

**DELTA REGION GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 29, 2025 AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
ISLETON CITY HALL
101 SECOND STREET, ISLETON, CA 95641**

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REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Board Members: Pam Bulahan, Iva Walton, and David Kent

2. Confirmation of Agenda Posting/Adoption of Agenda:

The GHAD Board may take action on any item listed on the agenda.

3. Public Forum: Members of the public may comment (3 minutes per speaker)

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4. Consent Calendar:

- A. Subject: Minutes from November 20, 2024 meeting

Recommendation: Approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting

5. Continued Items:

- A. Subject: At the September 25, 2024, board meeting, the Board of Directors of the Delta Region Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) approved Resolution 24-03 authorizing the acceptance of \$100,000 from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the engagement of EPIC insurance brokers to secure a parametric insurance policy to fund a flood recovery payment program for one year. The Board of Directors authorized the GHAD Manager to take all actions necessary to implement the resolution. The GHAD Manager/DWR/EPIC will provide a status update on Resolution 24-03 and the actions to implement the resolution.

Recommendation: Receive an update from GHAD Manager/DWR/EPIC brokers regarding the status of Resolution 24-03 and the actions to implement the resolution

- B. Subject: At the November 20, 2024 board meeting the Board of Directors of the Delta Region GHAD approved Resolution 24-04 Authorizing the GHAD Manager to execute the contract to purchase a one-year parametric insurance policy from Flood Flash, pending funding from DWR. The GHAD Manager/DWR/EPIC will provide a status update on Resolution 24-04 and the actions to implement the resolution.

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Recommendation: Receive an update from the GHAD Manager/DWR/EPIC regarding the status of Resolution 24-04 and the actions to implement the resolution.

6. GHAD Manager/Clerk Update

- A. Subject: Items of interest

Recommendation: Receive a presentation from the GHAD Manager/Clerk on items of interest.

- B. Subject: Status of Board Vacancies

Recommendation: Receive update from GHAD Manager/Clerk regarding the vacant positions on the Board.

7. New Business

- A. Subject: Presentation by Brett Milligan, Professor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design, UC Davis on a proposed upcoming spring quarter capstone project.

Recommendation: Receive a presentation by Brett Milligan, Professor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design, on a proposed upcoming spring quarter capstone project.

Subject: Presentation by Chris Ferarri, GEI Consultants, on the Delta Flood Emergency Recovery Framework Plan.

Recommendation: Receive a presentation by Chris Ferarri, GEI Consultants, on the Delta Flood Emergency Recovery Framework Plan.

8. Board Comments and Upcoming Topics of Discussion:

- A. Set Date for Next Scheduled Board Meeting: March 26, 2025

The tentative schedule of upcoming Board meetings: March 26, 2025

- B. Discuss the framework for allocating recovery payments and potential recovery benefit assessments. Staff recommends waiting until the JumpStart consultant is in place to help facilitate the discussions.

9. Adjournment

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I, Kathleen Schaefer, Clerk of the Delta Region GHAD, declare that the foregoing Agenda for the January 29, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Delta Region GHAD was posted on Friday, January 24, 2025 at the Office of the City of Isleton, 101 Second Street, Isleton, California.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Schaefer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "K".

Dated January 24, 2025

Kathleen Schaefer, Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance:

Board Members: Pamela Bulahan, Iva Walton, and David Kent

Action: Board Members Pamela Bulahan, Iva Walton, and David Kent present.

2. Confirmation of Agenda Posting/Adoption of Agenda:

The GHAD Board may take action on any item listed on the agenda.

Action: Board Member David Kent motioned to approve the agenda. Board Member Pamela Bulahan seconded the motion. AYES: Board Members Pamela Bulahan, Iva Walton, and David Kent. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None: ABSENT: None

3. Public Forum: Members of the public may comment (3 minutes per speaker)

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Action: A member of the public inquired about the details of the insurance program, expressing concern over possible assessments and their amounts. Chair Walton clarified that the insurance program is currently in its pilot phase. The GHAD is in the process of accepting a grant to acquire the insurance. Specific details regarding the disbursement of funds in the event of a flood and the program's overall cost are still under consideration. Chair Walton assured that no decisions will be finalized without community input. She encouraged the member to attend the upcoming board meeting in January for further discussion.

Another member of the public questioned the program's legitimacy, stating she had contacted the Insurance Commissioner's Office, which was reportedly unaware of the program. Staff responded that this must be a miscommunication, as both the Insurance Commissioner and the Director of Water Resources had issued a joint press release praising the program the previous month. A copy of the press release is attached.

4. Consent Calendar:

A. Subject: Minutes from September 25, 2024 meeting

Recommendation: Approve the minutes from the September 25, 2024 meeting

Action: Board Member David Kent motioned to approve the minutes. Board Member Pamela Bulahan seconded the motion. AYES: Board Members Pamela Bulahan, Iva Walton, and David Kent. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None: ABSENT: None

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5. Continued Items:

None:

6. GHAD Manager/Clerk Updates

A. Subject: Items of Interest

Recommendation: Receive presentation from GHAD Manager/Clerk on items of interest.

The GHAD Clerk reported the following:

The Department of Water Resources and the Department of Insurance issued a joint press release announcing the grant for the purchase of the parametric insurance policy. This announcement resulted in several positive news articles and television segments. Clerk Schaefer would like to thank Chair Walton and Boardmember Bulahan for accommodating the press. Clerk Schaefer is pleased to report that this project is receiving international attention.

The City of Isleton is currently interviewing consultants for the JumpStart Grant. They hope to have a consultant on board by the January meeting.

We have secured additional outreach funding to support our activities. Kim Floyd, with Floyd Communications, has funding available for facilitated interviews and website upgrades. This is at no cost to the GHAD.

Benjamin Riley of Riley Executive Government Solutions is working with the GHAD executive team to seek funding for Isleton. Benjamin is in the process of starting a new company, and there is currently no formal agreement in place. Should he be successful in securing funding, a formal agreement will be presented to the council. David Kent is the elected official coordinating this effort. Benjamin has reached out to John Cooper from Representative Matusi's office to discuss an overview of the community's needs.

B. Subject: Status of Board Vacancies

Recommendation: Receive update from GHAD Manager/Clerk regarding the vacant positions on the Board.

Action: At the suggestion of Boardmember Bulahan, Clerk Schaefer reached out to Georgia DeMesa to encourage her to join the board. She expressed interest. Clerk Schaefer agreed to send her an email requesting a brief bio and a letter of interest. If the board approves her application, the Board can appoint her to fill the vacant slot at the next meeting. At the suggestion of Chair Walton, Clerk Schaefer reached out to another individual but did not receive a response.

C. Subject: At the September 25, 2024, Board meeting, the Board of Directors of the Delta Region Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) approved Resolution 24-03 authorizing the acceptance of \$100,000 from the Department of Water Resources

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(DWR) and the engagement of EPIC insurance brokers to secure a parametric insurance policy to fund a flood recovery payment program for one year. The Board of Directors authorized the GHAD Manager to take all actions necessary to implement the resolution. The GHAD Manager/DWR/EPIC will provide a status update on Resolution 24-03 and the actions to implement the resolution.

Recommendation: Receive an update from GHAD Manager/DWR/EPIC brokers.

Action: The board received a presentation from David Daniels of MiniCo.

A community member asked about the state's purchase of islands in the Delta and the relationship to the Delta Tunnels. Mike Mierswa, DWR, explained his role as State Floodplain Coordinator and the reason DWR is interested in funding the purchase of the parametric insurance as a pilot.

D. Subject: Open Treasurer Position

Recommendation: Discussion regarding filling the vacant GHAD Treasurer position.

Action: GHAD Manager Joe Tootle reminded the Board that by law, the GHAD is required to have a treasurer. Since the GHAD did not have any money, there was no need for a treasurer. However, with the potential to receive the DWR grant, a treasurer needs to be appointed. A resolution approving the appointment of a GHAD Treasurer is included in New Business Item 7.D.

