



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, December 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, Marc Boomgaarden
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:	Andrew Stresser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nicolas Micheli, Al Montna, 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 October 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of the 2024 schedule for regular SBFCA Board meetings
3. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment 4 to Task Order 21 with HDR Engineering for engineering services to complete punch-list repairs to the Federal Sutter Basin Flood Risk Management Project (Cypress Avenue to Tudor Road)
4. Approval of Task Order 26 Amendment No. 3 with HDR for Engineering Services related to the Reach 7 Relief Well Investigations
5. Approval of Task Order 30 with HDR for services to develop funding strategies to advance SBFCA flood control projects.

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

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

6. Informational Update on OWA – Robinson’s Riffle Project

Director of Engineering Chris Fritz gave a presentation and provided background on the for the OWA – Robinson’s Riffle Project. He showed slides which highlighted the bridges, weirs, parking and channels that were improved as part of the 2019 Unit D project.

He then went onto report and give background on the planning study. He explained that the planning effort for the study is funded through a DWR grant. The study is a Master Plan type study to identify project concepts that have broad support, identify project components that could be advanced in the near term based on available funding, and to identify other funding opportunities. He provided slides of the study area, schedule and highlighted the outreach efforts. He provided more detailed slides of the initial concepts for consideration which include: remove tailing piles, create high ground refugia, O&M improvements/flood risk management, public safety, recreation improvements, side channel improvements and seasonal wetland habitat.

Mr. Fritz then went onto report on the funding sources to date and the future funding needs. He reported that a second workshop is scheduled for Spring 2024 to revisit project components and identify preferred concepts.

7. Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report

Budget Manager Seth Wurzel presented the monthly financial reports for September and October 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/>

8. 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 for SBFCA review and the next IPE/SAR meeting is scheduled for January 16th.

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 is scheduled to submit 35% design plans to SBFCA for review later this month. 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 on November 16. SBFCA staff also continues to coordinate with Yuba County staff to remove sediment at the Star Bend boat ramp on the east side of the Feather River.

It was reported 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 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under a new pilot program. 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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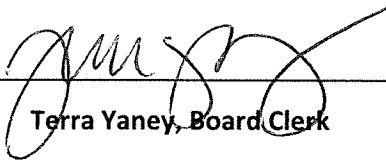
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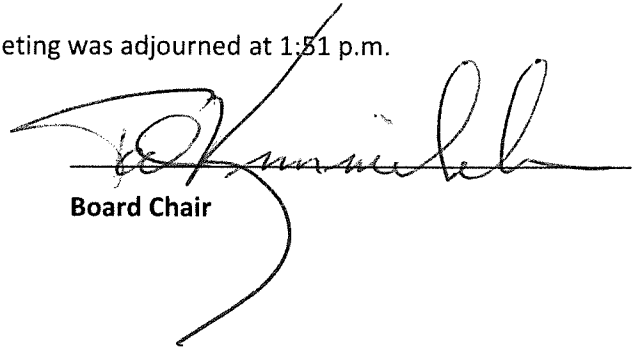
None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

ATTEST BY:


Terra Yaney, Board Clerk


Board Chair