

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 24, 2020

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 - Frank Schabarum
Director - Bob Nash
Director - Jim Smith

Board Members Absent:

Director - Ted Bambino

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 January 27, 2020, Regular Meeting
- 3-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending January 2020

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. Correct minutes for item 8 to say 2020 not 2019. Director Nash asked us to review if absent is necessary every time or just above.

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

4. Old Business:

Adopt Annual Adjustments for 2020 Water Rates, Charges, Fees for Service for Municipal and Industrial customers.

District Engineer, Wayne Ohlin reviewed the correctly calculated rates.

M/S: [Nash/Smith] The Board authorized the adoption of the rates CPI-U +2% for Municipal and Industrial customers effective May 1, 2020, and direct staff to provide customer notification pursuant to Government Code (Section 53755 et seq.)

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

New Business:

5. Report on Results of Annual Crop Census

Discussion Only.

6. Supplemental Budget Request – Programmable Logic Controller Replacements

General Manager, David Coxey explained that this is Phase 1 and that we provided for no contingency. This is a result of older PLC's being incompatible with the new SCADA system. These models are now obsolete so we believe this is part of the problem we are having but regardless would have been replaced over the next two years. The other piece is a panel view monitor which is also old technology and require replacement of light bulbs which are very expensive. Rather than buying new light bulbs we are requesting an updated panel view.

M/S: [Smith/Schabarum] The Board authorized the General Manager to proceed with the purchase of the processors and related equipment based on the quotes received in the amount not to exceed \$24,500 and authorized the expenditures from the Contingency Fund.

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

7. Travel Request – ACWA/JPIA 2020 Spring Conference and Exhibition

President Waite asked if any other Director interested in attending.

M/S: [Schabarum/Nash] Authorize Director Smith, the District's JPIA Representative, the General Manager and any interested Directors to attend the conference.

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

Reports & Communications

8. Engineer's Report

a. Water Production and Deliveries Update

Wayne explained we were on the Wells in January. Compared to 2013 we are trending almost 50% below that usage.

b. Project Updates

Wayne updated the Board and stated the biggest project going on is the SCADA conversion. As far as development, we sold 3 more services which results in 25 for the fiscal year. Seven Bridges is where most of the activity is occurring. Wayne updated the Board on the Drought Contingency Planning Grant which continues to move forward.

9. Manager's Report

David reported that the District has offered the Distribution Lead position to Enoch Driscoll. Enoch has been working for Shasta County and previously worked for Quartz Hill Water District. Enoch has a D-3 distribution certification, is well qualified and will be a good addition to the organization.

Operationally, the District was operating on groundwater only, with Wintu and the Treatment Plant offline to facilitate the SCADA upgrade; however, we restarted the plants earlier than planned due to unusually dry conditions. David reported that although he has formally requested that Reclamation extend our water year, he has not received a response and therefore, we will anticipate a condition of shortage and plan to restart groundwater wells in early March to augment water supplies for the new water year. David stated that he believes an initial allocation announcement will occur tomorrow and it will not be good. He also indicated we may want to convene a special board meeting to consider supply shortage options.

David reported that the California Department of General Services has rejected the District's claim for damages regarding the Hwy 299 (Bella-Diddy) slope failure. David stated this will likely be a future agenda item for the Board's consideration and action. Informational items in the packet include a Shasta LAFCO request for nominations mailed to independent special districts via certified mail. David Distributed news and a press release regarding the signing of new Biological Opinions to improve water supplies for California farms and urban areas as well as provide increased protections for threatened and endangered species. "The new Biological Opinions, based on more than 10 years of scientific study, will allow California to manage water in real-time using the latest science rather than relying on an arbitrary calendar approach that takes years to recognize updated research. The decade-old rules are based on outdated science and have failed to help Delta smelt, Chinook salmon, and other threatened species. And to keep us from once again letting rules get outdated while struggling species suffer, the new Biological Opinions allow for ongoing scientific review as well as independent evaluation by outside experts," said CFWC Executive Director Mike Wade.

Lastly, the California Fish and Game Commission on Friday voted unanimously to amend its decades-old policy regarding striped bass, beginning a process that could allow the population to decline. The decision ends a 1996 policy that had committed the state to sustaining a population of about 1 million striped bass in the Delta and other California waterways.

10. Board Member Comments and Reports.

The Board had a question about the recently received ACLU Public Records Act request. Director Schabarum stated he was interested in serving on LAFCO. Director Schabarum commented on generating power through an in-conduit turbine and a brief discussion ensued with retired District Engineer, Don Groundwater, commenting on his research on this matter during his employment with the District. Director Schabarum had a question about CSA 8 in Palo regarding possible annexation.

11. The Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm

