

## MINUTES OF BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Any member of the public may speak during Public Comment or may email public comments to [csartori@bvwd.org](mailto:csartori@bvwd.org) and comments will be read from each member of the public. 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	-	Jim Smith
Vice-President	-	Guy Walters
Director	-	Bob Nash
Director	-	Frank Schabarum

#### Board Members Absent:

Director	-	Ted Bambino
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#### Officers and Staff Present:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	-	David Coxey
Finance and Administration Manager	-	Christy Sartori

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1. Public Comment

None

#### 2. Consent Calendar

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending December 2022
- 2-3 Annual RE-adoption of Investment Policy
- 2-4 Quarterly Investment Portfolio (ending December 2022)

**M/S:** [Schabarum/Nash] The Board approved the above Consent Calendar as presented.

**AYE:** Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**3. Drought Conditions and Water Supply Update**

David Coxey, General Manager, presented the water report and current 8-station index graphic, and reservoir conditions graphic and commented on what great precipitation occurred over the past month. This has improved the water supply situation, but additional precipitation is needed to fill reservoirs and replenish groundwater across the state. Considerable uncertainty remains regarding Central Valley Project (CVP) allocations, operations under revised biological opinions, and Endangered Species Act implementation actions, ostensibly to benefit the fish. David noted that with flood conditions, CVP export pumps were not able to operate due to “first flush” operating requirements, again ostensibly to benefit the fish. So, temporarily abundant storm and flood water flowed to the ocean.

Discussion Only.

**4. Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, EOMR True Up and Capital Improvement Budget**

David provided a detailed review of the Mid-Year Budget Adjustments, the EOMR true-up and a proposed Capital Improvement Budget. Director Nash asked for clarification on the EOMR placements and True-Up. Christy briefly commented that the chart outlines expenses incurred within EOMR projects in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and the fiscal year-end balance within those projects.

**M/S:** [Schabarum /Walters] – The Board authorized the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Mid-year Budget adjustments, approved the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 EOMR True-up as presented, and authorized the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Budget.

**AYE:** Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

**5. Adopt Resolution 23-01 Authorizing the President to Execute and Contract for Temporary Water Service with the United States Bureau of Reclamation**

David presented the purpose and background of an annual Temporary Water Service Contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. A brief discussion ensued regarding the conditions and circumstances when temporary, non-storable water is available. David noted the contract is stamped “draft,” but the final contract should not have any substantive changes.

**M/S:** [Schabarum/Nash] The Board authorized the adoption of Resolution 23-01 Authorizing the Board President to execute the final Contract for Temporary Water Service between United States and Bella Vista Water District.

**AYE:** Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

## **6. Adopt Supplemental Water Application, Terms and Conditions**

David presented the proposed Supplemental Water Application updates and recommendations for implementing the Supplemental Water program as soon as practicable as well as authorizing David to have the authority to establish the deposit amount based on actual program costs, terms and conditions for payment. The intent is to set the deposit at 50% of the procurement costs, depending on the timing for full payment, so the District is not placed in a “banker” role.

**M/S:** [Walters/Nash] The Board authorized the adoption of the 2023 Supplemental Water Program Application Form as presented and authorized the General Manager to make edits and establish the deposit amount based on actual program costs and deadline date based on Transferor’s imposed deadline.

## **7. Acceptance of Improvements - Stillwater Ranches Unit 2, Phase 2**

David presented the Stillwater Ranches Unit 2, Phase 2 improvements for review and acceptance into the District’s distribution system.

**M/S:** [Nash/Schabarum] The Board authorized acceptance of the Stillwater Ranches Unit 2, Phase 2 improvements into the District’s distribution system.

**AYE:** Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

## **8. Nomination of Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) for Special District (Seat 2)**

David Coxey presented the LAFCO notice of election to the Board for review and consideration. Director Schabarum nominated Jim Smith for candidacy to the open (Seat 2) LAFCO board, the nomination was seconded by Director Nash.

**M/S:** [Schabarum/Nash] The Board authorized the nomination of Director Smith as a candidate to the LAFCO Special District, Seat 2.

**AYE:** Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

## **Reports and Communications**

### **9. 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

## 10. Manager’s Report

General Manager, David Coxey, reported on operations and activities including recent significant rains. What an amazing rainfall month! The District continues to utilize and treat available surface water despite high turbidity in the River. Additional precipitation is still needed to fill reservoirs and replenish groundwater. Underground Service Alert North notifications have greatly diminished and staff is getting back to maintenance work. I’m informed we are receiving about a dozen tickets daily. Ordinarily, we would receive a dozen tickets weekly. In recent months, we were receiving hundreds of tickets daily and at one point had over 3,000 pending tickets at one point. Tank dive inspections and cleaning have been scheduled to begin on February 1st. An Engineering & Planning Committee Meeting is pending legal counsel review and guidance. A scheduled power outage for the Wintu Pumping Plant has been rescheduled until early March for Transformer maintenance by Reclamation and poles to be replaced by PG&E. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 27th beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Shasta College.

## 11. Board Member Comments and Reports

None

## CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 7:07 pm to discuss the following item(s):

## 12. Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code 54956.8

Property: real property

Negotiating parties: General Manager and various water entities

Under negotiation: Terms to acquire real property

**13. Reconvene to Open Session, Announce Any Action Taken in Closed Session, Adjourn**

President James Smith, reconvened to open session at 7:25 pm and announced that direction had been provided to the General Manager.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

