



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2026 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 Butte:	Bill Connelly, Tod Kimmelshue
County of Sutter:	Jeff Stephens, Mike Ziegenmeyer
City of Yuba City:	Marc Boomgaarden, Michael Pasquale
City of Live Oak:	Jeremy Chapdelaine
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
City of Gridley:	Bruce Johnson
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris, Chris Schmidl
Levee District 1:	Charlie Hoppin, Gary Marler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Shaw, Al Montna,

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bessette, Executive Director; Chris Fritz, Director of Engineering, Agency Counsel, Brian Hamilton; Sean Meyers, Budget Manager, and Terra Yaney, Board Clerk

MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

At 1:00 p.m., Director Jeff Stephens opened the meeting and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes for the April 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of Task Order 17 Amendment No. 1 under the Master Services Agreement with WSP (formerly Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.) to provide construction management services for the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project.
3. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Contract with Ray Costa PE, GE, for Independent Panel of Experts Services

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

- Marc Boomgaarden – yes
- Jeremy Chapdelain- yes
- Bill Connelly - yes
- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Bruce Johnson- yes
- Tod Kimmelshue - yes
- Gary Marler - yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Michael Pasquale - yes
- Chris Schmidl– yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes
- Jeff Stephens – yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes

No public Comment. The entire discussion and presentation is available on the SBFC website at: <http://sutterbutterflood.org/board/meetings-agendas/>

INFORMATIONAL AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ITEMS

4. Approval of Second Agreement Amendment with R&R Horn Contractors, Inc. for the Oroville Wildlife Area Thermalito Recreation Improvements Project, Delegation of Authority to Reject All Bids if Necessary

Executive Director Michael Bessette presented the second amendment to the agreement. He explained that the board previously authorized him to extend the bid guaranty period by 30-days and to award the construction contract once all required approvals are received from FERC. Because FERC has not yet approved the project, the contract with R&R Horn Contractors cannot yet be awarded. The first amendment to the agreement will expire on May 13, and it is uncertain if we will have FERC approval by that date. R&R Horn has agreed to a second extension, moving the contract award deadline to June 13. Approval of this amendment will extend the bid guaranty period and allow the Executive Director to award the contract upon receipt of FERC approval.

5. Presentation from Sutter Extension Water District on the Sunset Pump Station Weir Removal Project

Lynn Phillips, General Manager of Sutter Extension Water District (SEWD), along with Rachel Ballanti from DWR and Jonathan Kors with Wood Rodger, and SEWD’s owner representative for the project, presented an overview of the Sunset Weir Removal and Pump Station Replacement Project.

Mr. Philips provided background on SEWD operations and water rights. He explained that the district serves approximately 25,000 acres of agricultural land, and relies on the Sunset Pump Station to supplement canal capacity during peak irrigation periods.

Ms. Ballanti reviewed the purpose of the project, which is to improve fish passage for threatened migratory species and maintain reliable water deliveries without changes to SEWD operations. She reported that the project includes removal of the existing weir, installation of new pump station with modern fish screens, and stabilization of riverbank erosion areas. She explained that the existing weir, originally built in the 1920’s, can restrict fish passage during certain river conditions and contributes to ongoing erosion issues.

Mr. Kors reviewed the project design and construction details, including pump station design, levee access, erosion repair plans and permitting requirements. He reported that construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 pending completion of environmental review, permitting and right-of-way acquisition.

6. Preliminary approval of a Proposed Amended 2024-30 Budget

Budget Manager Sean Meyers presented an overview of the budget approval process. He presented the proposed amended budget for preliminary approval and a public hearing scheduled for June 10. He provided an overview of the Agency’s Program Budget Organization of the Operating Fund and Capital Fund

A motion to preliminarily approve the Proposed Amended 2024-30 Budget and Schedule a Public Hearing for June 10th was made by Director Mike Ziegenmeyer and seconded by Director Chris Schmidl. The motion passed with no objection. The Consent Calendar was approved as follows:

- Marc Boomgaarden – yes
- Jeramy Chapdelain- yes
- Bill Connelly - yes
- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Bruce Johnson- yes
- Tod Kimmelshue - yes
- Gary Marler - yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Michael Pasquale - yes
- Chris Schmidl– yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes
- Jeff Stephens – yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes

7. Presentation and File Monthly Financial Report

Budget Manager Sean Myers presented the monthly financial reports for April 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 by outlining the recent and ongoing activities of the agency. He provided an update on the federal and state advocacy efforts from the April Cap-to-Cap trip, including meetings regarding NFIP reauthorization, FEMA BRIC funding, and discussions with congressional representatives. He also reported on ongoing efforts to secure funding for the Sutter Bypass East Levee Phase 2 project.

Mr. Bessette reported that the contractor for the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction project has started the second season of construction. Work to date includes the levee degrade for the two pipe installations, as well as the required submittals. He also reported that staff has completed the negotiations with CDFW regarding tree removals.

He went on to report that the project team continues to advance the design and permitting work for the Sutter Bypass East Levee repairs. The project team continues to advance the 100% design submittal package. The 100% submittal was completed the week of April 21 and distributed to the review agencies. He reported that staff continues to coordinate regular meetings with PG&E to discuss details related to the relocation of their power poles along the toe of the levee. PG&E is currently completing the design for the pole relocation. In addition, staff continues to coordinate with CalOES and DWR in order to submit and new funding application under FEMA's BRIC program.

It was reported that the OWA Robinson's Riffle Restoration project is advancing. The project team is coordinating with CDFW and DWR on the 100% design plans, which are schedule to be completed in mid-May. We anticipate going out to bid in the late fall of 2026 and beginning construction in 2027.

It was reported that the OWA Thermalito Afterbay Boat Ramp and Campground project is advancing toward construction. At the March board meeting the Board delegated authority to the Executive Director to award the construction contract to R&R Horn after FERC approves the project. We are currently planning to hold a ground-breaking ceremony on May 29th assuming FERC approves the project by then.

The entire report is available on the SBFCA website at: <http://sutterbutterflood.org/board/meetings-agendas/>

CLOSED SESSION

6. Conference with labor negotiator (Executive Director) (Govt. Code 54957.6)

7. Public employee performance evaluation (Executive Director) (Govt. Code 54957(b)(1))

OPEN SESSION

No report out, the board voted to do the following:

1. Increase salary by 5 % (which includes COLA).

A motion to approve the Executive Director compensation was made by Director Marc Boomgaarden and seconded by Director Tod Kimmelshure. The motion passed. The item was approved as follows:

- Marc Boomgaarden – yes
- Gary Marler - yes
- Jeremy Chapdelain- yes
- Mike Morris- yes
- Bill Connelly - No
- Michael Pasquale - No

- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Bruce Johnson- yes
- Tod Kimmelshue - yes

- Chris Schmid– yes
- Bo Sheppard - yes
- Jeff Stephens – yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer - yes

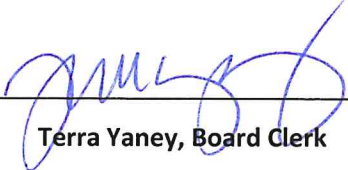
PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m. in honor of Larry Munger.

ATTEST BY:



Terra Yaney, Board Clerk



Board Chair