

Tulare County Flood Control Commission

Regular Meeting

8:30 AM – Wednesday January 31, 2024
Board of Supervisors Conference Room
2800 W. Burrel Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, all matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Flood control Commission at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for the Flood Control Commission's consideration.

Agenda

1. Call to Order – roll call
2. Public comment period (Information)
3. Review and approve minutes from October 20, 2023 meeting. (Action)
4. Select dates for remaining 2024 Flood Commission Meetings
The BOS Chambers are not available on the 4th Wednesdays due to conflict.
The following dates are provided with an emphasis on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month having the greatest scheduling availability:
 - a. April 12, **17**, 19, 26
 - b. July 12, **17**, 19, 26, 31
 - c. October 11, **16**, 18, 25, 30 (Action)
5. Flood Control Presentation on Functions and Current Operating Budget (Information)
6. Staff advisement on need for ethics training and Form 700 due 4/2/024 (Information)
7. Staff report on Flood Control District matters, flood control projects, update on:
 - a. Sultana Storm Drain Improvements and Recharge Project (Information)
 - b. Flood Control Capital Improvement Program (Information)
 - c. Kings River Channel Cleanup Project (Information)
 - d. Strathmore / Friant Kern Canal (Design) (Information)
 - e. Juvenile Detention Facility / Cottonwood Creek (Information)
 - f. St Johns River Levees with Visalia and KDWCD (Information)
8. Channel maintenance and responsibilities (Information/Possible Action)
9. Suggestions for future agenda items (Information)
10. Adjourn meeting (Action)

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Attachment for Agenda Item No. 3

October 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Tulare County Flood Control Commission

Summary Meeting Minutes- 8:15 AM Friday, October 20, 2023

Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2800 W Burrel Ave, Visalia, CA 93291

1. Call to order – Roll call

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Vink at 8:22a.m.

- A. Commissioners Present: Dan Vink (Chair), Gene Kilgore, Eric Quinley, Susan Simon, Shane Smith, Eric Limas
- B. Commissioners Absent: Douglas Jackson
- C. Staff Present: Ross Miller (Chief Engineer), Alan Simpson (Engineer II), Lucero Hernandez (Staff Analyst), Paula Clark (County Counsel)
- D. Public: None

2. Election of Officers

Nomination for Vice Chair - Eric Quinley. Motion by Commissioner Kilgore, second by Commissioner Limas:

AYES: 6

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: NONE

Chair-Dan Vink motioned by commissioner Quinley second by commissioner Kilgore and unanimously passed with the following vote:

AYES: 6

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: NONE

3. Public Comment Period (Information)

No Public Comment

4. Review and approve minutes from: June 28, 2023 Meeting

No discussion; Motion by Commissioner Kilgore, second by Commissioner Smith.

AYES: 6

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: NONE

5. Select new time and location of regularly held Commission Meetings

After discussion, a motion was proposed to set the next regular meeting on January 31st at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers with regular meetings to be held thereafter on a quarterly basis (April, July, October) on the 4th Wednesday at the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 8:30a.m., subject to availability of the Board of Supervisors Chambers. Motion by Commissioner Quinley, Second by Commissioner Limas.

AYES: 6

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: NONE

6. Staff advisement on need for ethics training

The commissioners were informed of a County-mandated ethics training to be completed as soon as possible. Staff will send a follow-up email with details.

7. Staff report on Flood Control District projects, update on:

Refer to the attached chart for updates on the following projects:

- a. *Sultana Storm Drain Improvements and Recharge Project*
- b. *Flood Control Capital Improvement Program*
- c. *Kings River Channel Cleanup Project*
- d. *Strathmore / Friant Kern Canal (Design)*
 - i. *Commissioners asked staff to provide Engineers Estimate the proposed solution for Friant Kern Canal and Alternative Solution.*
- e. *Juvenile Detention Facility / Cottonwood Creek*
- f. *St Johns River Levees with Visalia and KDWCD*
 - i. *Commissioners asked staff to provide a status update on MOU at the next regular meeting.*

8. Channel maintenance and responsibilities

Staff presented several maps and tools used during the 2023 March Flooding Response, including:

<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/emergencies/>

<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/recovers/>

<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/public-works/roads/road-bridge-information-and-closures/>

Staff also presented GIS maps of all waterways in the County. Commissioners requested a map overlaying the various channels with jurisdictional boundaries of relevant agencies, which staff will prepare as time and resources permit.

