



# Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, April 12, 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
County of Butte:	Bill Connelly,
City of Yuba City:	Marc Boomgaarden
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, Gary Marler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Al Montna, Wade Kirchner, Nicolas Micheli, Chris Schmidl, Tod Kimmelshue

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Drew Stresser, Levee District One General Manager

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes for the March 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a funding agreement with California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Oroville Wildlife Area Robinson's Riffle Project
3. Approval of Task Order 23 Amendment No. 3 with HDR for Engineering Services related to the Feather River West Levee Project Right-of-Way Work
4. Authorization to amend the Contract with Larsen Wurzel & Associates, Inc. to Support Ongoing Financial Services through Fiscal Year 2023-24
5. Authorization to Amend the Contract with R&F to Support Ongoing Engineering Services through Fiscal Year 2023-24
6. Authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application and execute a funding agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Oroville Wildlife Area Thermalito Afterbay Boat Ramp and Campground Project

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

- Marc Boomgaarden– yes
- Mat Conant– yes
- Bill Connelly– yes
- Lakhvir Ghag- yes
- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Bruce Johnson- yes
- Gary Marler yes
- Mike Morris- 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

##### 7. Informational Update on Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project and Sutter Bypass East Levee

Director of Engineering Chris Fritz provided an update on both design projects. He reported that the design team is currently working toward 90% submittal on the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project (TFRRP). He reported that it is anticipated that the design and permitting effort will take approximately 2 years to complete with construction scheduled to begin in 2025. Mr. Fritz presented overview slides of the construction project and the 1.65 miles of levee that will be improved. It was reported that staff continues to coordinate with the Independent Panel of Experts (IPE) on the design, coordination team meetings continue to be held monthly to advance the project.

Mr. Fritz went on to report on the Sutter Bypass East Levee Project (SBEL). He reported that the project is currently in the data collection phase. The project schedule has been submitted by HDR Engineering for approval and it is estimated that the construction will begin in 2026. He reported staff continues to coordinate with USACE on the 408-approval needed to perform geotechnical explorations. USACE recently informed staff that the 408 approval should be received this month which will allow the field work to occur this summer.

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#### No public Comment

##### 8. Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report

Executive Director Michael Bessette presented the monthly financial reports for February 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/>

##### 9. 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 received the Phase 4 funding agreement from DWR for Feather River Regional Flood Management Planning. The new funding agreement is for \$260,000 and SBFCA will be the lead agency for this next phase of work. Now that the agreement has been received staff will issue professional services agreements with the consultant team and begin the project.

It was reported that staff continues to coordinate with the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) on a funding agreement for the Oroville Wildlife Area Thermalito Afterbay Outlet Boat Ramp and Campground Project. This funding agreement will be for \$4.4M, and the WCB Board will consider awarding the grant at their May 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting. In addition, we received a \$2.1M grant from CDFW for design and permitting for the OWA Robinson's

Riffle project and \$1.1M planning grant from DWR. Now that this planning grant has been received staff 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).

Mr. Bessette provided an update on the Federal Credit Negotiations with SJAFCA. He reported that the first negotiation meeting with two board members from each agency took place on April 6th. He reported both agencies agreed in principle and the terms of the agreement will be presented to the board for approval next month.

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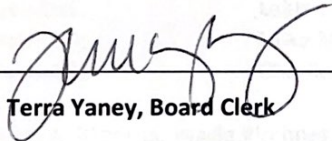
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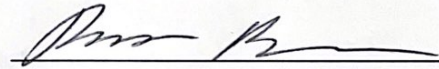
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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

ATTEST BY:

  
Terra Yaney, Board Clerk

  
Board Chair