



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2024, 1 p.m.
City of Yuba City Council Chambers - 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City, CA

The Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (Agency) Board of Directors (Board), State of California, met on the above date at 1 p.m. at the City of Yuba City Council Chambers - 1201 Civic Center Boulevard, Yuba City, CA.

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
County of Butte:	Bill Connelly
City of Yuba City:	Marc Boomgaarden, Wade Kirchner
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
City of Live Oak:	Lakhvir Ghag
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris, Chris Schmidl
Levee District 1:	Drew Stresser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nicolas Micheli, Tod Kimmelshue, Al Montna, Charlie Hoppin

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bessette, Executive Director; Chris Fritz, Director of Engineering, Agency Counsel; Andrea Clark; Seth Wurzel, Budget Manager, Sean Meyers, Budget Manager; and Terra Yaney, Board Clerk

MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes for the August 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of the Agreement between Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency and the Sutter County Resource Conservation District regarding grant funding for the Feather River Side Channels Restoration Plan

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Director Lakhvir Ghag and seconded by Chris Schmidl. The motion passed with no objection. The Consent Calendar was approved as follows:

- Marc Boomgaarden- yes
- Mat Conant - yes
- Bill Connelly- yes
- Lakhvir Ghag- yes
- Bruce Johnson- yes
- Wade Kirchner- Yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Chris Schmidl - yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes
- Drew Stresser - yes

No public Comment. The entire discussion and presentation is available on the SBFCA website at: <http://sutterbutteflood.org/board/meetings-agendas/>

INFORMATIONAL AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ITEMS

6. Oroville Wildlife Area Robinson's Riffle Informational Briefing

Director of Engineering Chris Fritz gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the efforts towards the project and planning study for the OWA Robinson's Riffle project. In his presentation he reported that we were successful in identifying and receiving grant funding for two projects – OWA Robinson's Riffle and the OWA Thermalito Afterbay Outlet Boat Ramp and Campground Project.

The OWA Robinson's Riffle design project and planning effort is being coordinated and funded by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW). He reported that we were awarded \$2.1M in grant funding for design and permitting. We are currently at 30% design plans, which are scheduled to be completed in December. Funding is still needed for the construction phase. A meeting with DWR, who is a partner in the project, was recently held to discuss potential funding opportunities. SBFCA staff also submitted a grant application in mid-September requesting \$5M in funding from CDFW's Environmental Enhancement Fund.

Mr. Fritz went on to report on the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet Boat Ramp and Campground Project. He presented a draft site plan which outlined the recreation improvements; 25 campsites, boat launch facilities, day use areas, trails and pathways, new restroom facilities, paved access road and paved parking areas. The \$7.7M grant funding for design, permitting and construction is being provided by CDFW and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2025.

7. Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report

Budget Manager Sean Myers presented the monthly financial reports for July and August 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/>

8. Presentation and File Program/Project Update

Executive Director Michael Bessette gave a presentation outlining the recent and ongoing activities of the agency. He reported that the design team continues to coordinate with Levee District 1 for repairs to the Reach 7 relief wells and to document the cause of the wells to partially plug-up with sediment. The board awarded the construction contract to Lund Construction. All required submittals have been submitted and approved and the contractor began construction work the week of September 30th.

It was reported that SBFCA's design and environmental teams continue their work on the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project. The 90% design package has been submitted. The design team addressed comments that were received on the 90% package and has recently completed a 100% submittal package. Staff is working on advancing the permitting process, and also continues to coordinate with both USACE and UAIC on the pre-construction cultural testing. It is anticipated that the design and permitting effort will be concluded by the end of 2024 with construction scheduled to begin in 2025.

He went on to report that the project team continues to advance the design and permitting work for the Sutter Bypass East Levee repairs. Staff is coordinating with DWR to pursue federal funding, through FEMA grants, for the construction of the 5.2-mile levee improvement project. Mr. Bessette went on to report that our project has been selected to receive approximately \$49.9 million through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. Coordination with Calpine, is taking place and will result in strong federal advocacy support for the project and possibly private funding also for the project.

He went on to report SBFCA and Sutter County staff attended a meeting with FEMA on FEMA's remapping of all of Sutter County. He reported that the existing Flood Insurance Rate maps are currently paper maps and they need to be updated to digital maps. It is anticipated that the package review and processing period with FEMA will take approximately 3 to 5 years before the proposed mapping changes become effective.

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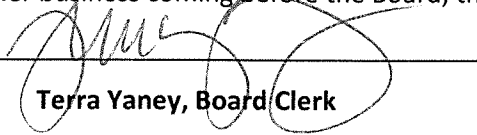
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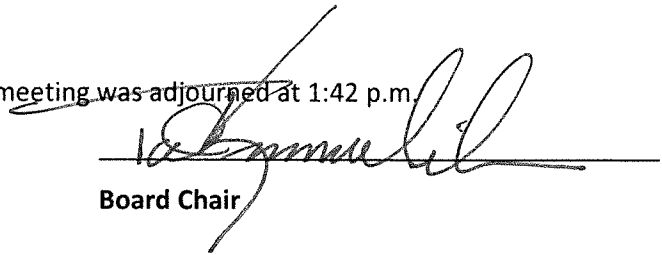
None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

ATTEST BY:


Terra Yaney, Board Clerk


Board Chair