

MINUTES OF BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT**BOARD OF DIRECTORS****August 22, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

MODIFIED BROWN ACT PROCEDURES IN LIGHT OF COVID-19:

In Compliance with CA Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 some members of the Board of Directors and all members of the public will participate in this meeting by teleconference. There is not office space available for the public to participate in-person. The call-in information for the Board of Directors and the public was as follows:

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 Meeting ID: 821 5043 9560
 Passcode: 251626

Any member of the public on the telephone may speak during Public Comment or may email public comments to cwade@bvwd.org and comments will be read from each member of the public. During this period of modified Brown Act Requirements, the District will use best efforts to swiftly resolve requests for reasonable modifications or accommodations with individuals with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

Board Members Present:

President	-	Ted Bambino
Vice-President	-	Jim Smith
Director	-	Bob Nash
Director	-	Frank Schabarum
Director	-	Guy Walters

Board Members Absent:Officers and Staff Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Public Comment

James Griffith attended the meeting and commented he wanted to thank the staff and board for their cooperation and assistance to answer questions on water supply related issues over recent years. He also complimented the board and staff for how business is conducted. Mr. John Hayden joined virtually via Zoom and asked about overuse penalty revenue and whether those might be refunded to customers. He also believes the fees are exorbitant and asked what the money goes towards. The General Manager explained that to date revenue related to overuse penalties has not offset the expense of purchasing water due to a zero Central Valley Project allocation and does not anticipate a scenario when “surplus revenues” can be refunded to customers. President Bambino suggested that Mr. Hayden follow up with staff for any further information.

2. Consent Calendar

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending July 2022
- 2-3 Variance Requests:
 - a. C. McCoy
 - b. D. Wojcik
 - c. C. Sanchez

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

Roll Call:

Bambino - AYE
Smith – AYE
Nash - AYE
Schabarum - AYE
Walters - AYE

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

3. Drought Conditions and Water Supply Update

District Engineer, Wayne Ohlin reported the District is doing okay with water supply since securing water purchased from ACID and the McConnell Foundation. There has been a significant drop in usage, 39%, because of no Agricultural Irrigation. Wayne reviewed the graphs presented along with trending observed. Staff believes actual water use will be under the projected use and will likely come in around 6,700 AF versus 8,000 AF. Reviewed the balance of the graphs, 8-

station index, reservoir graphs. Due to historically low flows keeping the levels at or slightly above then last year, with the exception of Trinity, which is in bad shape. Extreme drought is now shown for much of the valley and state. Director Schabarum had a question about McConnell has no time of use wherein ACID has to be used by October. Director Bambino had a question regarding comparisons to last year. Further discussion on Irrigation water and impacts to Agricultural Customers ensued.

Discussion Only. No Board action was taken.

4. Acceptance of Improvements – Seven Bridges Phase II (Monroe)

District Engineer, Wayne Ohlin stated the developer has completed all the improvements for Seven Bridges Phase 2 (Monroes). This project is located on the South side of Oasis Road and is the second phase which was purchased by D.R. Horton and renamed the Monroes. This addition does provide a complete loop and ties back in.

Director Schabarum asked about the area across the road. Wayne explained originally 5 phases but we know nothing more at this time.

M/S: [Schabarum/Nash] The Board accepted the improvements for Seven Bridges Phase II (Monroe) in the amount of \$398,000.00.

Roll Call:

Bambino - AYE
Smith – AYE
Nash - AYE
Schabarum - AYE
Walters - AYE

5. Authorize Contract for Erosion Repairs Within Main

Wayne explained this item is specifically for the main conveyance at E. Stillwater Creek. Erosion is occurring above the water line and as it channels it causes more erosion at a quicker rate. At the current rate of erosion, it will undermine our main conveyance during future rain events. This project is included in the adopted Budget. This is considered an urgent item, with high sensitivity and we have a historical relationship with a professional excavator, Axner with trained operators. Wayne explained the double handling of the materials. Wayne discussed how the repairs will be performed time and material, type of job with a not to exceed and time line completion.

M/S: [Schabarum/Smith] The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Eddie Axner for Erosion Repairs within the Main Conveyance Right-of-Way not to exceed \$72,000 and be started and finished by September 30, 2022.

Roll Call:

Bambino - AYE
Smith – AYE
Nash - AYE
Schabarum - AYE
Walters – AYE

6. Authorize Contract for Professional Consulting Services for Cost-Based Rate Study

General Manager, David Coxey, introduced the item and explained we have a complex rate model which was completed by Don Groundwater during his employment with Bella Vista Water District. We are planning to dust off the current model and create a similar study utilizing the same or similar methodology to complete a new rate study. David explained this is a joint effort between staff and the consultant. Director Walters had a comment about this being the 2023 Cost Based rate study. Further discussion on methodology ensued.

M/S: [Nash/Walters] The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for a 2023 Cost-Based Rate study not to exceed \$25,000.00

Roll Call:

Bambino - AYE
Smith – AYE
Nash - AYE
Schabarum - AYE
Walters – AYE

7. Award Contract 3 MG Tank Design and Services During Construction

Wayne explained this is the design project for the 3 MG water storage under the cost-share Grant that we were recently awarded through the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. This item was sent out for a Statement of Qualifications. Several interested parties inquired; however, Provost and Pritchard was the only one entity to respond. Provost and Pritchard was previously retained to complete the grant application and drought contingency plan that identified us as a project that helped get the District get the Grant. Wayne reviewed the itemization of proposed charges. Director Schabarum asked for an explanation of a pre-stressed concrete tank. Don explained how such a tank is constructed and how the process occurs. PACE will be a sub-contractor to Provost and Pritchard for inspections and surveying and on the ground work. Director Schabarum asked what is the life of the tank. Don responded estimated 100 years. Director Bambino had a question about the duration of the project and inflation factor. Discussion on change orders most likely not needed for this phase. Further discussion ensued after acceptance.

