

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Flood Control and Water Conservation District Minutes

December 3, 2024

The Honorable Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 3rd day of December 2024; there being present Directors Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, County Administrator Angela Davis, District Counsel Natalie E. Reed, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Directors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kobseff.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

Flood Control and Water Conservation District - Ratify letter to the State Water Resources Control Board providing comments regarding potential extension of the current emergency regulations in the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watersheds.

Flood Control and Water Conservation District - Presentation of an update re current Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation activities in the Butte, Scott and Shasta Valley groundwater subbasins. Presentation and discussion only.

Natural Resource Policy Specialist Matt Parker appeared before the District Board, distributing and summarizing a six-page powerpoint that provided an update on the Scott Valley, Shasta Valley and Butte Valley groundwater basins. Mr. Parker provided an overview of various monitoring improvements made in each basin, including new equipment installed in existing monitoring wells, the acquisition of new monitoring wells, flow stations installed and data that has been captured.

Discussion followed between members of the District Board and Mr. Parker regarding the well monitoring data collected from each basin.

Continuing the powerpoint, Mr. Parker advised that the Butte Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) with a revised water budget had been resubmitted to the State Water Resources (SWR) Board for their review. Mr. Parker additionally advised that the Water Board requested development of well mitigation and water allocation programs, which was discussed at Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee meetings. Mr. Parker continued the powerpoint, summarizing the Grenada Irrigation District's Shasta River Diversion application for a proposed project to provide groundwater recharge in the Shasta Valley Basin via field flood irrigation and potentially benefit drinking water wells. Mr. Parker advised of future projects, including the need for a fee study as DWR grant funding would run out in March, 2026 and the need for involvement in the DWR's flow study. Mr. Parker further advised that an ad hoc committee made up of Advisory Committee members was created and tasked with researching/reviewing options for GSP implementation fees.

Mr. Parker continued the powerpoint, including an overview of various upcoming issues (i.e. Scott Valley Irrigation District's recharge project, irrigation efficiency projects and tracking of non-SGMA led projects) and efforts being made to develop a database webpage, perform geochemistry (isotope) sampling and coordination efforts with other agencies regarding water contributions from upland management efforts.

Further discussion followed regarding the timing of submission for annual GSP reports, plans to bring additional updates before the District Board in the near future, attendance at Advisory Committee meetings and the anticipated isotope sampling.

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Discussion continued regarding the impacts associated with a change in irrigation via flood water versus from groundwater wells, the need to assess impacts associated with curtailments with regard to increase or decrease in groundwater levels, various locations of Shasta Valley groundwater monitoring wells, potential groundwater quality impacts associated with illegal cannabis cultivation in the Shasta Valley and coordination efforts being made with the DWR.

Minute Approval - October 15, 2024 and November 12, 2024. Approved.

It was moved by Director Haupt, seconded by Director Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the October 15, 2024 and November 12, 2024 minutes as presented.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: _____
Deputy