

MINUTES OF BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 28, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, November 28, 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:

Weblink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85742704343?pwd=TGxscHRRWVRPUnNkNmKzSmJObFVJUT09>
Dial in: US: +16699009128,,85742704343#,,,,*634076# or +16694449171,,85742704343#,,,,*634076#
Meeting ID: 857 4270 4343
Passcode: 634076

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:

Vice-President - Jim Smith
Director - Bob Nash
Director - Guy Walters

Board Members Absent:

President - Ted Bambino
Director - Frank Schabarum

Officers and Staff Present:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer - David Coxey
Finance and Administration Manager - Connie M. Wade/Christy Sartori

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Public Comment

None

We are an equal opportunity employer and provider.

2. Consent Calendar

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending October 2022

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

Roll Call:

Smith – AYE
Nash – AYE
Walters – AYE

Old Business:

None

New Business:

3. Drought Conditions and Water Supply Update

Connie Wade, Finance and Administration Manager, reviewed the figures and graphs. We are trending well because customers have done a great job conserving. We are presently predicting a small surplus at the end of the year. A discussion ensued regarding rescheduling of supply and there is no ability to do so this year.

Director Walters asked if we are able to reduce penalties now that we may have surplus water. Connie explained it would be very difficult to reprogram that this far into the water year and stated that we have not yet recovered our costs of water purchased this year.

Discussion Only. No Board action was taken.

4. Authorize Shasta County Water ARPA Grant Application

David Coxey, General Manager, stated that he received an email regarding Shasta County's ARPA Grant. This funding opportunity may apply to our 3-million-gallon tank as well as possible Water Conservation projects. With a successful outcome, we could be awarded close to \$700,000.00 through this grant.

M/S: [Walters/Nash] The Board authorized the General Manager to self-assess the eligibility of intended projects and submit an application on behalf of the District.

Roll Call:

Smith – AYE
Nash – AYE
Walters – AYE

5. Authorize Letter of Support for FY 2023 Central Valley Project Reserved Works Application for Funding from the Aging Infrastructure Account

David Coxey explained that Reclamation has an opportunity for funding available through the Aging Infrastructure Account. Presently, funding for replacement and extraordinary projects is funded from appropriations, but the demands are significantly higher than funding available. Letters of Support from benefitting CVP Contractors are required for the application to support a CVP Reserved Works Application. It is anticipated that project repayment will be made by beneficiary contractors with competitive treasury interest rates with repayment terms of up to 50-years. It is anticipated that funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will create a revolving fund to accomplish replacement and extraordinary maintenance project through the Aging Infrastructure Account.

M/S: [Nash / Walters] The Board authorized the General Manager to submit a Letter of Support for FY 2023 Central Valley Project Reserved Works Application for Funding from the Aging Infrastructure Account as requested.

Roll Call:

Smith – AYE
Nash – AYE
Walters – AYE

6. Authorize Application for FY 2023 Central Valley Project Reserved Works Application for Funding from the Aging Infrastructure Account for Replacement of the Transformer Serving the Wintu Pumping Plant

David provided an overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) which allows the District to apply for funding of Reserved or Transferred Works. If approved, this would be a repayment liability for the District. A prime example of Reserved Works aging infrastructure, is the transformer that serves the Wintu Pumping Plant, which should be eligible for funding under this application. A current rough estimate to replace the transformer is 1.5 million dollars and the repayment term could be up to 30-years.

M/S: [Nash / Walters] Authorize the General Manager to submit an application for funding from the Aging Infrastructure Account for the replacement and upgrades of the substation serving the Wintu Pumping Plant.

Roll Call:

Smith – AYE
Nash – AYE
Walters – AYE

7. Travel Request – Mid-Pacific Region Water User’s Conference, January 25-27

David stated that the annual Mid-Pacific Region Water Users’ conference will be held in Reno, Nevada, January 25-27, 2023. The conference is sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Attendance typically consists of Reclamations’ Regional Director, Area Managers, and staff as well as officials from within the Department of Interior. The conference is intended for Agency Managers, Directors, O&M Personnel, and Consultants served by Reclamation facilities within the Mid Pacific Region. The primary directives, mission, goals, objectives and strategies are typically discussed at this event. A preliminary outlook on Central Valley Project water supply for the upcoming water year is traditionally discussed at this conference.

M/S: [Nash/Walters] The Board authorized the General Manager and any interested Directors to attend the Mid-Pacific Region Water User’s Conference, January 25-27, 2023.

Roll Call:

Smith – AYE
Nash – AYE
Walters – AYE

Reports and Communications

8. Engineering and Developments Report

David updated the Board on the following projects:

- Development Under Construction:
 - Seven Bridges Phase II (Monroe): Active and under construction
 - Bethel Campus – Active and infrastructure improvements are happening
 - Stillwater Ranches – Substantially complete
- USBR Water Smart Grant, 3MG Tank – A design workshop was held on October 26, 2022. Value engineering is underway. The survey and topographical is completed, and the geotechnical is being completed.
- PG&E Infrastructure “Hardening”: USA workload has substantially subsided. The USA North staff steered us to a new software program that has been instrumental in managing this workload. This software also allows the District to upload photos of marked utilities that has proved to be a valuable tool in managing our risk liability.
- Old Oregon Trail Shoulder Widening – Public works is planning to widen the road from Paso Robles to Bear Mountain Road. The District’s pipeline will remain in the road and early reports indicate that only a few services will have to be extended.

- **SGMA Compliance – EAGSA Update**

The EAGSA Managers Committee came up with funding formulas that all had various challenges. Their recommendation was to continue the current cost allocation of 1/6th per agency. The EAGSA Board accepted this recommendation at their last meeting. The committee is pursuing grant funding for future updates and data gathering and monitoring efforts.

9. Manager's Report

David reported that we are maximizing the use of surface water, but we do need to turn on the wells briefly to test for water quality and perform maintenance in December. The wells should only be on for a few days, and we are paying close attention to water quality. In some areas, additional flushing has been required due to water age with no agricultural water being delivered.

The long-range forecast is currently that drought conditions will persist.

Maintenance activities, the CC2 Pump Station bronze impeller has arrived, and that zone is now back to normal operating pressures.

We extended an offer of employment for our Meter Reader position. However, we rescinded the offer due to lack of follow-up by the candidate. New recruitment is being advertised, and interviews will be held Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Kristen Thomas has been hired to fill the Customer Service Clerk position and begins tomorrow. District Engineer recruitment is active, but we have not received any responses.

We're awaiting a memorandum from legal counsel regarding Will-Serve Commitments for new developments.

We are continuing to work on our Rate Study and plan to have it before the Board during the regular Board meeting in December.

We have put the PG&E claim together for the 30" pipe bored into by a PG&E contractor. We are seeking expert advice to apply a value to the compromise to the life cycle of this pipe due to the damage by the contractor. A District Office power outage is currently 12/10/2022. Cow Creek 1 will be affected by a planned PG&E power outage on 12/14/2022. Wintu will be affected by a planned power outage on 1/17/2023.

10. Board Member' Comments and Reports


Director James Smith provided a brief summary of recent actions by the EAGSA Board. Director Nash inquired about recent election results.

Adjourned 7:02 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 November 28, 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 December 19, 2022.

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



David J. Coxey, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Date: December 20, 2022