M/S: [Schabarum/ Nash] The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for a design services for construction of 3MG Water Storage Tank project not to exceed \$721,000.

Roll Call:

Bambino - AYE
Smith – AYE
Nash - AYE
Schabarum - AYE
Walters – AYE

8. Travel Request – ACWA/JPIA 2022 Fall Conference and Exhibition

David explained that Indian Wells is a difficult venue for travel. He would like authorization to attend, but may not due to scheduling and travel requirement. Director Schabarum expressed interest in attending.

M/S: [Nash/Walters] The Board authorized the General Manager and any interested Directors to attend the 2022 ACWA/JPIA Fall Conference in Indian Wells.

Roll Call:

Bambino - AYE
Smith – AYE
Nash - AYE
Schabarum - AYE
Walters – AYE

Reports and Communications

9. Engineer’s Report – Project Updates

Wayne updated the Board on the following projects:

- Seven Bridges Phase II (Monroe) – This project has been accepted under Item 4 above.
- Bethel Campus – We are in the middle of working through the infrastructure agreement. The legal edits need to be completed. The District met with the Ad Hoc Committee and hopes to present to the Board soon. There is a water supply agreement that will follow or join with the Agreement.
- USBR Water Smart Grant – Nothing further than what was adopted.
- PG&E Infrastructure “Hardening” – Continuing to take almost 75% of Distribution’s time on some days and a very heavy lift to cover all the USA’s we are getting. We have had the same line hit twice which was a mis-marked old line. We are updating our GIS as this happens.
- SGMA Update – We are planning on further meetings regarding cost sharing and

eventually will be at our next annual update. First well monitoring is completed and second one is underway.

10. Manager's Report

David provided a brief operations update and explain that staff is monitoring water demands versus supplies and groundwater levels closely. La Niña is still currently present in the Pacific Ocean and now favored to continue through Winter 2023, for a 3rd consecutive year. There is also a lot of news about greatly increased odds of a flood event. The Cow Creek 2 Pump Station is still on low pressure for the past couple of weeks pending a bronze impeller replacement. A more permanent solution is an aluminum nickel replacement impeller which will unfortunately require several months for delivery. Joe Pedersen – a 34-year employee (April) that is presently a Treatment Operator, has provided notice of retirement. Brad Solso has been selected to promote to the T-4 Operator Position. Alex Shannon is transferring from Customer Service to fill a Distribution D2 position. Maegan Zaballos has joined the organization as a Customer Service Representative. Lastly, Christy Sartori has been offered and accepted the position of Finance and Administration Manager.

Last week the Newsom Administration made high-level policy announcements related to both energy and water. It's considered by some to be an inadequate response to current water conditions. On energy, the Administration released five high-level climate-related proposals for legislative action this year. They include proposals to accelerate existing clean electricity goals and create a legally-binding statewide carbon neutrality goal for 2045. On water, the Administration released a "Water Supply Strategy" that aims to reinforce statewide water security in the face of diminished overall supplies. The strategy emphasizes recycling and desalination, as well as dam safety funding and integrating improved forecasting into water management decision-making. There are also some water rights proposals that we'll be monitoring. Some of the elements of the strategy will require new legislation while others will be implemented under existing authority. There have been five new signatures to the Voluntary Agreements, including the TCCA. That makes 16-water entities and the Bureau of Reclamation for 17 signatures to the MOU that lays out the term sheet. The environmental review is already before the State Board.

The Colorado Basin and other western basins are in line to receive \$4 billion over the next four years to help with drought. Recently, Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland visited the San Joaquin Valley.

Last week OMB completed its review of EPA's proposed rule to designate PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Notably, OMB updated the designation of the proposed rule to "economically significant." This means the rule is expected to have costs of \$100 million or more annually – triggering EPA to conduct a Regulatory Impact Analysis. This change will likely further delay the release of the proposed rule.

ACWA has been very active on this issue including participating in a joint meeting with NWRA, BBK, OMB and EPA to raise concerns about the potential financial impacts on the water and

wastewater sectors under this proposed rule. ACWA continues to track this issue closely and will keep members updated as things progress.

11. Board Member Comments and Reports

Director Nash had a question about Item 5 and the square footage. A discussion ensued about the small amount of geotextile. Since it will only be used within the rock lined drainage ditch, the quantity is small and correct as stated in the item.


Stillwater Creek water is not the District's water. This has been tracked all the way to the College as we do not have any infrastructure. Further investigation found that both of the Ross Ponds were very low. It was discovered that an outlet valve is broken and draining the ponds onto the adjacent property, thence to Stillwater Creek.

Adjourned 7:17 pm

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF SHASTA)

I, DAVID J. COXEY, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Bella Vista Water District, presented to the Board of Directors the minutes of the Board Meeting of August 22, 2022, for approval by the Board of Directors.




David J. Coxey, Secretary of the Board of Directors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF SHASTA)

I, DAVID J. COXEY, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the aforementioned minutes attached hereto were approved by the Board of Directors of said District at their meeting of September 26, 2022.

Ayes: Bambino, Nash, Schabarum, Smith, and Walters
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0



David J. Coxey, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Date: September 27, 2022