

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District was called to order by the President of the Board at 5:32 p.m., at the District office.

Board Members Present:

President	-	Bob Nash
Vice-President	-	Ted Bambino
Director	-	Frank Schabarum
Director	-	Jim Smith
Director	-	Leimone Waite

Board Members Absent:

Officers and Staff Present:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	-	David Coxey
District Engineer	-	Wayne Ohlin
Office Manager	-	Connie M. Wade

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment
3. Consent Calendar:
 - 3-1 Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2018, Regular Meeting
 - 3-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending February 2018

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

M/S: [Smith/Schabarum] The Board approved and accepted the consent calendar items as presented. Director Nash has a question about EOMR \$120,000.00 that has not been expended. Staff explained this is for Well #4 rehabilitation and for the addition of new anthracite to all of the filters at the Water Treatment Plant.

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

General Manager, David Coxe requested an item be added as 6.1 Suspension of New Agricultural Applications.

M/S: [Bambino/Schabarum] The Board approved adding an item at 6.1 Suspension of Agricultural as a result of the recent allocation.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

4. Central Valley Project Supply Allocation Update

General Manager, David Coxe informed the Board of the first notification from Reclamation dated March 1, 2018 for a March only allocation. David reviewed the average of the 8-station index and CVP storage explaining all are full with the exception of Lake Oroville, which is a State Water Project facility. David reported this is unprecedented to receive a significantly reduced allocation despite all storage facilities full and this speaks directly to a regulatory induced drought. A recent notification from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation allocated the District 8,560 AF, which is based on 20 percent Irrigation and 70 percent of historical for municipal and industrial. "Historical" according to Reclamation's M&I Shortage Policy is based on the prior 3 unconstrained years and Reclamation has utilized 2012, 2013 and 2017 for this purpose.

In addition, we should receive the full quantity from the ACID long term transfer in the amount of 1,536 AF resulting in a supply of 10,096 AF. Last year we completed the year utilizing 9,840 AF of water.

Discussion Only.

5. Contract for Temporary Water Service between the U.S. and Bella Vista Water District

David explained that in potential shortage years, the District requests carryover of remaining, unused supply and also requests a contract to divert non-storable water of a short duration, which can be utilized at a reduced rate. The District's carryover request has been denied. Reclamation has prepared a contract to allow for the diversion of up to 2,000 AF of non-storable water should conditions allow. The cost of this water is the applicable Irrigation or M&I Restoration and Trinity PUD components only. Although the circumstances to allow this type of diversion is very limited, Staff recommends approval in order to augment supply.

M/S: [Schabarum/Waite] The Board authorized the President to execute the Contract for Temporary Water Service between United States Bureau of Reclamation and Bella Vista Water District.

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

6. Will Serve Request – Seven Bridges Subdivision (MD Development)

District Engineer, Wayne Ohlin introduced the item explaining the process and what we needed to continue. Wayne explained the location of the project being 127 lots and located on Oasis Road. Wayne reviewed the Will Serve Policy Item No. 2. David further reviewed Section 703 of the District policy. Further discussion regarding other development in the area was presented.

M/S: [Waite/Bambino] Continue Item to the April Board meeting.

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

6.1. Suspension of New Agricultural Applications

David explained that based on available supply and anticipated demands, allowing new Irrigation demands unless or until available supply is increased is problematic. Staff is therefore recommending that new agricultural applications be suspended unless or until the CVP allocation is increased.

M/S: [Schabarum/Smith] Suspend new agricultural applications.

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

7. Declare Items Surplus and Authorize Sale or Disposal

David reviewed the items listed for surplus and explained that only 1 of the 4 vehicles will pass smog.

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

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

8. Call for Nominations – Consolidated Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board

David explained this is new governance. Director Schabarum explained the purpose of this agency and expressed interest in serving as a Special District representative.

M/S: [Smith/Waite] Nominate Frank Schabarum to serve on the Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board.

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

9. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding with local Union 1245 of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) AFL-CIO

David reviewed the item with the Board and explained the membership had ratified the table agreement.

