

**BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**September 23, 2019**

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

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 July 22, 2019, Regular Meeting

3-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending July 2019

3-3 Financial Reports for Month Ending August 2019

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

**M/S:** [Schabarum /Nash] The Board approved and accepted the consent calendar items as presented.

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

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**4. Will Serve Request – Victoria Knolls Development**

District Engineer, Wayne Ohlin explained this item and that all proposed residences are within the City of Redding boundaries. Wayne reviewed a map of the project on the overhead projector. Wayne discussed water options and stated that the Victoria Knolls Development will participate in the Supply Augmentation Agreement with the City of Redding like Seven Bridges. Director Bambino had a request about the Will Serve letter and contents and the water numbers. Director Nash had a question about the title to the property. Director Smith had a question about sizing and improvements.

**M/S:** [Nash /Smith] The Board authorized approval of will serve for the 356 single and multi-family residences included in the Victoria Knolls Development, subject to Mr. Gironda signing as title is held, i.e., Trustee of Gironda James Trust.

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

**5. Conversion from CVP Water Service Contract to Repayment Contract Process Update**

General Manager, David Coxey reviewed the Water Service Contract and contract conversion option pursuant the WINN Act. Director Nash expressed the likelihood of this happening during the current Administration. David reviewed a summary put together on the negotiation process, next steps and key dates. David reviewed the rates to explain what will happen if we pursue contract conversion and implications for rates.

Discussion Only.

**6. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Aid to Irrigation Policy Revisions**  
**a. PEC TRMR-122**  
**b. PEC 11-01**

David explained the two recent Reclamation policy releases and the implications for those contractors participating in WIIN Act contract conversions, which is California, Central Valley Project specific. David explained that even if a District was to borrow funds to pay for the District's construction cost obligation under the WIIN Act, it will be viewed as surplus funding under the revised policy. Essentially the policy states that if you have the funds to pay off the construction obligation under WIIN Act conversion, then you are no longer eligible for Ability to Pay Relief.

A brief discussion ensued.

**7. Consider Resolution in Support of ACWA Vice President Nomination**

David explained this is for the next two year term for Vice-President and in the end a six year commitment as it is assumed after this commitment will be President for two years and then to remain on the Board for another two years. David is recommending that we support Pamela Tobin.

**M/S:** [Nash/Waite] The Board authorized adoption of Resolution supporting Candidate, Pamela Tobin

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

#### **8. Travel Request – ACWA/JPIA 2019 Fall Conference**

David explained this is to attend the fall conference. Director Smith stated he attended the Spring conference.

**M/S:** [Schabarum/Smith] The Board authorized the General Manager to attend the conference.

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

#### **9. Authorize Replacement Vehicle Purchase**

David explained that we need to replace the vehicle that was destroyed in an automobile accident. This will come out of our EOMR Reserve. Vehicles are procured through the California multiple award schedule (CMAS) which allows Special District's to utilize state bid pricing schedules.

**M/S:** [Waite/Nash] The Board authorized the purchase of a replacement vehicle.

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

### **Reports & Communications**

#### **10. Engineer's Report**

##### **a. Water Production and Deliveries Update**

District Engineer, Wayne Ohlin updated the Board on water production through August as set forth in the item. Usage looks like it at coming in a bit below 9,000 AF.

##### **b. Project Updates**

Wayne updated the Board on meter sales coming in at 8 meters through the end of the fiscal year, June, 2020. Wrapping up the WaterSmart Grant. Wayne reviewed the solar generation of energy. The other Grant the Water Contingency Grant is moving forward. Discussed the installation of the generators and that we are prepared for a PSPS event.

## **11. Manager's Report**

General Manager, David Coxe, reported that the recently hired mechanic has decided to resign and his last day will be later this week. Thankfully, he provided considerable notice to accommodate our rather lengthy hiring process. We have re-advertised the position and selected a very qualified individual with excellent experience. The new mechanic has a tentative start date of October 14. There are red flag conditions forecast for this week! Besides generator installations staff has been updating emergency contacts lists and have reinstalled most of the vehicle radios that had been removed over the years as a backup to cellular communications. Although many are old, they aren't quite obsolete and are an important backup communication system. For operations, we are transitioning to fall and winter project planning and maintenance activities. Our SCADA system replacement project is in full swing with an installation tentatively planned for January or February.

David reported that it is anticipated the Governor will veto SB1, which would be an enormous setback for the state and federal water projects. A regional WIIN Act Negotiation is being scheduled. Last Tuesday, Treatment Superintendent Tom Zaharris and I recently provided a tour of the Wintu and Treatment Plant Facilities to the Shasta College Watershed Class. Scheduled meetings include:

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program  
Central Valley Regional Water Control Board Meeting  
Friday, October 11, 2019 (Meeting start time 8:30 a.m.) Redding City Hall 777 Cypress Avenue Redding, CA 96001

Enterprise Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Planning  
Wednesday, October 16, 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
First United Methodist Church, 1825 East Street in Redding, California  
Refreshments will be provided.

Meeting Objectives:

- Share information on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning process
- Understand what we know about the status of the groundwater in the Enterprise and Anderson areas
- Gather participants input for the Groundwater Plan and answer questions

## **12. Board Member Comments**

Director Schabarum had questions with the Bear Mountain Fountain Fire.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

