



# Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, February 14, 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, Nicolas Micheli
County of Butte:	Tod Kimmelshue
City of Yuba City:	Dave Shaw, Michael Pasquale
City of Gridley:	Bruce Johnson
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
City of Live Oak:	Lakhvir Ghag
Levee District 9:	Chris Schmidl, Mike Morris
Levee District 1:	Al Montna, Gary Marler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marc Boomgaarden, Bill Connelly, Charlie Hoppin, Wade Kirchner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Bessette, Executive Director; Chris Fritz, Director of Engineering, Agency Counsel; Andrea Clark; 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.

### 1. Selection of 2024 SBFCA Chair and Vice Chair

Director Bo Sheppard nominated Director Tod Kimmelshue as the Chair of the 2024 SBFCA Board of Directors.  
Director Michael Pasquale nominated Director Marc Boomgaarden as Vice Chair.

**A motion to approve the Board Chair nomination was made by Director Bo Sheppard and seconded by Director Lakhvir Ghag. A motion to approve the Board Vice Chair nomination was made by Director Michael Pasquale and seconded by Director Mike Morris. The motions passed with no objection. The motion was approved as follows:**

- Mat Conant– yes
- Lakhvir Ghag- yes
- Bruce Johnson– yes
- Tod Kimmelshue - yes
- Gary Marler – yes
- Al Montna - yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Nicolas Micheli- yes
- Michael Pasquale- yes
- Chris Schmidl - yes
- Dave Shaw- yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### 2. Approval of the Minutes for the December 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Director Mike Morris and seconded by Mat Conant. Director Michael Pasquale abstained. The motion passed with no objection. The Consent Calendar was approved as follows:

- Mat Conant– yes
- Lakhvir Ghag- yes
- Bruce Johnson– yes
- Tod Kimmelshue - yes
- Gary Marler – yes
- Al Montna - yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Nicolas Micheli- yes
- Michael Pasquale- abstain
- Chris Schmidl - yes
- Dave Shaw- yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes

### No public Comment

The entire discussion and presentation is available on the SBFCA website at:

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## INFORMATIONAL AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ITEMS

### 3. Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report

Budget Manager Seth Wurzel presented the monthly financial reports for November and December 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/>

### 4. 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 SBFCA's design and environmental teams continue their work on the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project. The design team recently submitted the 90% design package and is in review with the IPE/SAR. The design package has been submitted to CVFPB for an encroachment permit, which initiates the USACE 408 review and approval process. Design and environmental team meetings continue to be held weekly to advance the project. It is anticipated that construction will begin in 2025.

It was reported that the project team continues to advance the design and permitting work for the Sutter Bypass East Levee repairs. The design team has finalized the 30% design plans to SBFCA, the IPE/SAR and our state partners for review. Staff is coordinating with DWR to pursue federal funding, through FEMA grants, for the construction of the 5-mile levee improvement project.

Mr. Bessette went onto report that staff continues to pursue additional funding opportunities in order to remove additional sediment from the confluence of the Feather and Yuba Rivers (Phase 2 work). SBFCA prepared a grant application which was submitted to NOAA and we are expecting to hear results later this summer. Staff is also exploring another potential funding opportunity provided by USBR.

It was reported that staff continues to advance the board approved Regional Development Impact Fee (DIF) Program to help fund implementation of the SBFCA Strategic Plan. Final approval took place on February 6<sup>th</sup>, the DIF will become effective 60 days after approval, which is anticipated to occur on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

He went onto report that staff continues to coordinate with staff from the City of Oroville to assist the City in advancing a levee repair project within the city limits. An application on behalf of the City was submitted in October to USACE. If the City's application is selected the Corps would conduct a feasibility study at 100% Federal cost-share.

Communication with Congressman LaMalfa's office is taking place in order to receive the congressman's full support for the project.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

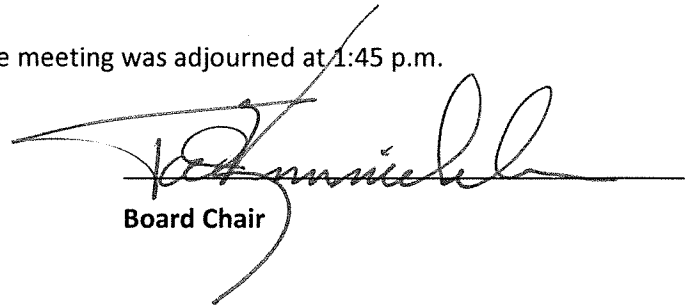
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

ATTEST BY:

  
Terra Yaney, Board Clerk

  
Board Chair