



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2023, 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:	Bill Connelly, Tod Kimmelshue
City of Yuba City:	Marc Boomgaarden, Wade Kirchner
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
City of Gridley:	Bruce Johnson
City of Live Oak:	Lakhvir Ghag
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris, Chris Schmidl
Levee District 1:	Charlie Hoppin, Drew Stresser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Montna

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bessette, Executive Director; Chris Fritz, Director of Engineering, Agency Counsel; Andrea Clark; Seth Wurzel, Budget Manager 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes for the February 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of Amendment No. 6 to Professional Services Agreement with Sacramento Valley Conservancy related to the Star Bend Setback and Mathews Mitigation Areas

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

- Marc Boomgaarden– yes
- Bill Connelly– yes
- Mat Conant– yes
- Lakhvir Ghag- yes
- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Bruce Johnson - yes
- Tod Kimmelshue- yes
- Wade Kirchner – yes
- Nicolas Micheli - yes
- Mike Morris - yes
- Chris Schmidl- yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes
- Drew Stresser - yes

No public Comment

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INFORMATIONAL AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ITEMS

3. **Informational Update on the Sutter Basin Flood Risk Reduction Project Transfer of Federal Credit**

Executive Director Michael Bessette provided an informational update on the Sutter Basin Flood Risk Reduction Project Transfer of Federal Credit. He provided background information on the project and the process for the transferring of Federal Credits. He reported that the Sutter Basin Project (SBP) has been completed, and due to construction advanced by SBFCA and the State of California for which the Federal government did not pay a cost share, SBFCA and the State of California have accumulated excess Federal credits. He went on to report that SBFCA and the State submitted a Comprehensive Plan to USACE in May 2021 formally requesting that the excess credit be transferred from the SBP to the Lower San Joaquin River Project (LSJRP). The Comprehensive Plan is currently under review by the Sacramento District and for approval.

SBFCA would like to sell excess Federal credits to SJAFCA and SJAFCA would like to purchase those credits to effect overall cost savings on the required payments for the San Joaquin Project. Mr. Bessette reported that a Memorandum of Understanding was negotiated between the two parties stating that they each intend to work in good faith and in a collaborative manner to effectuate the transfer of the excess Federal credits for each of their benefits. The MOU was approved by the Board in September 2022.

He went onto report that if an agreement is reached for the purchase of the credits that agreement will need to be ratified in the form of a Memorandum of Agreement by both agencies' Board of Directors.

The following is a list of key credit process milestones and associated target completion dates:

- SBFCA and SJAFCA approve a Memorandum of Agreement: May/June 2023
- SJAFCA Prop 218 Election: June 2023
- Approval of Integral Determination Report (IDR) by SPD: September 2023
- Approval of Comprehensive Plan by ASA: November 2023
- Approval of Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Way, Relocations and Disposal Sites (LERRD) package: December 2023
- Final Accounting TBD
- Execute Transfer Agreement between SJAFCA and SBFCA: January 2024
- Execute Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) amendments: May 2024
- SJAFCA Bonding agreements: June 2024

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No public Comment

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

Budget Manager Seth Wurzel presented the monthly financial reports for January 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/>

5. Presentation and File Program/Project Update

Executive Director Michael Bessette gave a presentation outlining the recent and ongoing activities of the agency. He gave an update on the weather forecast and coordination activities with our State and regional partners. He reported that we are in daily communications with Yuba Water Agency, DWR on the operations of Oroville Dam and New Bullard's Bar.

Mr. Bessette went on to report that staff is still waiting to receive the Phase 4 funding agreement from DWR for Feather River Regional Flood Management Planning. Once the agreement is received we will begin the project. In the meantime, professional services agreements with the consultant team are being finalized so that work can start right away. This new funding agreement is for \$260,000 and SBFCA will be the lead agency for this next phase of work.

SBFCA's design and environmental teams continue their work on the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project. He reported that the design and environmental team completed and submitted the 65% level plans and specifications package for review. This package will also be used to submit to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board for an encroachment permit. The encroachment permit was prepared and submitted to CVFPB in February.

It was reported that on Monday staff was notified that we received a \$2.1M grant from CDFW for design and permitting for the OWA Robinson's Riffle project. We also received news from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) that it will consider approving our Oroville Wildlife Area Thermalito Afterbay Outlet Boat Ramp and Campground Project for \$4.4M in funding at their May 25th board meeting. Staff is also waiting to receive its planning grant in the amount of \$1.1M from DWR. Once received we will initiate the next phase of the Oroville Wildlife Area Flood Stage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration program (the OWA Robinson's Riffle Project). The upcoming work associated with the Robinson's Riffle Project will take approximately 18-24 months to complete.

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).

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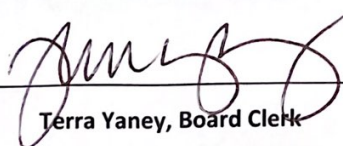
PUBLIC COMMENT


None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

ATTEST BY:


Terra Yaney, Board Clerk


Board Chair