9. Suggestions for future agenda items

- a. Presentation on Flood Commission Functions and Operating Budget
- b. Follow up on the Friant Canal litigation.

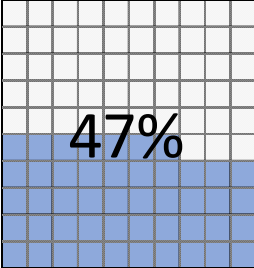
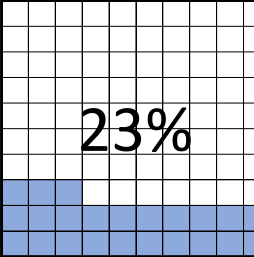
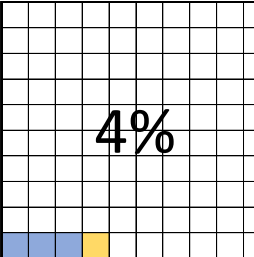
10. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

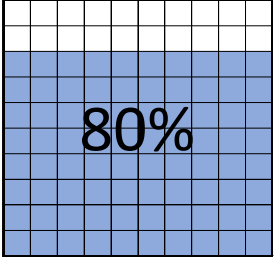
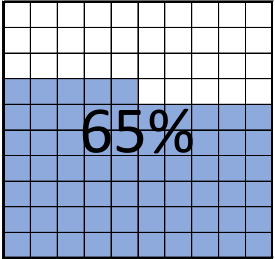
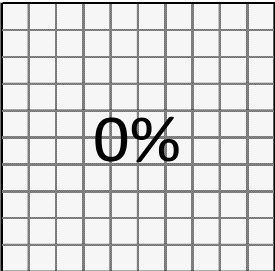
Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

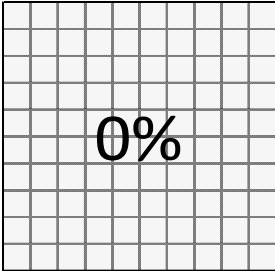
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Sultana Storm Drain Improvements and Recharge Project (Design)	District: No. 4 – Eddie Valero Designer: Provost & Pritchard Contractor: TBD	The project is an expansion of the storm drain collection system and improvements to the basin in the community of Sultana and will allow connection of the system to allow for groundwater recharge in the basins. The Flood Control District will receive a sub grant in the amount of \$787,545 to complete the project, including design.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff have issued response comments in regard to design questions posed by the project Consultant and are preparing for the development of a 60% plan set. A 35% plans set and response comments were previously generated and reviewed by all parties. 	 <p>47%</p> <p>Expected Construction Completion: Fall 2028</p>
Flood Control Capital Improvement Program	District: Countywide Designer: Tulare County RMA Contractor: TBD	A project to assess the current condition, capacity, and adequacy of all Flood Control Facilities countywide.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff has visited and photographed all pumps throughout Tulare County and are preparing staff report on repairs and upgrades Staff are preparing a budget for pump replacement for fiscal year 2023 	 <p>23%</p> <p>Expected Completion: ON HOLD</p>
Kings River Channel Cleanup Project	District: No. 4 – Eddie Valero Designer: Tulare County RMA Contractor: TBD	<p>A project to remove sediment build up in the Kings River channel through Tulare County, which has limited channel capacity and increased flood risk.</p> <p>The Flood Control District intends to obtain necessary approvals and permits and will bid out sediment removal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff are currently preparing a response to a second Programmatic RFI that has been generated by CalOES. RFI responses will be used to further scope the project for CalOES and to compile information for submittal to FEMA for grant approval. Award, if given, is not anticipated until early January. 	 <p>4%</p> <p>Expected Completion: June 2024</p>

