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BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 22, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District was held at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Any member of the public 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. 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	-	Bob Nash
Vice-President	-	Frank Schabarum
Director	-	Ted Bambino
Director	-	Jim Smith
Director	-	Guy Walters

Board Members Absent:

Director	-	None

Officers and Staff Present:

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

Public:
Don Groundwater, Provost & Prichard Consulting Group
Michael Webb, Public Works Director, City of Redding
Jeff Thompson, Community Member

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Public Comment

None

2. Consent Calendar:

2-1 Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2025, Regular Meeting
2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending July 2025
2-3 Financial Reports for Month Ending August 2025

M/S: [Smith/Walters] The Board approved and accepted the consent calendar as presented or amended.

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

<u>Old Business</u>

None

<u>New Business</u>

3. Authorize Groundwater Transfer and Facilities Cost-Sharing Agreement Between the City of Redding and Bella Vista Water District

General Manager David Coxey introduced Michael Webb, Public Works Director for the City of Redding (COR). David explained that implementation of the Endangered Species Act, other regulatory actions, and climate change have substantially reduced Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies, with future shortages expected to be more frequent and severe. He explained that the District's Will Serve Policy safeguards existing customers by limiting new development unless additional supplies are secured. The COR, which overlies much of the Enterprise Groundwater Sub-Basin, is rehabilitating Enterprise Well 12 with wellhead treatment and has invited the District to participate, providing a potential reliable source during shortage years. One primary objective of the proposed agreement is to remove water supply as a barrier to new development within the overlapping boundaries, with the District issuing Will Serve Letters and providing water service.

Michael Webb concurred with David's comments and stated that the proposed agreement is a strong opportunity for community members in the overlap area. He noted that the agreement provides flexibility for future partnerships and can expand as development needs arise.

M/S: [Bambino/Smith] Authorize the Board President to execute the Groundwater Transfer and Facilities Cost-Sharing Agreement between the City of Redding and Bella Vista Water District.

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

4. Authorize Emergency Intertie Agreement Between the City of Redding and Bella Vista Water District

David explained the District's current Emergency Intertie Agreement was originally established to provide operational resiliency during emergencies such as line breaks, mechanical failures, earthquakes, fires, etc. The agreement does not currently authorize use of the intertie during water shortages. The revised agreement updates the existing terms to also allow for use of the intertie under groundwater-sharing arrangements in addition to traditional mechanical failure and emergency conditions.

M/S: [Schabarum/Bambino] Authorize the Board President to execute the Emergency Intertie Agreement and terminating the existing agreement, to become effective once the successor agreement is fully executed.

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

5. Authorize Award of Construction Contract for 3 MG Tank and Pump Station at the Regulating Station

Project Manager Tom Zaharris reported that the District has long planned to add treated water storage to better regulate peak system demands. The 2005 Master Plan identified the need for a treated water storage tank, and in 2021 the District successfully applied for and received a $2,000,000 WaterSMART grant to support the project.

On July 9, 2025, the District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 3-million-gallon (MG) Tank Project, along with a separate RFP for a 6-million-gallon-per-day (MGD) pump station. Tom noted that the pump station will enable water to be pumped into the Main Zone, thereby maximizing the benefits of the additional treated water storage across the District.

The District received proposals from seven qualified firms. Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group completed a comprehensive review and evaluation of the submissions and ranked them accordingly. Based on this evaluation, MDS Engineering and Construction was identified as the most competitive and responsive bidder.

Following brief discussion, Director Nash recommended to table this item to the next available Board meeting allow for further exploration of funding options. The Board, without objection, agreed to table the item.

M/S: By consensus, the item was tabled to the next available Board meeting.

6. Authorize Contract for Urban Water Management Plan and Water Master Plan Services

Tom Zaharris, Project Manager, reported that on August 4, 2025, the District issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to several qualified consulting firms for professional services related to updating the Urban Water Management Plan and Water Master Plan. Following a comprehensive review of the proposals by District staff and the Engineering & Planning Committee, Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group was identified as the most qualified respondent and is recommended for award.

The General Manager noted that state law requires all urban water providers to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan every 5-years.

M/S: [Schabarum/Bambino] 1) Authorize award of the combined Master Plan and Urban Water Management Plan project to the responsive consulting firm, as presented and determined following the evaluation criteria process; (2) Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for up to $310,000.

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

7. Authorize Engineering Services Agreement or Engineering and Land Surveying Services at the Wintu Pumping Plant for Electrical Service Replacement

The General Manager provided an overview of the item stating that he is working to solidify the arrangement for Redding Electric Utility (REU) to wheel power to the pumping plant.
M/S: [Schabarum/Smith] Authorize the General Manager to execute an Engineering Services Agreement with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group on a time and materials basis for an amount not to exceed $25,000.

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

<u>Reports and Communications</u>

8. Water Supply and Production Report

David provided an update on the current Central Valley Project (CVP) water supply allocations, pending Bay-Delta actions by the state water board noting the implications for the District and its customers. He also reviewed the supply-related information contained in the staff report and attachments.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

9. Projects and Developments Report

The Project Manager presented a report summarizing the status of projects and development activities within the District.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

10. Manager's Report

David reported that all commercial drivers, supervisors and administrative staff recently received full day training including Reasonable Suspicion, Drug and Alcohol training. The Districts pipeline replacement project on Oak Knolls is proceeding with design, bidding and permitting completed. Administration staff is very busy with the annual financial audit. Notable statewide news is the release of the draft updated Bay-Delta water quality control plan. The draft includes both healthy rivers and landscapes and unimpaired flows. The plan adoption and implementation has broad, statewide impacts, especially for CVP Water Service Contracts within the Bay-Delta watershed.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

11. Board Members' Comments and Reports

Director Schabarum suggested reaching out to elected representatives to assisting the District in securing State Water Board approval for the parity debt request.

Director Nash stated that he saw that the District purchased a significant amount of water from the McConnell Foundation last month. David explained that the District entered into a late season arrangement to purchase McConnell water at a cost below CVP rates and without any take-or-pay provisions.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

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COUNTY OF SHASTA)

I, DAVID J. COXEY, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Bella Vista Water District, presented to the Board of Directors the minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 2025, for approval by the Board of Directors.

David J. Coxey

David J. Coxey, Secretary of the Board of Directors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF SHASTA)

I, DAVID J. COXEY, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the aforementioned minutes attached hereto were approved by the Board of Directors of said District at their meeting of October 27, 2025.

Ayes: Bambino, Nash, Schabarum, Smith, and Walters

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

David J. Coxey

David J. Coxey, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Date: October 28, 2025