

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 24, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Any member of the public may speak during Public Comment or may email public comments to csar-tori@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
Director	-	Bob Nash
Director	-	Frank Schabarum
Director	-	Ted Bambino

Board Members Absent:

Director	-	Guy Walters
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Officers and Staff Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Public Comment
None

2. Consent Calendar:

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of March 27, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Approval of Minutes of March 30, Special Meeting
- 2-3 Financial Reports for Month Ending March 2023
- 2-4 Quarterly Investment Portfolio (ending March 2023)

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

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

Old Business

We are an equal opportunity employer and provider.

None

New Business

3. Water Supply Update

General Manager, David Coxe stated that we have received the official notification that we are receiving a one-hundred percent allocation from the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). David provided the Board with a brief chronology of recent events related to the District's water supply and the rescission of required water conservation measures.

David clarified that due to Reclamation's definition of an "unconstrained year"; Reclamation now classifies the 2023 Water Year as an unconstrained year even though there were initial constraints imposed through March and part of April.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

4. Customer Online Payment Options and Increased Vendor Fees

Christy provided the Board with information on the fee increase being imposed on customers that choose to use online bill pay through Invoice Cloud.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

5. Authorize Addendum to Water Use Agreement – McConnell Foundation

David presented the McConnell Foundation's Addendum to the District's Water Use Agreement for Supplemental Water. He stated that the McConnell Foundation is proposing to provide 315 AF of additional supply in order to benefit the Supplemental Water Program participants.

David proposed that the District allocate the net additional supply quantity, less 8% for distribution system losses, to the program participants on a pro-rata, original requested quantity basis, at no additional purchase cost. However, the previously established delivery charge of \$55.69 per acre-foot will apply and be billed to customers following water delivery.

M/S: [Bambino/Schabarum] The Board Authorized the General Manager to execute the Addendum to Water Use Agreement.

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

6. Authorize Termination of Shortage Year Water Supply Augmentation Agreement

David provided an outline of how the District's customers would be negatively impacted under the current Augmentation Agreement in severe shortage circumstances. He clarified that under the most severe shortage circumstances, the Agreement provides no additional supply to the District. Furthermore, the agreement does not provide for any supply augmentation for developments

following three Unconstrained Years. David stated that the Agreement does not provide the intended benefits to the District in shortage years and recommended that the District exercise its option to terminate the existing Agreement. A brief discussion ensued.

M/S: [Schabarum/Bambino] The Board authorized the Board President to exercise the termination provisions in Article 9 of the Agreement and to express a willingness and desire to develop projects and/or a successor agreement to address water supply issues within the City and served by the District.

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

7. Adopt Revised Will Serve Policy

David presented the revised Will Serve Policy and outlined the changes that address the discrepancies resulting from the previous Board action. As a result, there is no distinction between developments planned within the City versus those planned within the County outside of the City limits. Further, the General Manager recommended the duration of a Will Serve Commitment be reduced from ten years and that fees for the necessary research and processing of Will Serves be revised. A discussion ensued and by general consensus determined that Will Serve Commitment should be reduced to four years and the fee increased to \$500.

M/S: [Nash/Bambino] The Board adopted the proposed Will Serve Policy as amended.

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

Reports and Communications

8. Engineering and Developments Reports

David provided the following summary of the Engineering and Development Projects:

1. District Projects/Facilities
 - a. USBR Water Smart Grant- 3MG Tank
 - Value Engineering Completed – Submitted to Reclamation
 - Survey, topo, geotechnical – completed
 - Tank design reviewed by Engineering & Planning Committee
 - Proposed pump station in design
 - b. CA DDW Sanitary Survey – Completed, awaiting draft report
 - c. USBR 5-Year RO&M Inspection – Completed on April 5, awaiting draft report
 - d. Tank/Standpipe dive inspection, cleaning and repairs – completed!
 - e. Moody Creek Drive Pipeline Replacement Project
 - Notice of Award provided, Insurance Certificates received
2. Developments Under Design/Construction
 - a. Seven Bridges Phase II (Monroe) – houses being built and meters set
 - b. Reserve at Gold Hills – review completed, plans signed
 - c. Bethel Campus and Offsite Improvements
 - Campus – grading and make-ready improvements completed - receiving temporary construction water service

- Bethel Offsite Improvements - pump station and pipelines under design
- 3. PG&E Infrastructure “Hardening”
 - Approximately 80 miles within the District - upgrading poles and undergrounding utility for fire resilience – Continuing
 - Damaged 30-inch CCP damages claim analysis – ongoing
- 4. Public Works in Planning
 - City of Redding Old Oregon Trail Widening – Paso Robles to Bear Mountain Road – 60% design reviewed
- 5. SGMA Compliance – EAGSA Update
 - Grant application submitted and results pending
 - Annual report submitted – If the grant is unsuccessful, costs for the annual report will need to be apportioned 1/6th of \$50,000 or \$8,333 each.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

9. Manager’s Report

David reported on operations and the District is utilizing abundant surface water exclusively for the foreseeable future. On April 20, 2023, Reclamation increased the CVP supply allocation to 100%. The District will be starting the Welch Pump Station later this week. Staff has replaced a failed variable frequency drive at the Recycle Pump Station and a damages claim has been filed with Redding Electric Utility. The unit failed while it was offline. REU was installing a new service associated with the Cell Tower. Staff believes an incorrect or accidental connection resulted in a surge, blown fuses and burned the VFD. Staff is working on regulatory compliance matters that include the preparation of the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report which is now available online or upon request, the Electronic Annual Report to the State Water Resources Control Board, the recently imposed SAFER Portal Quarterly Report. Lastly, staff is working on compliance with the revised federal lead and copper rule requirements that requires an inventory all service lines, both upstream and downstream of the meter by October 16, 2024. David commented that this represents an enormous, coordinated effort. The Legislative Session is in full swing with several water rights bills pending.

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

10. Board Members’ Comments and Reports

Director Bambino noted the professionalism that the District staff has maintained during the drought and commended them on a job well done. He suggested that the Board host a Staff Appreciation BBQ at a date and time to be determined. All directors in attendance agreed.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

