

**BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT****BOARD OF DIRECTORS****October 23, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, October 23, 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](mailto: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	-	Guy Walters
Director	-	Frank Schabarum
Director	-	Bob Nash
Director	-	Ted Bambino

**Board Members Absent: None****Officers and Staff Present:**

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

**Public:**

Don Groundwater	-	Provost & Prichard Consulting Group
Carla Thompson	-	Enplan
Lon Tatum	-	Property Owner/Developer
Curt Wallings	-	Property Owner

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****1. Public Comment**

None

**2. Consent Calendar:**

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of August 28, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending August 2023

We are an equal opportunity employer and provider.

- 2-3 Financial Reports for Month Ending September 2023
- 2-4 Quarterly Investment Portfolio (ending September 2023)

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

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

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **3. Adoption of Resolution 23-07 Approving the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Three-Million-Gallon Regulating Station Tank Project**

##### **a. Staff Presentation**

Don Groundwater, Provost and Pritchard Senior Engineer and Carla Thompson, Enplan Senior Environmental Planner gave a general overview of the proposed Three-Million-Gallon Regulation Station Tank project and addressed the minor modifications that have been made to address some of Mr. Wallings concerns.

Carla reviewed the CEQA Process and outlined the potential impacts requiring mitigation measures.

##### **b. Open Public Hearing and receive comments.**

Opened Public Hearing at 5:56 p.m. and received public comment.

Staff and Board members responded to a variety of questions relating to the project.

Public hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

##### **c. Board adoption of Resolution 23-07**

**M/S:** [Walters/Nash] The Board adopted Resolution 23-07 as presented.

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

#### **4. Request for Reconsideration for Water System Improvements Required as a Condition of Service (L. Tatom) – Chevy Court**

David Coxey, General Manager, provided a recap of the proposed development and the letter submitted by Lon Tatom to the Board objecting to the requirement to extend and loop the water supply line as a comment on the plans and as condition of service. David explained that dead end water lines are problematic that potentially result in poor water quality due to water age, reduced hydraulic capacity and higher maintenance requirements for flushing to ensure high quality water. He noted the issue had been reviewed by the Engineering and Planning Committee, but a consensus recommendation was not reached by the Committee.

Lon Tatom, developer and property owner, provided the Board with a written statement, which he read aloud. A discussion regarding water system standards, industry and best practices ensued.

**M/S:** [Nash/Bambino] Remove the requirement to extend and loop the water supply line as a comment on the plans and as a condition of service.

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

The motion failed.

#### **5. Authorize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Funding Agreement**

David stated that in November of 2022, Shasta County had allocated \$2 Million of their ARPA funds for Shasta County water agencies on a “per connection” basis. The “Final Allocation” amount for the District is \$699,784. David explained the application previously approved by the Board is for the 3 MG Regulating Station Water Storage Tank. David stated that the next steps are to execute the Grant Funding Agreement and necessary related actions upon board approval.

**M/S:** [Nash/ Schabarum] The Board authorized the General Manager to execute the ARPA funding agreement and related actions as necessary.

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

#### **6. Adopt Resolution 23-08 Requesting the Shasta County Board of Supervisors Appoint Ted Bambino and Frank Schabarum as Directors for a Four-Year Term**

David stated that Ted Bambino and Frank Schabarum filed completed declarations of candidacy during the open election process and no other declarations of candidacy were received.

David stated that pursuant to Election Code 10515(a), it is his recommendation that the Board adopt Resolution 23-08 requesting the Shasta County Board of Supervisors appoint, in lieu of election, Ted Bambino and Frank Schabarum to the open seats.

**M/S:** [Walters/Nash] The Board adopted Resolution 23-08 requesting the Shasta County Board of Supervisors appoint, in lieu of election, Ted Bambino and Frank Schabarum to the Bella Vista Water District Board of Directors for a four-year term, which begins at 12:00 noon on December 1, 2023, through the First Friday in December at 11:59 a.m. four years later.

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

#### **7. Election of Special District Representatives for Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission**

David reviewed that the Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission is seeking two election votes: one for Regular Special District Member – Seat 1 and one for the Alternate seat. Ballots must be returned no later than Monday, November 27, 2023.

**M/S:** [Nash/Walters] Authorize the General Manager to vote for the incumbent and seat two for Rosemary Smith.

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

## **8. Revise the Regular Board Meeting Date for December**

David affirmed that due to a conflict with the Christmas holiday schedule, staff recommends rescheduling the December regular meeting of the Board of Directors from Monday, December 25, 2023, to Monday, December 18, 2023.

