



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2026 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

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| County of Butte: | Bill Connelly, Tod Kimmelshue |
| County of Sutter: | Jeff Stephens, Mike Ziegenmeyer |
| City of Yuba City: | Marc Boomgaarden |
| City of Live Oak: | Jeremy Chapdelaine |
| City of Biggs: | Bo Sheppard |
| City of Gridley: | Bruce Johnson |
| Levee District 9: | Mike Morris, Chris Schmidl |
| Levee District 1: | Charlie Hoppin, Gary Marler |

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Shaw, Al Montna

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

MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

At 1:00 p.m., Executive Director Jeff Stephens 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 February 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

**Item 2 was pulled from Consent Calendar for further discussion.*

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

- Marc Boomgaarden - yes
- Jeremy Chapdelaine - yes
- Bill Connelly - yes
- Charlie Hoppin- yes
- Bruce Johnson - yes
- Tod Kimmelshue- yes
- Gary Marler - yes
- Mike Morris
- Chris Schmidl– yes
- Bo Sheppard– yes
- Jeff Stephens – yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes

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

INFORMATIONAL AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ITEMS

2. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Consideration of Award of the Oroville Wildlife Area Thermalito Recreation Improvements Project Construction Contract (Contract No. 01-2026-OWAP) to R&R Horn Contractors, Inc.

Executive Director Michael Bessette gave a brief background of the project. He reported that the project, part of Oroville Wildlife Area efforts, will construct recreational improvements at the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet, including boat launches, a campground, access roads, parking, a multi-use trail, and supporting amenities. The project is funded through grants from the California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, with coordination from the Department of Water Resources (DWR). It was reported that all the required permits are in place except for approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). DWR is anticipating FERC approval to be received in time to begin construction on or about May 15th as called for in our project bid documents.

Mr. Bessette went on to inform the board that 11 sealed bids were received, with R&R Horn Contractors, Inc. identified as the lowest bidder at \$3,922,630, below the Engineer's Estimate of \$4.1 million. Due to pending FERC approval, R&R Horn Contractors, Inc. has agreed to postpone the construction contract award deadline by 30 days to allow FERC more time to complete its review and approval process.

Staff recommends extending the bid guaranty period by 30 days to April 14, 2026, and authorizing the Executive Director to award the contract upon receipt of the FERC approval. If for some reason the FERC approval is not obtained in a timely manner, the Executive Director will return to the Board of Directors at its April meeting to further discuss SBFCA's options.

A motion to approve staff recommendation to extend the bid guaranty period by 30-days and authorize Executive Director to award the construction contract to R&R Horn Contractors, Inc. upon receipt of FERC approval was made by Charlie Hoppin and seconded by Tod Kimmelshue. The motion passed with no objection. The item was approved as follows:

- Marc Boomgaarden - yes
- Jeramy Chapdelaine - yes
- Bill Connelly - yes
- Charlie Hoppin- yes
- Bruce Johnson - yes
- Tod Kimmelshue- yes
- Gary Marler - yes
- Mike Morris
- Chris Schmidl– yes
- Bo Sheppard– yes
- Jeff Stephens – yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes

3. Presentation of Agency Audited Financial Statements and Related Reports for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Budget Manager Sean Myers presented the Agency Audited Financial Statements and Related Reports for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. He reported that it was a clean audit with no significant findings/weakness. It was reported that the Audited Financial Report will be incorporated into the Agency's Continuing Disclosure report filed as part of our ongoing obligations associated with our outstanding Assessment Bonds. Staff will be posting the Continuing Disclosure Report to the Electronic Municipal Market Access website (<https://emma.msrb.org/>). The entire report, along with a PowerPoint presentation is available on the SBFCA website at:

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A motion to approve the Agency Audited Financial Statements and Related Reports for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 was made by Mike Morris and seconded by Bo Sheppard. The motion passed with no objection. The item was approved as follows:

- Marc Boomgaarden - yes
- Jeramy Chapdelaine - yes
- Bill Connelly - yes
- Charlie Hoppin- yes
- Bruce Johnson - yes
- Tod Kimmelshue- yes
- Gary Marler - yes
- Mike Morris
- Chris Schmidl– yes
- Bo Sheppard– yes
- Jeff Stephens – yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes

4. Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report

No report.

5. Presentation and File Program/Project Update

Executive Director Michael Bessette gave a presentation by outlining the recent and ongoing activities of the agency. He reported that the contractor for the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction project is completing the required submittals for the two pipe installations which will occur this year. The CVFPB and Odysseus Farms completed their negotiations on the encroachment permit. Construction work will start in late April or early May.

He went on to report that the project team continues to advance the design and permitting work for the Sutter Bypass East Levee repairs. The project team is now advancing the design to a 100% submittal package. The 100% submittal is scheduled to be complete by April 21. He reported that staff is conducting regular meetings with PG&E to discuss details related to the relocation of their power poles along the toe of the levee. In addition, staff continues to coordinate with both DWR and CalOES in order to submit a new funding application under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) by spring of 2026.

Mr. Bessette provided an update on the City of Oroville Levee Repair project. He reported that USACE provided a briefing to the Oroville City Council on the findings and recommendations of the report on February 3rd. USACE will also provide a briefing to the Oroville Citizen's Advisory Commission at their upcoming meeting on April 10.

It was reported that the WCB Board granted SBFCA \$31.9M to fully fund the construction of the OWA Robinson's Riffle Restoration project. The project team is coordinating with CDFW and DWR on the 100% design plans, which are schedule to be completed in April. We anticipate going out to bid in the late fall of 2026 and beginning construction in 2027.

He went on to report on the upcoming meetings of the agency:

- Sutter County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update This effort is the FIVE (5) year update. Multiple meetings with the contractor updating the plan.
- Meeting w/ DWR and Mid/Upper Sacramento Region to discuss Sutter Bypass Masterplan on March 13th

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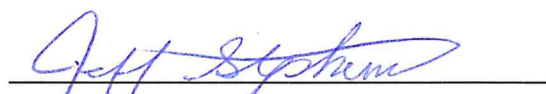
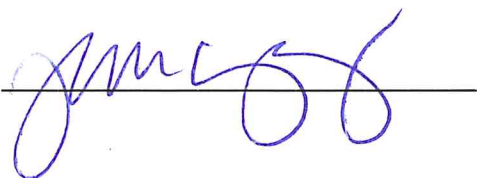
PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

ATTEST BY:



Terra Yaney, Board Clerk

Board Chair