survey was conducted and SBFCA has initiated the required AB52 Tribal Consultation process. The team is also working on the USACE 404 permit and a pre-application meeting has been scheduled for May. Design of the project is anticipated to begin in May.

The entire report, along with a PowerPoint presentation is available on the SBFCA website at:

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7. Other Reports from Agency Staff and Consultants

Nothing to report.

8. Report by Member and Partner Agencies

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CLOSED SESSION

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

OPEN SESSION


Item 1: Did not take action. Requested closed session at next month's meeting to finish the process.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

ATTEST BY:


Terra Yaney, Board Clerk



Board Chair