M/S: [Schabarum/Smith] The Board ratified the successor MOU and authorized the Board President and the negotiation representatives to execute on behalf of the District.

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

10. Consider Salary and Wage Adjustments for Management and Non-Represented Employees.

The General Manager, David discussed his recommendation and percentage allocation. Various ideas for implementation were discussed. David also explained that with the recent hiring of the District Engineer that he would be coming back before the Board separately to authorize additional compensation consideration.

M/S: [Smith/Bambino] The Board authorized the General Manager to award a percentage wage or salary increase for the Non-Represented Employees not to exceed 6% and to be distributed between the Non-Represented Employees as determined by the General Manager, based upon performance with a term of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021.

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

Reports and Communications

13. Engineer's Report

a. Water Production and Deliveries Update

Wayne informed the Board that we produced 9,839 AF through the end of February, 2018. We used 21 AF more than in 2013. We used 32.5% of available supply.

b. Project Updates

Wayne went over the status of the Solar project, and explained the array and how it will sit. Director Smith had a question regarding the clearance. Wayne updated the Board on the second phase of the Solar project which will be located near the regulating station. We are finalizing the escrow for ownership of the parcel. We had 4 contractors show up for the walk through and we will be receiving the proposals the first week of April. Wayne informed the Board we have been averaging 25 service connections per year the last 5 years but this year we have already sold 25. Discussed the Water Shortage Contingency Grant and status with the hope to get an Agreement before the Board shortly.

14. Manager's Report

David reported the District is fully staffed with 26 full time and one half time positions not include Shasta College worksite learning students that volunteer 60 hours and assist our Treatment Operators. We are planning to bring on a summer intern from Cal Poly ITRC beginning in June. The primary sponsor for this intern will be ITRC, however there may be some per diem expenses to the District and details are forthcoming. Our investment in technology and GIS remains a key strategy in capturing tacit knowledge. Distribution staff is now utilizing tablets in the field to capture and proof distribution information.

The District has been operating two groundwater wells to facilitate a shortage allocation. As of Saturday, wells are off and we are presently diverting Article 3(f) non-storable water.

Efforts to fight a proposed statewide tax on drinking water to pay for safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities continues to be a high legislative priority. On February 1, the Brown Administration posted a budget trailer bill to implement a drinking water tax, which is very similar to SB 623 (Monning). SB 623 is currently parked at the Assembly Rules Committee while the action is on the budget trailer bill. Recent polling indicates the imposition of a new tax on drinking water, is overwhelmingly opposed by all groups of voters statewide. The votes on the bill could come at any point before the legislature adjourns this year. Drinking water solutions for disadvantaged communities remains a high priority for this Administration and the State Board.

Long-term conservation policy continues to be a hot issue in the Legislature. With the possibility of a budget trailer bill looming, the focus continues to be on the two bills: SB 606 (Skinner) and AB 1668 (Friedman). AB 401 (Dodd, 2015) is for a Low Income Water Rate

Assistance Program. This is an important issue as the plan may call for subsidized water rates for one-third of California households. It is likely that the State Water Board and the Brown Administration will propose implementing this policy through another tax on water, although this time the tax would be 6 to 7 times higher than the drinking water tax proposed in SB 623 (Monning). The District has concerns about, SB 998 (Dodd), which proposes to restrict the actions public water systems can take relative to water shutoffs. The bill is aimed at helping customers who cannot afford to pay water bills, but it raises numerous legal, policy and practical issues.

Months after submitting the application, the DWR acknowledged the EAGSA submittal. The group is still awaiting a grant funding agreement for GSP Development.

David reported that District staff recently met with City of Shasta Lake staff to discuss relocation of our common intertie and to have a successor intertie agreement, and that he and the District Engineer will meet with City of Redding staff on Wednesday morning. David reported on the upcoming ACWA Conference in Sacramento.

15. Board Members' Comments and Reports

Director Schabarum shared his attendance of a Caltrans meeting regarding the construction of the E. Stillwater overpass. Director Waite went to a "No On 166" meeting and felt that the comments were fair. Director Schabarum also commented on his attendance at the "No On 166" meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM

