

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 24, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District was called to order by the President of the Board at 5:30 p.m., at the District office.

Board Members Present:

President	-	Leimone Waite
Vice President	-	Jim Smith
Director	-	Ted Bambino
Director	-	Bob Nash
Director	-	Jeff Steppat

Board Members Absent:

None

Officers and Staff Present:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	-	David Coxey
District Engineer	-	Don Groundwater
Office Manager	-	Connie Wade

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment Period:

None

3. Consent Calendar:

- 3-1 Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2016, Regular Meeting
- 3-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending September 2016

RECOMMENDATION: Approval and Adoption of all items on the Consent Calendar.

M/S: [Nash/Steppat] The Board authorized adoption of the Consent Calendar.

AYE: Bambino, Nash, Smith, Steppat and Waite; **NAY:** None

Old Business:

4. WY 2016-2017 Water Delivery Update

District Engineer, Don Groundwater updated the Board on water deliveries and projections. The District is presently exceeding the conservation requirement mandated by the State of California. We predicted usage based on the average of the last 5 years at 10,500 A.F. It appears like we will be utilizing only approximately 8,400 AF. 1,600 AF more than last year but way down from the projections.

We are an equal opportunity employer and provider.

David explained he recently received a call from an L.A. Times Reporter questioning the District's GCPD and the reasons it is so high.

Discussion only.

New Business:

5. Presentation by the Northern California Water Association

This item was taken out of order to allow Mr. Manley to get back to Sacramento and was the first item heard. David introduced Todd Manley, Director of Government Relations with the Northern California Water Association. Mr. Manley made a presentation to the Board along with handouts and discussed issues and activities of the Association and protecting water rights and managing the resource, including cold water pool objectives for CVP operations and unimpaired flow criteria as outlined in the State Board's draft science report. Mr. Manley offered to periodically update the Board.

Discussion only.

6. Hidden Acres Road Solar Energy Project

Don Groundwater introduced Lindsay Kantor from Enplan and briefly explained the environmental review process. Don explained the project and the location. The plan is to go out with a design-build request for proposals. He explained how power generated by the project can be utilized to offset power use at other facilities served by PG&E. The project must also go through federal environmental review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation procedures.

President Leimone Waite opened the public hearing for comments on the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration at 6:30 PM.

Hearing none, the public comment period was closed at 6:30 PM.

David introduced Jerry Cupp and his role in navigating the PG&E RESPCT application and assistance with sizing of the project.

Don handed out the Response to Comments and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. Don reviewed the handout.

M/S: [Nash/Bambino] The Board approved the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

AYE: Bambino, Nash, Smith, Steppat and Waite; **NAY:** None;

7. Consider Award of Contract for Warehouse Construction

Don explained that we have accepted bids for the warehouse construction. District staff will be doing all of the work other than pouring the concrete slab and the erection of the building. The low bid for the project was submitted by Walker Construction. Don has checked references.

M/S: [Smith/Steppat] The Board authorized the award of the contract for construction of the Warehouse Building to Walker Construction for the Base Bid amount of \$106,800.

AYE: Bambino, Nash, Smith, Steppat and Waite; **NAY:** None

8. Report on Formation of a Redding Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

David provided an update. The County has given their consent and support to participate in a single, regional groundwater sustainability agency (GSA). The deadline for GSA formation is June 2017. The “backstop” and least favored alternative is State intervention and fees. There is ongoing discussion and questions on voting and the GSA’s authority. Legal Counsel for the participating agencies will be coordinating the decision to utilize a Joint Powers Authority, Agreement or MOU. Discussed the measurable triggers and structure having some checks and balances.

M/S: [Nash/Smith] The Board authorized acceptance of the report on the formation of Redding Basin GSA.

AYE: Bambino, Nash, Smith, Steppat and Waite; **NAY:** None

9. Declare Items Surplus and Authorize Sale or Disposal

David explained we have several old computers and a vehicles and recommended disposal of the outdated Windows XP computers and authorizing the sale or salvage of the vehicle.

M/S: [Nash/Steppat] The Board declared the items listed as surplus and authorized staff to sell or otherwise dispose of such items.

AYE: Bambino, Nash, Smith, Steppat and Waite; **NAY:** None

10. Revise Board Meeting Dates for November and December 2016

David explained the need to revise the meeting dates due to holiday conflicts and to advertise the availability Urban Water Management plan.

M/S: [Bambino/Smith] Change the board meetings from November 28th to November 21st, 2016 and from December 26th to December 19, 2016.

AYE: Bambino, Nash, Smith, Steppat and Waite; **NAY:** None

Reports and Communications

11. Engineer’s Report

Don updated the Board on projects and explained we are still waiting for permits for Lateral 4.1 North at E. Stillwater Creek. Staff is reviewing the final draft of the Urban Water Management Plan.

12. Manager's Report

David reported that the District will be hosting a collaborative meeting next Tuesday, November 1 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the Swede Creek Bridge Pipeline Failure. Invited are representatives of the County, Contractor, Engineer, Manufacturer and a trade organization. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possible cause or factors that contributed to failure. David reported on the Wintu Spare Transformer that is leaking oil. The District and western area power administration (WAPA) previously agreed it made sense to have diagnostic testing performed prior to incurring expenses to re-gasket and paint the transformer. According to WAPA, the testing indicates a problem with the transformer they would like to decommission the unit and haul it away. On September 1, 2000, the primary transformer failed. Fortunately, the spare unit was placed into service within a couple of days and Wintu operations resumed and water service was restored. Absent the spare transformer, the outage likely would have lasted weeks or months. WAPA has indicated they have no provision for replacement and any replacement will need to be funded by the District. Lastly, David reported the State Board will likely be rolling out Revised Conservation Regulations and has signaled interest in returning to state-mandated conservation targets in January 2017, if the drought persists and a steep decline in conservation is perceived.

13. Board Members' Comments and Report

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

David J. Coxey, General Manager and
Secretary to the Board of Directors

REMINDER: Next Regular Board meeting November 21, 2016

Parties with a disability as provided by the American Disabilities Act who require special accommodations or aides in order to participate in the public meeting should make the request to the District office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting

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*Safe and dependable water for a variety of present and future uses

*Quality customer service

*A safe, harmonious working environment