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Strathmore-Friant Kern Canal Project (Design)	District: No. 1 – Larry Micari Designer: Tulare County RMA Contractor: TBD	A system to convey water that gathers on the east side of the Friant Kern Canal near the community of Strathmore to the west side and ultimately into the storm drain basin. The project would replace or supplement current operations, wherein the County pumps water across the Ave 196 Bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous encroachment permit application was rejected by Bureau of Reclamation. • Staff are preparing alternative design options for this project, which may include use of a force main and land acquisition north of Ave 196 • Staff are also beginning to review potential alternate designs. 	 <p>80%</p> <p>Expected Completion: ON HOLD</p>
Juvenile Detention Facility/ Cottonwood Creek Realignment Project	District: No. 4 – Eddie Valero Designer: Tulare County RMA Contractor: TBD	<p>The realignment of Cottonwood Creek in the vicinity of the Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) to protect the JDF and restore the creek to its natural flow.</p> <p>The project is adjacent to a sand pit which may potentially serve as a detention or retention basin in accordance with the Cottonwood Creek Stormwater Resources Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project design completion is pending staff availability • County has been approached by various parties interested in the recharge capacity • Staff are reviewing options for grant funding for this project 	 <p>65%</p> <p>Expected Completion: ON HOLD</p>
Antelope Creek Channel Maintenance and Cleanup	District: No. 4 – Eddie Valero Designer: None Requiredp Contractor: TBD	<p>Channel cleanup and maintenance of Antelope Creek for the purpose of improving hydrological flows and reducing flow impediments.</p> <p>This project is to cleanup an approximately 2mi stretch of Channel Way</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOW of work and preliminary solicitations of interest have been made • Anticipate issuance of Request for Quotations before the end of October. 	 <p>0%</p>

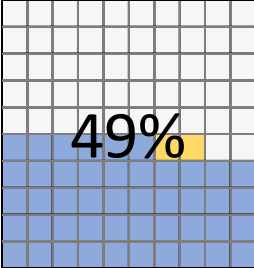
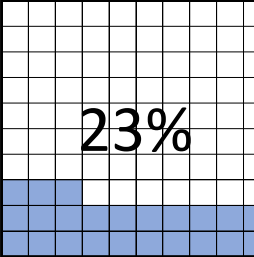
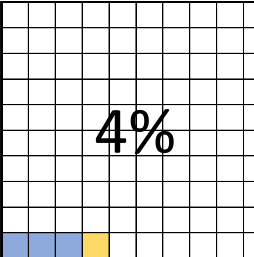
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St Johns River Levees with Visalia and KDWCD	<i>District:</i> No. 3 – Amy Shuklian <i>Designer:</i> TBD <i>Contractor:</i> TBD	Interagency coordination between Tulare County, City of Visalia and Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District to determine responses, areas of vulnerability and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Project is pending letter of understanding/MOU between all agencies. A coordinative effort will be led by Tulare County.	 0%

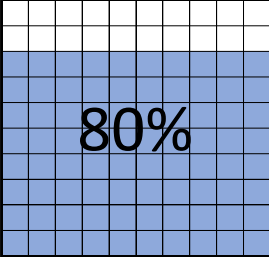
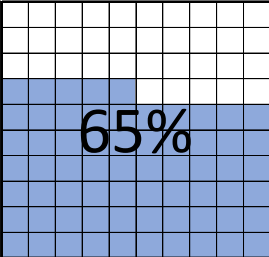
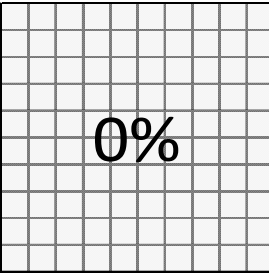
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