

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT**BOARD OF DIRECTORS****February 27, 2023**

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 Shasta College, Room 1632, Redding, CA.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Director	-	None
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Officers and Staff Present:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	-	David Coxey
Finance and Administration Manager	-	Christy Sartori
District Attorney	-	John Kenny

1. Public Comment

The Board heard one comment on concerns of water going to the ocean.

2. Consent Calendar:

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2023, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending January 2023

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

AYE: Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum, Bambino **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** None

Old Business

None

New Business**3. Rate Study Findings and Recommendations**

- a. Staff Presentation of Rate Study Findings and Recommendations

We are an equal opportunity employer and provider.

General Manager David Coxe presented the Rate Study methodology and approach to the Board and the audience in attendance, explaining the rate study assumptions and methodology for revenues, expenses and the offsets from non-operating revenue.

b. Open Public Hearing to Receive Verbal Comments

Staff and Board members responded to a variety of questions relating to the rate study and regarding development within the District.

c. Close the Public Hearing

d. Tabulation of Protest Ballots

46 Protest Ballots were received.

M/S: [Nash/ Schabarum] The Board found that the protests were not in the majority.

Roll Call:

Smith – AYE
Walter – AYE
Nash – AYE
Schabarum – AYE
Bambino – AYE

e. Consider Adoption of Resolution 23-02 Approving Revised Rates, with one suggested edit noted by General Manager, David Coxe.

M/S: [Nash/Schabarum] The Board approved and accepted Resolution 23-02 as amended.

Roll Call:

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

4. Drought Conditions and Water Supply Update

David presented information on the Bureau of Reclamation’s “Initial Declaration of Water Made Available” to Central Valley Project Contractors for 2023 and pointed out that the letter includes several cautionary comments and caveats that result in significant uncertainty for the District and other North of the Delta Water Service Contractors. He states that additionally, the letter indicates that “storage withdrawals” for agricultural irrigation will not be permitted pending the decisions referenced above.

M/S: Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

5. Consider Revisions to Water Shortage Contingency Plan Adopted Stage, Conservation Measure and Prohibitions with Adoption by Resolution 23-03

David recommended that drought stage and conservation measures along with overuse penalties be revised based on improved hydrology, but urged caution due to considerable uncertainty of the CVP allocation and he noted recommended edits to the draft Resolution included in the Board packet. The Board took action to revise the current Drought Contingency Plan Stage from 5B Critical Water Shortage Long-Term to Stage 3 Severe Water Shortage (70% to 80% of Normal Water Production) and reducing the current overuse penalty rate from \$2.00 per HCF to \$1.59/HCF or \$653.40/acre-foot in addition to the then current regular water rate.

M/S: [Bambino/Nash] The Board authorized the adoption of Resolution 23-03, as amended.

AYE: Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum, Bambino **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** None

6. Authorize the Purchase of 2023 Water from the McConnell Foundation

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a water use agreement with the McConnell Foundation for a quantity to be determined and price of \$250.00 per AF.

M/S: [Schabarum/Walters] The Board authorized General Manager to execute a water use agreement with the McConnell Foundation for a quantity as determined by Supplemental Water Program subscribers at the price set by the McConnell Foundation of \$250.00 per AF.

AYE: Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum, Bambino **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** None

7. Election of Special District Representative for Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission.

Authorize and direct the Secretary to vote for Director Jim Smith to fill the open seat with Shasta LAFCO Official Ballot form.

M/S: [Nash/Walters] Authorize and direct the Secretary to cast the District's vote for candidate Jim Smith.

AYE: Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum, Bambino **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** None

8. Travel Request – ACWA/JPIA 2023 Spring Conference & Exposition

Request authorization for the General Manager and interested Board members to attend the ACWA/JPIA 2023 Spring Conference & Exposition.

M/S: [Bambino/Schabarum] The Board authorized any interested Directors to attend the conference.

AYE: Smith, Walters, Nash, Schabarum, Bambino **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** None

Reports and Communications

9. Engineering and Developments Reports

David provided a summary of engineering and development projects:

- a. USBR Water Smart Grant- 3MG Tank
 - Value Engineering Completed – Submit to Reclamation
 - Survey, topo, geotechnical – completed
 - Design requires review by Engineering & Planning Committee
 - b. USBR 5-Year RO&M Inspection – Rescheduled to April 5th
 - c. Tank/Standpipe Dive Inspection and Cleaning – Completed
 - d. Moody Creek Drive Pipeline Replacement Project
 - Design Complete (PACE Engineering), Out to bid
 - Bid opening will be held at PACE on March 7th at 2:00 pm
- A. Developments Under Design/Construction
- a. Seven Bridges Phase II (Monroe)
 - b. Bethel Campus
- B. PG&E Infrastructure “Hardening”
- a. Approximately 80 miles within the District of upgrading poles and undergrounding utility for fire resilience – Continuing
- C. Public Works in Planning
- a. City of Redding Old Oregon Trail Widening – Paso Robles to Bear Mountain Road
- D. SGMA Compliance – EAGSA Update
- a. Grant application submitted
 - b. EAGSA Special Board meeting on January 2023, Authorized up to \$50,000 Annual Report contract with Jacobs Engineering. Costs for the annual report may need to be advanced by member agencies pending grant award.

M/S: Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

10. Manager’s Report

David provided an update of operations and current activities. The District will be utilizing groundwater wells beginning in early March for planned maintenance at the Wintu Pumping Plant. Despite improved hydrologic conditions, additional precipitation is needed to fill reservoirs and replenish groundwater. Maintenance activities include triennial tank dive inspections and cleaning, which has now been

completed, but we are awaiting photos and videos. A Bureau of Reclamation 5-Year Facility Inspection has been rescheduled until April. An Engineering and Planning Committee meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th.

11. Board Members' Comments and Reports

None

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

