



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, February 11, 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:	Tod Kimmelshue
County of Sutter:	Jeff Stephens
City of Yuba City:	Dave Shaw
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris, Chris Schmidl
Levee District 1:	Charlie Hoppin, Gary Marler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marc Boomgaarden, Jeramy Chapdelaine, Bill Connelly, Bruce Johnson, Al Montna, Mike Ziegenmeyer

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., Executive Director Michael Bessette opened the meeting and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

1. Selection of 2026 SBFCA Chair and Vice Chair

Director Chris Schmidl nominated Director Jeff Stephens as the Chair of the 2026 SBFCA Board of Directors.
Director Bo Sheppard nominated Director Tod Kimmelshue as Vice Chair.

A motion to approve the Board Chair nomination was made by Director Chris Schmidl and seconded by Director Mike Morris. A motion to approve the Board Vice Chair nomination was made by Director Bo Sheppard and seconded by Director Mike Morris. The motions passed with no objection. The motion was approved as follows:

- Charlie Hoppin- yes
- Tod Kimmelshue- yes
- Gary Marler- yes
- Mike Morris - yes
- Chris Schmidl- yes
- Dave Shaw – yes
- Bo Sheppard – yes
- Jeff Stephens - yes

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the Minutes for the December 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
3. Approval of Task Order 8 Amendment No. 2 with R&F Engineering Inc. for engineering services for the Oroville Wildlife Area Robinson's Riffle Project

4. Consider Adopting Resolution 2026-01 Approving the Use of Special Brown Act Provisions Pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.7
5. Approval of Amendment No. 10 to Professional Services Agreement with Sacramento Valley Conservancy related to the Star Bend Setback and Mathews Mitigation Areas
6. Approval of Task Order 14 Amendment No. 2 with ECORP Consulting Inc. for Environmental Construction Support for the OWA Thermalito Afterbay Recreation Improvements Project

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

- Charlie Hoppin- yes
- Chris Schmidl– yes
- Tod Kimmelshue- yes
- Dave Shaw – yes
- Gary Marler- yes
- Bo Sheppard – yes
- Mike Morris - yes
- Jeff Stephens - yes

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

INFORMATIONAL AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ITEMS

7. **Board Briefing on Feather River Side Channel**

Paul Frank with FlowWest provided a briefing on the Lower Feather River Side Channel Project, a habitat restoration effort focused on reconnecting remnant channels to the main Feather River to improve juvenile salmon rearing habitat. He reported that the project is being advanced in coordination with River Partners, FlowWest, the Audubon Society, CDFW, local levee maintainers, and private landowners. Funding includes a \$10 million grant from the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) program for planning, design, and phased construction activities, and a \$250,000 from a Fish and Wildlife Service grant.

Mr. Frank explained the ecological need for the project: current mainstem and remnant channel conditions provide limited shallow, slow-moving rearing habitat which juvenile Chinook salmon require for growth and survival.

It is anticipated that the first construction phase will occur around 2028.

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

Budget Manager Sean Myers presented the monthly financial reports for November - December 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 highlighted the Agency's successes in 2025 and provided an overview on the key projects planned for the coming year.

He reported that the contractor for the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction project is completing the required submittals for the two pipe installations which will occur this year. The CVFPB and Odysseus Farms completed their negotiations on the encroachment permit. Construction work will start in late April or early May.

He went onto report that the project team continues to advance the design and permitting work for the Sutter Bypass East Levee repairs. The project team received comments on the 90% design plan and will now address those comments to advance the design to 100%. DWR filed the Notice of Determination in late October. Staff is coordinating with DWR on federal funding for the construction of the 5.2-mile project.

Mr. Bessette gave an update on the OWA Robinson's Riffle River Restoration project. He reported that the WCB Board granted SBFCA \$31.9M to fully fund construction of the project. The project team is coordinating with CDFW and DWR on the 90% design plans, which were completed in December. We anticipate going out to bid in the late fall of 2026 and beginning construction in 2027.

He went onto report that the OWA Thermalito Afterbay Boat Ramp and Campground project went out to bid in October. We received eleven bids – R&R Horn from Chico was the low bidder. The construction contract award is scheduled to be awarded at the March board meeting.

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

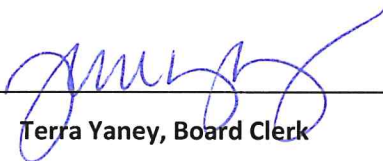
PUBLIC COMMENT

None

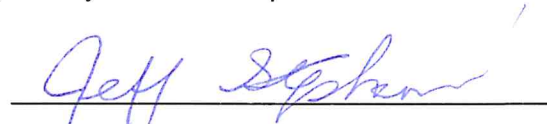
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

ATTEST BY:



Terra Yaney, Board Clerk



Board Chair