7. New Business:

A. Subject: Resolution 24-04 Receive presentation by EPIC Brokers regarding the proposed parametric insurance contract.

Recommendation: Receive a presentation by EPIC Brokers on the purchase of a parametric insurance policy. Approve Resolution 24-04 Authorizing the GHAD Manager to execute the contract to purchase a one-year parametric insurance policy from Flood Flash, pending funding from DWR.

Action: Dave Daniels gave an overview of the policy conditions. He walked the board through the key items of interest. A member of the public suggested that the sensor be tied to a benchmark. After a brief discussion Boardmember David Kent motioned to approve Resolution 24-04 Authorizing the GHAD Manager to execute the contract to purchase a one-year parametric insurance policy from Flood Flash, pending funding from DWR. Board Member Pamela Bulahan seconded the motion. AYES: Board Members Pamela Bulahan, Iva Walton, and David Kent. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None

B. Subject: Presentation by Delta Stewardship Council on the Delta Adapts Program

Recommendation: Receive a presentation by the Delta Stewardship Council on the Delta Adapts Program.

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Action: Morgan Chow and Annie Merritt gave a short presentation on the Delta Stewardship Council and its mission. The Council is currently soliciting comments on the Draft Adaptaion Plan. Comments will be accepted until January 17, 2025. Members of the public were encouraged to submit comments. Morgan shared a Tribal and Environmental Justice information sheet which is included as an attachment.

Boardmember Kent asked for a clarification on levee certification status. Mike Mierswa (DWR) gave an overview of the Corps PL84-99 program, the certification requirements associated with the PL84-99 program and the benefits to participating in the PL84-99 program. He also gave an overview of the FEMA levee certification program and the requirements for FEMA accreditation. There was short discussion of levee certification and the various federal programs.

- C. Subject: Presentation by Brett Milligan, Professor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design, UC Davis on a proposed upcoming spring quarter capstone project.

Recommendation: Receive a presentation by Brett Milligan, Professor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design on a proposed upcoming spring quarter capstone project.

Action: Dr. Milligan's presentation was postponed to January.

- D. Subject: Presentation by GHAD Treasurer Inc.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 24-05 . authorizing the GHAD Manager to execute the proposed contract for GHAD Treasurer services by GHAD Treasurer, Inc.

Action: The Board received a presenation from Dave Fernandez, GHAD Treasruer Inc. Mr. Fernandez outlined his philosophy for managing GHAD funds and the independent audit process. Because the only action anticipated by the GHAD is to receive the check from DWR and issue a check to purchase the policy, Mr. Fernandez agreed to not charge the GHAD for this transaction. There was a short discussion by the Board. After a brief discussion Boardmember David Kent motioned to approve Resolution 24-05 Authorizing the GHAD Manager to execute the contract. Boardmember Pamela Bulahan seconded the motion. AYES: Board Members Pamela Bulahan, Iva Walton, and David Kent. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None: ABSENT: None

- E. Subject: Board Comments and Upcoming Topics of Discussion:

Boardmember Kent asked that the GHAD charter be revised to include language adopting the policy and clarifying that the GHAD is subordinate to the Brannan Andrus Island Levee Maintenance District (BALMD). He also asked that the documentation show that the Delta Region GHAD supports BALMD and does not supplant its authorities. The GHAD Manager offered that the Plan of Control may already convey this notion. There was a short conversation suggesting that it may be appropriate to revisit the Plan of Control, and it was agreed that the conversation will be brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

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- F. Set Date for Next Scheduled Board Meeting: January 29, 2025

- G. Discuss the framework for allocating recovery payments and potential recovery benefit assessments.

Action: This item was briefly discussed and it was the consensus that it be discussed at the next meeting.

- H. Consideration of an open house or community meeting discussing the following topics:
 - 1. Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) and the impact on flood flows in the Sacramento River
 - 2. Brannan Andrus Island Maintenance District Collaboration
 - 3. DWR Flood Management Activities
 - 4. Evacuation Planning
 - 5. FEMA Insurance Update

Action: These items were briefly discussed and it was the consensus that it be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

AYES: Boardmembers David Kent, Iva Walton, Pamela Bulahan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Chair, Iva Walton

ATTEST: CLERK, Kathleen Schaefer

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Kathleen Schaefer, Clerk

Dated November 20, 2024