

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT**BOARD OF DIRECTORS****March 27, 2017**

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

Board Members Absent:

Director	-	Ted Bambino
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Officers and Staff Present:

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

None.

3 Consent Calendar:

3-1 Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2017, Regular Meeting

3-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending February 2017

3-3 Quarterly Investment Portfolio (Ending December 2016)

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

M/S: [Nash/Steppat] Director Nash had some questions regarding the expenses. The Board approved and accepted the consent calendar items as presented.

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

Old Business:

4. WY2016-2017 Water Delivery Update

District Engineer, Don Groundwater updated the Board on the water production of 7,719 AF stating that this was higher than last year but the average of prior 3 years is a bit higher. We previously had usage numbers around 14,000 AF, however no longer. With the wet weather we do not anticipate usage to be more. Usage is far below the State required conservation objective of 33% percent as compared to 2013. We are now working on estimates for the next 12 months.

Discussion only.

New Business:

5. 2017 Central Valley Project Water Supply Allocation

David Coxey, General Manager explained that north of Delta contractors will receive a 100% allocation as we would expect in such an abundantly wet year. Under the Governor's drought executive order and State Board's emergency regulations, Bella Vista Water District is still under a 33% mandatory conservation target that was recently extended by the State Board, rather than allowed to expire. David explained he recently received a call from State Board staff as a reminder of the supply "self-certification" deadline. David explained to the staffer that the District hadn't yet received an allocation for the current year let alone the ability to certify adequate supply for three dry years into the future. A discussion ensued regarding the public's understandable confusion over simultaneous "drought" and "flood" declarations, incompatibility and regulatory agency credibility.

Discussion Only.

6. Report on Results of Annual Agricultural Crop Census 2016

Connie Wade, Office Manager and David reviewed the results of the Annual Ag Crop Census, comparison with prior years and general trends. A general discussion ensued.

Discussion Only.

7. Report of Agricultural Lands/Landowner Voting Analysis

Don reviewed and explained that the Landowner Voting Analysis is required by Water Code 35041. He explained we have a pretty good process with the County use codes and GIS. Don discussed the difference between 'Non-developed' and 'Developed' versus "Developed and Devoted", and that 5 acres is the threshold we are using at this time.

Discussion Only.

8. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Compliance Update

David discussed the progress on the formation of a single, multi-agency groundwater sustainability agency (GSA). David explained the latest draft of a Memorandum of Understanding. David further explained the process and ramification for forming GSA versus not forming a GSA, which then trigger state intervention along with annual reporting and extraction fees for all “extractors”. The formation of a GSA is the first step, the next is to develop a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for the basin that will result in costs that will be allocated equally among each GSA member. By forming a GSA, we are actually protecting all of the private well pumpers within the basin. The MOU structure is very simple as is the cost allocation methodology and governance structure; one agency, one vote and an even cost allocation. We are obligated to set a public hearing on this matter. The public hearing will coincide with the next Board meeting prior to adoption.

Discussion Only.

9. Akrich Street Water Main Replacement Project

- a. Authorize Award of Contract to R.A. Martin Constructors, Inc.

Don explained we received a total of 6 bids. The Engineer’s estimate was \$500,000 to \$550,000. We expect them to start in about a month depending on weather. A discussion ensued regarding the difference in bids and prevailing wage requirements.

M/S: [Waite/Nash] The Board authorized adjustments to the EOMR schedule and the FY-2016-2017 Operating Budget to reflect construction of this project in FY 2016-2017; and authorized award of the contract to R. A. Martin Construction, Inc., and the General Manger to execute a contract in the amount of \$395,660 with R. A. Martin Constructors, Inc., once they have furnished the required bonds and insurance.

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

- b. Authorize Contract with PACE Engineering for Services during Construction

Don reviewed the role and surveying costs, compaction testing and preparation of record drawings and related engineering services during construction.

M/S: [Waite/Nash] The Board authorized the General Manager to execute with PACE Engineering to provide services during construction on a time-and materials basis for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,200.

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

10. Adopt Resolution 17-03 Authorizing Contract Amendment 4 to the Contract for Operation and Maintenance of the 60 kV Substation at Wintu Pumping Plant of the Cow Creek Unit.

David explained this is a contract amendment that amends and replaces the 1-year contract termination language to allow for immediate termination. The Bureau of Reclamation has already accepted title transfer for the substation, consisting of a primary and spare transformer. As background, the Western Area Power Administration has unilaterally determined the spare transformer is old and therefore needs to be removed. Replacement costs would be the responsibility of the District and the costs is estimated to be around \$250,000. The Bureau of Reclamation has evaluated testing results and determined that although the transformer is old, it is adequate as a spare. With adoption of this contract amendment, the District will work with Reclamation staff to establish a scope of work for oil leak repairs and develop an O&M schedule and operations and maintenance protocols.

M/S: [Nash/Steppat] The Board authorized adoption of Resolution 17-03 authorizing contract amendment 4 to the Contract for Operation and Maintenance of the 60 kV Substation at Wintu Pumping Plant of the Cow Creek Unit.

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

11. Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission Election of Special District Representatives

David explained we have the opportunity to vote once again for a LAFCo special district alternate vacancy and that Director Smith has announced his candidacy and willingness to serve.

M/S: [Waite/Nash] The Board authorized the General Manager to cast the District's ballot for Jim Smith for the Special District Alternate Commissioner.

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

Reports and Communications

12. Engineer's Report

Don informed the Board that the building out back is going up and they should be starting on the inside shortly. Other projects are Akrich Road and Stillwater Creek; later this summer, working on Olympia Way and the Rate Study.

13. Manager's Report

David reported that the Wintu Pump Station was started on Wednesday, March 15th after a couple of months of being on groundwater wells. During the outage, the Surge Tank was inspected, a pipeline assessment conducted, the Seimens VFD's received maintenance and diagnostics, all the telemetry radios were replaced and the raw water meter for the Turtle Bay Arboretum was replaced with a new compound meter. Unfortunately, some technical problems resulted in being on the wells longer than anticipated and some overtime has resulted in non-routine operations. By being on groundwater, we avoided a couple of months of extraordinarily high turbidities in the River and associated treatment and water quality issues. David reported the District has provided a couple of recent tours of the Wintu Pumping Plant that included State Board Member, Steven Moore and members of the State Division of Drinking Water. A separate tour was held for the Shasta College Ag Program as part of a larger tour of agriculture in the region. Lastly, David reported on the proposed Bethel Campus notice of availability and notice of public hearing draft environmental impact report for the Collyer Drive campus planned development project. The City of Redding's public comment period on this document is invited for a 45-day review period from March 1, 2017, through April 14, 2017.

10. Board Members' Comments and Reports

None

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

