



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2024, 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:	Tod Kimmelshue
City of Yuba City:	Marc Boomgaarden, Wade Kirchner
City of Biggs:	Bo Sheppard
City of Live Oak:	Lakhvir Ghag
City of Gridley:	Bruce Johnson
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris, Chris Schmidl
Levee District 1:	Drew Stresser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karm Bains, Bill Connelly, Charlie Hoppin, Al Montna

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

MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

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

* Director Ghag arrived after roll call

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes for the November 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of Task Order 14 Amendment No. 1 with ECORP Consulting Inc. for Environmental Construction Support for the OWA Thermalito Afterbay Recreation Improvements Project
3. Approval of the 2025 schedule for regular SBFCA Board meetings

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Director Mat Conant and seconded by Marc Boomgaarden. The motion passed with no objection. The Consent Calendar was approved as follows:

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

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

INFORMATIONAL AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ITEMS

4. **Recognition of Board Member Departures**

Board Chair Tod Kimmelshue recognized previous SBFCA Board members for their time and contributions. Those recognized included: Mat Conant, Lakhvir Ghag and Nicolas Micheli. Executive Director Michael Bessette stated that staff would also like to thank them for their leadership.

The Directors all expressed their appreciation for Mat Conant's leadership on the board and his years of service as a Sutter County Supervisor.

The Directors all expressed their appreciation for Lakhvir Ghag's participation on the board and his years of service as a Councilmember for the City of Live Oak.

The entire report, along with a PowerPoint presentation is available on the SBFCA website at: <http://sutterbutterflood.org/board/meetings-agendas/>

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

Budget Manager Sean Myers presented the monthly financial reports for 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 the environmental and cultural mitigations are completed on the Feather River West Levee Project 1 and all easement transfers have been recorded. He went on to report that our contractor, Lund Construction has completed the Reach 7 relief wells project. Our construction manager is closing out the contract and we are in process of transferring the facilities to Levee District 1.

It was reported that SBFCA's design and environmental teams continue their work on the Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project. The design team addressed comments that were received on the 90% package and has recently completed a 100% submittal package. Staff is working on advancing the permitting process, and also continues to coordinate with both USACE and UAIC on the pre-construction cultural testing. A site visit with USACE and USFWS was held to discuss the Biological Assessment. It is anticipated that construction will begin in summer of 2025.

He went onto report that the project team continues to advance the design and permitting work for the Sutter Bypass East Levee repairs. Staff is coordinating with DWR to pursue federal funding, through a FEMA grant, for the construction of the 5.2-mile levee improvement project. Mr. Bessette went onto report that our project has been selected to receive approximately \$49.9 million through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. Coordination with Calpine is taking place which will result in strong federal advocacy support for the project.

He went onto report SBFCA is still assisting the City of Oroville to find other federal programs for funding opportunities. The levee is receiving a one-time inspection by USACE, and we are working on submitting an application to USACE through a different program.

Mr. Bessette reported that staff is finalizing the planning report for the OWA Robinson's Riffle. He reported that the first design project resulting from the planning effort is advancing and being coordinated with CDFW.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

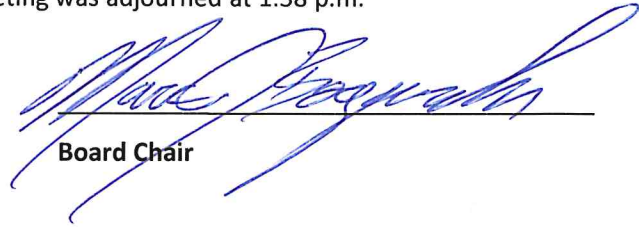
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

ATTEST BY:



Terra Yaney, Board Clerk



Board Chair