

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Flood Control and Water Conservation District Minutes

August 5, 2025

The Honorable Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 5th day of August 2025; there being present Directors Jess Harris, 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 Ogren.

Closed Session - Flood District - Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, commenced at 8:31 a.m., concluded at 9:04 a.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

District Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 9:04 a.m., with no reportable action taken.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

Flood Control and Water Conservation District - Discussion, direction and possible action re an update in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22050 for emergency repair and replacement to the Lake Siskiyou Campground General Store main office and roof; and request to affirm the emergency declaration remains necessary and authorize staff to proceed with needed repairs at the facility. Emergency remains necessary.

Deputy Director of General Services Jessica Skillen appeared before the District Board and provided a brief update regarding the ongoing repairs to the Lake Siskiyou Campground General Store's roof, the status of the roof following recent rain storms and plans to meet with the Campground concessionaire regarding future plans. Ms. Skillen requested continuation of the emergency declaration.

It was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to approve an emergency update in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22050 for emergency repair and replacement to the General Store main office and roof and affirm by 4/5 vote the emergency declaration remains necessary and authorize staff to proceed with needed repairs at the facility.

Flood Control and Water Conservation District - Discussion, direction and possible action re request from Somach, Simmons and Dunn for waiver of potential conflicts related to their dual representation of the City of Yreka and the District with regard to legal consult concerning SGMA matters and possible delegation of authority to the Flood District's Executive Officer to execute a conflict waiver. Executive Officer authorized to execute a conflict waiver.

District Counsel Natalie E. Reed provided an overview of the request from Somach, Simmons and Dunn (SSD) for a waiver of potential conflicts related to their dual representation of the City of Yreka and Flood District with regard to the Fall Creek Watershed and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) matters. Ms. Reed recommended that the District Board approve the waiver request with the Flood District's Executive Director authorized to execute.

It was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to waive potential conflicts due to SSD's dual representation of the City of Yreka and the Flood District, and to delegate authority to the Flood District's Executive Officer to execute a conflict waiver.

Minute Approval – July 1 and 8, 2025. Approved.

It was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to approve the July 1 and 8, 2025 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

Nancy Ogren, Chair

By: _____
Deputy