**M/S:** [Nash/Schabarum] The Board approved the revised December 2023 Board meeting schedule from December 25, 2023, to December 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

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

## **Reports and Communications**

### **9. Water Supply Report**

David recapped that the CVP Water Supply Allocation was officially increased to 100 % for both Irrigation and Municipal and Industrial on April 20, 2023, and that as a result of the availability of available non-storable supply, the District utilized “215 Water” from March 1 through June 9, when the availability of 215 Water ended.

David reviewed the table of WY 2023-2024 production and supply available as shown in the Water Report Supply item summary.

### **10. Engineering and Developments Reports**

David presented the updates on the following projects and activities.

#### **1. District Projects/Facilities**

- a. USBR Water Smart Grant - 3MG Tank, SCADA for 3 existing wells
  - 90% Design Drawings received and reviewed for tank and pump station (not included in Grant) and comments provided
  - Needed easement and exchange agreement obtained, PG&E power rerouted
  - Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program completed. Public Hearing and approval pending.
- b. USBR 5-Year RO&M Inspection – Completed on April 5, awaiting report
- c. Division of Drinking Water Sanitary Survey Completed in March, 2023. Report received, no findings or recommendations
- d. Moody Creek Drive Pipeline Replacement Project – Completed!
- e. Cow Creek Siphon Removal at the Cow Creek Bridge (Swede Creek Road) – Completed!

- f. Wintu Substation – Application for BIL Aging Infrastructure Account (AIA) funding – Pending Reclamation Assistance
2. Developments Under Design/Construction
    - a. Reserve at Gold Hills – review completed; plans signed
    - b. Bethel Campus and Offsite Improvements
      - Campus – grading and make-ready improvements completed, “Building C” under construction – currently receiving temporary construction water service, requests made for fire service connection with limited fire flow
      - Onsite “make ready” improvement plans received, reviewed and signed
      - Offsite Improvements/Twin Towers Pipeline, etc. (GHD) – Plans reviewed and District comments provided
      - Pump Station – Design pending?
      - Campus Site and Frontage Plans (GHD) – Plans reviewed and District comments provided. Additional hydraulic modeling completed
    - c. Phoenix Charter Academy (adjacent to Simpson University)
      - Comments provided to the City of Redding along with a recommendation for the applicant to submit a Water Service Availability Request
    - d. Chevy Court – Plans received and comments provided
    - e. Palo Way Industrial Park – Will Serve Letter requested and provided
    - f. Miscellaneous Developments (on existing parcels that don’t require a Will Serve) – Simpson College building addition, Mercy Oaks building addition, Palo Cedro Feed Store water and fire service, CS-8 SOI update expanding Sewer District to Deschutes Road (3 parcels)
  3. PG&E Infrastructure “Hardening”
    - a. Upgrading poles and undergrounding utility for fire resilience – Continuing, primarily on Old Alturas Road
    - b. Damaged 30-inch CCP damages claim analysis – Under review by USBR Technical Services Center (TSC) in Denver
  4. Public Works in Planning
    - a. City of Redding Old Oregon Trail Widening – Paso Robles to Bear Mountain Road – 60% design reviewed by District and comments provided – Construction Summer of 2024

5. SGMA Compliance – EAGSA Update

- a. Grant application submitted; funding awarded!

6. Shortage Year Supply Augmentation

- Discussions ongoing

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

**11. Manager’s Report**

David Coxey reported the annual maximum production was reached in July with 16.5 MGD, a relatively low figure for a full supply water year. The annual financial audit is in full swing. The Moody Creek Pipeline Project is due to begin, but has been delayed somewhat pending submittals. The Western Shasta RCD conducted a job walk this past Friday for their grant funded Fish Passage Improvement Project to remove the siphon crossing Cow Creek at the Swede Creed Road Bridge. Bids are due in early September with work to be completed prior to October 15th. There is a lot of field work being done to complete the service line inventory in compliance with the lead and copper regulations, which resulted in deferral of maintenance. David reported that he had recently met with staff from Senator Dahle’s office regarding the proverbial flood of Underground Service Alert North tickets as a result of PG&E undergrounding work for wildfire hardening. David explained this has resulted in many thousands of tickets, many of them duplicate or triplicate in nature, significant staff time and expenses that were not planned and could not have been planned. Lastly, David reported that he had submitted comments to the City of Redding regarding their General Plan update.

**12. Board Member’s Comments and Reports**

Director Nash stated that Cornerstone Bank would like to meet with David and Christy and let us know what they have available to meet our future banking needs.

Director Bambino commented on a cannabis education meeting and webinar he attended at the District and encourages everyone to view the recorded webinar.

**13. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

