



# Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Minutes Regular Meeting, November 10, 2021, 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:	Grace Espindola, Shon Harris
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
City of Gridley:	Bruce Johnson
City of Live Oak:	Lakhvir Ghag
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris
Levee District 1:	Charlie Hoppin, Drew Stresser

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chris Schmidl, Tod Kimmelshue, Al Montna

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

### MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

At 1:00 p.m., Director Grace Espindola 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 October 13, 2021 Board Meeting
2. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order 26 Amendment No. 1 with HDR for services related to the closeout of the Feather River West Levee Project O&M Manual updates
3. Consider approval of Resolution 2021-10 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings under the Brown Act

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Director Mat Conant 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
- Lakhvir Ghag - yes
- Shon Harris- Yes
- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Bruce Johnson- yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Bo Sheppard– yes
- Drew Stresser - abstained
- Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes

## No public Comment

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## PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

### 4. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between members of the Feather River Regional Flood Management Planning Group and grant authority to the Executive Director to execute the MOU on behalf of the Agency

Executive Director Michael Bessette gave a presentation and provided background. He explained that the partner agencies in the FRRFMPG includes; Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA), Yuba Water Agency, Marysville Levee Commission, Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency, and Reclamation District 1001. In June 2020, TRLIA was named as the lead agency for the State contract and has been working closely with the partner agencies to advance the flood management priorities of the region. Mr. Bessette reported that the TRLIA Executive Director is retiring at the end of the year, therefore a new MOU has been drafted between the partner agencies. The new MOU states that SBFCA will take over the day-to-day coordination of the planning activities of the Feather River Region, and TRLIA will remain the administrator of the DWR funding agreement and consultant contracts. This new MOU will replace the previous MOU approved in June 2020.

Staff recommends the Board approve the attached MOU and authorize the Executive Director to execute the MOU on behalf of the Agency.

**A motion to approve the MOU and authorize the Executive Director to execute the MOU on behalf of the Agency was made by Director Mat Conant 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**
- **Lakhvir Ghag - yes**
- **Shon Harris- Yes**
- **Charlie Hoppin - yes**
- **Bruce Johnson- yes**
- **Mike Morris- yes**
- **Bo Sheppard– yes**
- **Drew Stresser - yes**
- **Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes**

## No public Comment

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### 5. Strategic Plan Update

Executive Director Michael Bessette gave a presentation outlining the Agency's Strategic Plan. He reported that the plan was originally adopted January 2016 and updated in April 2018 to guide the Agency's efforts to complete stated goals and to provide transparency for agency operations. Since the adoption in 2016 and the update in 2018 a number of accomplishments have occurred and the Strategic Plan has been updated to reflect these new developments. The 2021 Strategic Plan update includes only minor changes to objectives. The vision, goals and context remain unchanged.

## INFORMATIONAL AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ITEMS

### 6. Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report

Budget Manager Seth Wurzel presented the monthly financial reports for September. The entire report, along with a PowerPoint presentation is available on the SBFCA website at: <http://sutterbutterflood.org/board/meetings-agendas/>

**7. Program/Project Update**

Executive Director Michael Bessette gave a presentation outlining the recent and ongoing activities of the agency. He reported that the sediment removal projects at the Live Oak and Yuba City Boat Ramp are now complete. He presented photos of the projects and reported that staff is pursuing additional funding opportunities for Yuba City (phase 2) under the current permits.

Mr. Bessette provided an update on the Feather River Regional Flood Management Planning (RFMP). He reported that the team is working in close conjunction with partner agencies and other stakeholders to advance the flood management priorities of the Region while at the same time collaborating with the State as they develop the 2022 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) update. DWR recently set up meetings with Sutter County and Butte County supervisors to brief them on the 2022 CVFPP update.

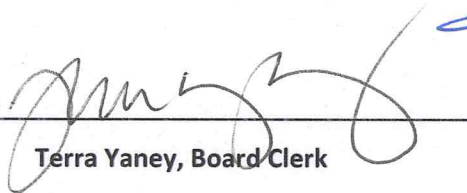
Mr. Bessette went on to report that staff is planning two near-term public outreach actions. First is the release of a newsletter that will highlight the recent 200-year level of flood protection milestone, current projects and activities to further reduce flood risk in the south Sutter basin, the completion of the Sediment Removal projects, and activities of the Feather River West Levee Finance Authority. The Second is to hold a public meeting on December 15 to discuss SBFCA's actions to reduce flood risk in the south Sutter Basin.

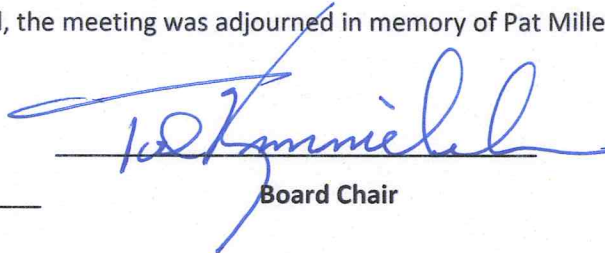
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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Pat Miller at 1:42 p.m.

ATTEST BY:

  
Terra Yaney, Board Clerk

  
Board Chair