



Meeting Minutes

Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Scott Sedgley, City of Napa (Chairperson)
Brad Wagenknecht, District 1 (Vice-Chairperson)
Irais Lopez-Ortega, City of Calistoga
Diane Dillon, District 3
John Dunbar, Town of Yountville
Geoff Ellsworth, City of St. Helena
Leon Garcia, City of American Canyon
Ryan Gregory, District 2
Beth Painter, City of Napa
Alfredo Pedroza, District 4
Belia Ramos, District 5

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

1:30 PM

**Board of Supervisors Chambers
1195 Third Street, Third Floor**

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Brad Wagenknecht, Directors Alfredo Pedroza, Belia Ramos, Diane Dillon, Beth Painter, Leon Garcia, John Dunbar, Irais Lopez-Ortega and Ryan Gregory. Chair Scott Sedgley, and Geoff Ellsworth were excused. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Brad Wagenknecht.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Brad Wagenknecht led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Clerk of the Board/Secretary of the District Board requests approval of minutes from the August 23, 2022 meeting.

[22-1675](#)

Motion: Approve minutes.

Voting Yes: Gregory, Dillon, Garcia, Dunbar, Lopez-Ortega, Painter, Pedroza, Ramos, and Wagenknecht.

Excused: Ellsworth, and Sedgley

Recusals: None

Result: Passed

4. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

None

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Voting Yes: Garcia, Lopez-Ortega, Gregory, Dillon, Dunbar, Painter, Pedroza, Ramos, and Wagenknecht.

Excused: Ellsworth, and Sedgley

Recusals: None

Result: Passed

A. Auditor-Controller requests adoption of a Resolution establishing the fiscal year 2022-23 appropriation limit and estimated revenues subject to the limit for the Community Facilities District-Oakville to Oak Knoll Maintenance, Monitoring and Restoration Project (CFD OVOK) as required by Article XIII B of the California Constitution. [22-1370](#)

Enactment No: R-2022-10 (FC)

B. District Manager requests approval of and authorization for the Chairperson to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. F-103 with Somach, Simmons & Dunn for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, at an annual cost of \$30,000 for specialized services necessary to advise, assist, and represent the District in its dispute over proper interpretation of the 2013 Area of Origin Settlement Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). [22-1732](#)

C. District Counsel requests approval of the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code (Code) for the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District). [22-1836](#)

Enactment No: R-2022-11 (FC)

6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. District staff to present an update on the Flood Project.

[22-1804](#)

District Engineer Richard Thomasser made presentation.

Senior Engineer Andrew Butler made presentation.

Discussion held.

One (1) person spoke during public comment.

9. SET MATTERS OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

10. DISTRICT MANAGER'S/ENGINEER'S REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Manager Richard Thomasser provided an update on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Dredging Project. Dredging has begun with the spoils being offloaded at the District's South Coombs Street property. The Corps has the dredging contractor and the District has the hauling contractor. Hauling to the South Jefferson site hasn't begun yet due to the dampness of the spoils but it is expected to begin next week. Project completion is estimated for the end of the month or a little longer although the regulatory deadline is December 1.

Engineering Manager Chris Silke provided the following updates:

A rare rainstorm in September provided .5" to 1.5" of rain across the county. A friendly reminder for residents to turn off irrigation systems within 48 hours after receiving 1/4" of rainfall per State Water Board regulations.

State Water Project (SWP) Allocations - There is 5,000 acre-feet of Advanced Table A allocation available to Napa County, which is expected to be used through December. This allocation is a loan through the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that has to be paid back within ten years. If Lake Oroville happens to fill up and spill over this year, the County will be relieved of the loan. After this year, Napa County will have accrued approximately 10,000 acre-feet of Advanced Table A allocations for the last few consecutive dry years. The DWR will likely announce a low initial allocation in December if October and November show below historical rainfall averages.

Lake Berryessa-Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Contract Renewal - The Flood District met with regional BOR staff in September. The main element of the contract is a 1,500 acre-foot reserved right to Solano County Water Project water but it is only for in-basin use. Emergency use outside of the basin would require the construction of an emergency inter-tie that would involve several challenges. To negotiate the contract renewal, the District will need to conduct a water needs assessment for the in-basin use with the assistance of an outside consultant and have a contingency plan outlining all the requirements for the emergency inter-tie.

Local reservoir capacities are as follows: Kimball - 36%, Milliken - 48%, Lake Hennessey - 77%, Rector - 88%, and Lake Berryessa - 53%. (Bell Canyon capacity unavailable.)

11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

12. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

13. CLOSED SESSION

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN TO THE NAPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M. IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY DISTRICT COUNSEL ROBERT C. MARTIN.

Neha Hoskins (By e-signature)

NEHA HOSKINS, District Secretary