



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, September 13, 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, Tod Kimmelshue
City of Yuba City:	Wade Kirchner, Dave Shaw
City of Gridley:	Bruce Johnson
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris, Chris Schmidl
Levee District 1:	Andrew Stresser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marc Boomgaarden, Al Montna, Nicolas Micheli, Charlie Hoppin

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes for the August 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

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

- Mat Conant– yes
- Bill Connelly– yes
- Lakhvir Ghag– yes
- Bruce Johnson- yes
- Tod Kimmelshue - yes
- Wade Kirchner - yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Dave Shaw- yes
- Bo Sheppard- yes
- Chris Schmidl - yes
- Drew Stresser - 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

2. **Consider approval of Resolution No. 2023-07 Certifying the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project Final Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and Approving the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project**

Director of Engineering Chris Fritz gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the project. He presented the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and gave a description of the project. He explained that the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project (Project) involves improvements to an approximately 1.65-mile segment of the Feather River West Levee (FRWL) in Sutter County near where the Feather River meets the Sutter Bypass. The Proposed Project would make several improvements to the existing levee, primarily to address under seepage deficiencies.

He went on to report that SBFCA posted the draft EIR on May 9th for a 45-day public review period and received three minor comments. The Final EIR updates the Draft EIR to address comments and includes the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), which lists all required mitigation measures for the Project.

A motion to approve the Resolution No. 2023-07 Certifying the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project Final Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and Approving the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project was made by Director Chris Schmidl and seconded by Bo Sheppard. The motion passed with no objection. The item was approved as follows:

- **Mat Conant– yes**
- **Bill Connelly– yes**
- **Lakhvir Ghag– yes**
- **Bruce Johnson- yes**
- **Tod Kimmelshue - yes**
- **Wade Kirchner - yes**
- **Mike Morris- yes**
- **Dave Shaw- yes**
- **Bo Sheppard- yes**
- **Chris Schmidl - yes**
- **Drew Stresser - yes**

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

Budget Manager Seth Wurzel presented the monthly financial reports for July 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 staff continues to coordinate closely with USACE and DWR to finalize the long outstanding punch list items on the Federal Project. Mainly the leaking meter and valve vaults on the Feather Water District facilities. USACE has indicated that they would like SBFCA to take the lead on the repair.

Mr. Bessette reported that SBFCA's design and environmental teams continue their work on the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project. He reported that the USACE 404 and RWQCB 401 permit applications were submitted. Weekly design and environmental team meetings continue to be held to advance the project.

It was reported that the funding agreement with Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for the Oroville Wildlife Area Thermalito Afterbay Outlet Boat Ramp and Campground Project became effective July 1. This funding agreement is for \$4.4M. Additional grant funding from CDFW will soon be received bringing the total project funding to \$7.7M.

Mr. Bessette went onto report that staff is coordinating with the staff from the City of Oroville to assist the City in advancing a levee repair project with the city limits. A Scope of Services agreement was approved by both the City of Oroville and SBFCA. The next step is to develop a first Task Order and to begin the project.

Agency Council Andrea Clark gave a brief presentation of the recent FMA Conference. She reported that the legal panel for setback areas discussed the Star Bend/Mathews Mitigation Area.

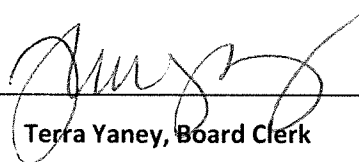
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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

ATTEST BY: 
Terra Yaney, Board Clerk


Board Chair