

MINUTES OF BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT**BOARD OF DIRECTORS****December 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, December 19, 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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 Dial in: US: +16699009128,,84857923963#,,,,*021315# or +16694449171,,84857923963#,,,,*021315#
 Meeting ID: 848 5792 3963
 Passcode: 021315

Any member of the public on the telephone may speak during Public Comment or may email public comments to csartori@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:

None

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 November 28, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending November
- 2-3 Variance Requests:
 - a. K. Nihart

M/S: [Smith/Walters] The Board approved the above Consent Calendar as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Election of Board of Officers for 2023

- 3-1 Election of President
Director Bambino nominated Director Smith, and Director Walters seconded.
Gavel passed to Director Smith

Roll Call:

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

- 3-2 Election of Vice President
Director Schabarum nominated Director Walters, and Director Nash seconded.

Roll Call:

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

- 3-3 Gavel passed above under 3-1

- 3-4 Revise Standing Committees, Appointments:
 - Engineering and Planning: Director Nash, Director Walters
 - Finance & Personnel: Director Bambino, Director Smith
 - Policy and Legislation: Director Schabarum, Director Smith

- 3-5 Appoint ACWA-JPIA Rep. (Jim Smith) and Alt. (David Coxey)
- 3-6 Appoint EAGSA Rep. (Jim Smith) and Alt. (Bob Nash)

Director Smith, as Board President, continued the appointment of the directors in their current committee roles.

4. Consent Calendar

- 4-1 Approval of Minutes of November 28, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 4-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending November 2022

It was noted the Consent Calendar (Item 4) was duplicated on the agenda in error. No action was necessary or taken.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

5. Drought Conditions and Water Supply Update

Connie Wade, Finance and Administration Manager, presented the water report and noted that we are not seeing a lot of change in the drought outlook.

Discussion Only. No Board action was taken.

6. Consider Adoption of Rate Study Findings and Recommendations, Calendar a Public Hearing and Authorize Related Staff Actions

Don Groundwater of Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group presented the proposed five-year rate study outlining the commodity-demand methodology to assign costs using the appropriate allocation method and customer class, planned annual revenue placements, annual adjustment and a “water portfolio approach” to wholesale pass-through rates due to water supply uncertainty and volatility.

M/S: [Bambino/Nash] The Board authorized the adoption of the rates model based on “version 2” and authorizing staff to schedule a public hearing to coincide with the District’s regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting; to prepare and mail required notifications of the public hearing and proposed rates to become effective following the required notifications.

Roll Call:

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

7. Adopt Resolution 22-07 in Special Recognition of Connie Wade’s Many Years of Dedicated Service

Various Directors commented and congratulated Connie on her years of service, dedication and her many contributions to the management of the District.

M/S: [Bambino/Nash] The Board authorized Resolution No. 22-07 to confer Connie Wade special recognition for meritorious service during her 26.88 years of employment with the Bella Vista Water District.

Roll Call:

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

Reports and Communications

8. Engineering and Developments Report

General Manager, David Coxey, updated the Board on the following activities:

- Development Under Construction:
 - Seven Bridges Phase II (Monroe)
 - Bethel Campus
 - Stillwater Ranches – complete (capital conveyance pending)
- USBR Water Smart Grant- 3MG Tank
 - Design Workshop held on 10/26, value engineering underway
 - Survey and topo completed, geotechnical being reviewed
- PG&E “Infrastructure Hardening”
 - Approximately 80 miles within the District of upgrading poles and undergrounding utility for fire resilience
- Public Works in Planning
 - City of Redding Old Oregon Trail Shoulder Widening – Paso Robles to Bear Mountain Road

➤ SGMA Compliance – EAGSA Update

- Cost allocation remains 1/6th per agency
- Grant application submitted. Costs for annual report may need to be advanced pending grant award. Next EAGSA Board meeting – January 2023

9. Manager's Report

General Manager, David Coxey, reported on operations. Water diversion are primarily transferred surface water, although groundwater wells were utilized for a few days in order to perform sampling, pump testing and flow measurement calibration. Water quality monitoring continues to be a high priority. There is little precipitation in the current forecast. Central Valley Project storage and operation plans are dire. USA notifications have significantly diminished and we are getting back to some regular maintenance work. Tank dive inspections and cleaning proposals have been requested and received and a selection will be made in the next day or so with work scheduled over the next month or so. A Shasta LAFCo Notice of Nomination and all mail ballot is included in the information items in the Board's packet. Lastly and on a very positive note, the District has received the ACWA/JPIA "President's Special Recognition Award" Trifecta, which is also included in the Board's packet.

10. Board Member' Comments and Reports

Director Schabarum reported on his attendance at the ACWA conference where he attended many water related committee meetings and took the opportunity to complete his required ethics training while he was there.

Adjourned 7:55 pm

