



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2025, 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:	Jeff Stephens, Karm Bains
County of Butte:	Tod Kimmelshue, Bill Connelly
City of Yuba City:	Marc Boomgaarden, Michael Pasquale
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
City of Live Oak:	Jeremy Chapdelaine
City of Gridley:	Bruce Johnson
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris, Chris Schmidl
Levee District 1:	Drew Stresser, Gary Marler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlie Hoppin, Al Montna, Dave Shaw

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

MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

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

1. Selection of 2025 SBFCA Chair and Vice Chair

Director Michael Pasquale nominated Director Marc Boomgaarden as the Chair of the 2025 SBFCA Board of Directors. Director Jeff Stephens nominated Director Mike Ziegenmeyer as Vice Chair.

A motion to approve the Board Chair nomination was made by Director Michael Pasquale and seconded by Director Karm Bains. A motion to approve the Board Vice Chair nomination was made by Director Jeff Stephens and seconded by Director Tod Kimmelshue. The motions passed with no objection. The motion was approved as follows:

- Karm Bains- yes
- Marc Boomgaarden- yes
- Jeremy Chapdelaine - yes
- Bill Connelly- yes
- Bruce Johnson- yes
- Tod Kimmelshue– yes
- Gary Marler - yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Michael Pasquale– yes
- Chris Schmidl– yes
- Bo Sheppard – yes
- Jeff Stephens – yes
- Drew Stresser - yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Ross, staff for Senator Megan Dahle introduced himself to the board and wanted to let the board know that their office is here to support our agency's goals.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **Approval of the Minutes for the December 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting**
3. **Approval of Task Order 23 Amendment No. 5 with HDR for Engineering Services related to the Feather River West Levee Project Right-of-Way Work**
4. **Approval of Task Order 5 Amendment No. 2 with R&F Engineering Inc. for engineering services related to the Oroville Wildlife Area Robinson's Riffle Project**
5. **Approval of Task Order 8 Amendment No. 1 with R&F Engineering Inc. for engineering services for the Oroville Wildlife Area Robinson's Riffle Project**
6. **Approval of Amendments to Consultant Agreements for Agency Support for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27**

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

- Karm Bains- yes
- Marc Boomgaarden- yes
- Jeramy Chapdelaine - yes
- Bill Connelly- yes
- Bruce Johnson- yes
- Tod Kimmelshue– yes
- Gary Marler - yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Michael Pasquale– yes
- Chris Schmidl– yes
- Bo Sheppard – yes
- Jeff Stephens – yes
- Drew Stresser - 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

4. **Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report**

Budget Manager Sean Myers presented the monthly financial reports for November and December and answered questions regarding operating revenue of advanced funding. He also reported that our audit will be presented at the next board meeting. 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 started his presentation by welcoming our new board members Jeramy Chapdelaine and Jeff Stephens. He went onto thank Director Tod Kimmelshue for his service as our 2024 board chair. He continued his presentation by outlining the recent and ongoing activities of the agency.

He reported that the environmental and cultural mitigations are completed on the Feather River West Levee Project 1 and all easement transfers have been recorded.

It was reported that SBFCA's design and environmental teams continue their work on the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project. The design team received comments on the 100% submittal package and is working on preparing responses. Staff is coordinating with USACE on the items needed for the 408 approval and a meeting with Colonel Caldwell is scheduled for tomorrow to discuss the urgency of this process. It is anticipated that construction will begin this summer.

He went onto report that the project team continues to advance the design and permitting work for the Sutter Bypass East Levee repairs. The team is currently preparing the application for the USACE 408 approval process.

Staff is coordinating with DWR to pursue federal funding, through a FEMA grant, for the construction of the 5.2-mile levee improvement project. Mr. Bessette went onto 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 which will result in strong federal advocacy support for the project.

He went onto report SBFCA is still assisting the City of Oroville to find other federal programs for funding opportunities. The levee is receiving a one-time inspection by USACE, which will take place in May. He went onto report that the City submitted a letter request to be included in the USACE Continuing Authorities Program. If approved this would result in a feasibility study to analyze deficiencies and recommend repair alternatives.

Mr. Bessette reported that staff is finalizing the planning report for the OWA Robinson's Riffle and completing pre-design and environmental surveys for the preferred alternative. He reported that follow up coordination is also underway with multiple agencies to discuss potential funding opportunities for the construction phase, which could begin as early as summer of 2026.

Lastly, Mr. Bessette report that next month he will be giving a presentation at the Sutter County Museum.

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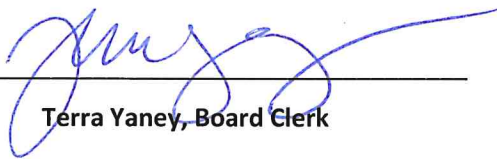
PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

ATTEST BY:



Terra Yaney, Board Clerk



Board Chair