

Feather River West Levee Financing Authority

Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

MODIFIED BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

The Feather River West Levee Financing Authority (Authority) Board of Directors (Board), State of California, met on the above date at 2:00 p.m. in Compliance with CA Executive Orders AB361. Members of the Board of Directors and members of the public participated in this meeting in person and by teleconference.

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 FRWLFA's website: <http://frwlfa.org/governance/meetings>

MEMBERS PRESENT

Levee District 1:	Charlie Hoppin
Levee District 9:	Mike Morris
County of Sutter:	*Mike Ziegenmeyer

STAFF PRESENT:: Michael Bessette, SBFCA Executive Director; Andrea Clark, SBFCA Counsel; Seth Wurzel, SBFCA Budget Manager, Kim Floyd, Public Outreach (Interim Board Clerk); Drew Stresser, Levee Districts 1 & 9 General Manager; Mike Inamine, HDR Project Manager; Jim McGuire, Assessment Engineer; and Ally Jeffers, Public Outreach

MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

At 2:00 p.m., Director Charlie Hoppin opened the meeting and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

*Director Ziegenmeyer arrived after the roll call and consent calendar vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the minutes for the May 11, 2022 Special Board Meeting
2. Continuing Brown Act Resolution No. 2022-04

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

- Charlie Hoppin - yes
- Mike Morris– yes
- Mike Ziegenmeyer – not present for vote

No Public Comment

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

3. Public Hearing

HDR Project Manager, Mike Inamine, provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing background information on the FRWLFA Operations & Maintenance Assessment. Before opening the public hearing Director Hoppin outlined the proceeding for the public hearing. He explained the public hearing is the conclusion of the assessment ballot proceeding that allows property owners within FRWLFA to decide if an assessment should be approved to provide adequate funding for levee operations and maintenance. He went on to explain that in accordance with Proposition 218 law, the public hearing gives property owners the opportunity to provide comments and questions to the Board. After the conclusion of the public hearing, the balloting period will close.

Director Hoppin opened the public hearing and invited the public to comment on the proposed benefit assessment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Yuba City resident, Edna Smith, provided public comment in support of the FRWLFA Assessment and highlighted the need for independent oversight of the project.

SBFCA Executive Director, Michael Bessette, answered and confirmed that if the Assessment passes there will be an annual audit performed. That annual audit will be performed by an independent auditor and the results will be reported to the Board and made available to the public.

Yuba City resident, Kenneth Mallory, provided public comment and spoke out in opposition of the Assessment and supported the State taking over this project.

Mr. Bessette and Assessment Engineer, Jim McGuire, addressed this comment and clarified the difference between the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency Assessment and the FRWLFA Operations & Maintenance Assessment and the term "special benefit" regarding the Assessment.

Yuba City resident, Larry Hood, provided public comment and asked: If the Assessment fails to pass – where does the money come from? Mr. Hood also asked if the Assessment would accumulate \$1.3 or \$1.9 million for operations and maintenance of the levees?

HDR Project Manager, Mike Inamine, addressed these questions by confirming that the State will take over the operations and maintenance of the levees if the Assessment does not pass. He also clarified that the Assessment would accumulate \$1.9 million.

Yuba City resident, James Bursey, provided public comment via Zoom chat in support of the Assessment and echoed the request of the first speaker for independent oversight of the project. Mr. Bursey later asked if the Assessment passes and a new agency is formed – what percentage of the Assessment goes to administrative overhead?

SBFCA Budget Manager, Seth Wurzel, addressed this question and clarified that a small percentage of the budget would go towards FRWLFA administrative overhead costs.

Sutter County resident, Ron Dale, provided public comment and asked if management and director salaries are included under personnel salaries (in reference to the FRWLFA budget)?

Assessment Engineer, Mr. McGuire, addressed this question and stated that Levee Districts 1 & 9 have one manager and two laborers that currently operate and maintain the levees. He also clarified that Agency Operation & Administrative costs includes General Manager salaries and that the bulk of the Assessment goes towards labor costs to operate and maintain the levees.

Following the public comment session, Director Hoppin called for a meeting recess in order to allow all property owner's present to submit any remaining ballots.

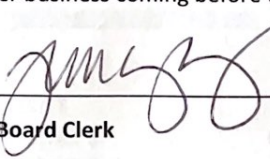
Director Hoppin reconvened the meeting and made a last call for all ballots to be submitted. Seeing that all ballots had been submitted, Director Hoppin closed the public hearing and directed Jim McGuire, the Assessment Engineer, to begin the ballot tabulation process.

The entire recording, along with a PowerPoint presentation is available on the FRWLFA website at: <http://frwlfa.org/governance/meetings>


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

ATTEST BY:



Terra Yaney, Board Clerk



Charlie Hoppin, Board Chair