

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 26, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, January 26, 2026, 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	-	Frank Schabarum
Director	-	Jim Smith
Director	-	Ted Bambino
Director	-	Bob Nash
Director	-	Jeff Thompson

Board Members Absent: None

Officers and Staff Present:

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

Public: None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Public Comment

None

2. Consent Calendar:

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending December 2025
- 2-3 Annual Re-adoption of Investment Policy
- 2-4 Quarterly Investment Portfolio Ending December 2025

We are an equal opportunity employer and provider.

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

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

Old Business

None

New Business

CLOSED SESSION

3. The meeting adjourned to Closed session at 5:44 P.M.

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9; four matters.

b. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section 54956.8.)

Negotiators: David Coxey, Christy Sartori, and John Kenny
Represented Employees Organization: IBEW Local 1245

4. Reconvene to Open Session / Report from Closed Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:14 p.m.

The following reports were made, as required by Government Code Section 54957.1:

It was announced that the Board took the following action in Closed Session.

- a. M/S:** [Smith/Nash] Approve ratifying the General Manager’s decision to join a complaint against the State Water Resources Control Board Board’s adoption of the “Making Conservation a California Way of Life” regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 965 et seq.) (the "Regulations"), approved October 22, 2024, and effective January 1, 2025.

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Bambino, Nash; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** Thompson

- b. M/S:** [Smith/Bambino] Approve appointing David Coxey, Christy Sartori, and John S. Kenny as the District’s negotiators for the IBEW 2026 negotiations

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Bambino, Nash; Thompson **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None;

5. Authorize Emergency Repairs Resulting from Winter Storm Damage and Related Actions

Project Manager Tom Zaharris presented supporting images and summarized the scope of the storm-related damages. General Manager David Coxey reviewed the estimated repair costs totaling approximately \$147,000.

M/S: [Bambino/Nash] Authorize emergency repair, expenditures and related actions resulting from winter storm damage including, but not limited to, contracting for services on an emergency, not-to-exceed, time-and-materials or time-and-expenses basis, filing for necessary permits, compliance with permit requirements and submittals for possible expense reimbursement.

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Bambino, Nash; Thompson **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None;

6. Adopt Watershed Sanitary Survey as Amended

The General Manager reviewed the five-year regulatory requirement for the Watershed Sanitary Survey and summarized the report. The District contracted with Pace Engineering to conduct the study and costs were allocated among the other agencies that utilize surface water for municipal and industrial purposes. During final review, an amended was requested, which has been incorporated as an amendment.

M/S: [Smith/Nash] Adopt the Watershed Sanitary Survey as amended.

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Bambino, Nash; Thompson **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None;

7. Acceptance of Improvements – Oak Knolls Fire Hydrant

Project Manager Tom Zaharris presented the item and summarized the completed Oak Knolls Fire Hydrant improvements constructed in conjunction with the Oak Knolls Main Line Replacement, including the request for acceptance in accordance with the District's Capital Conveyance Policy.

M/S: [Nash/Bambino] Authorize acceptance of the described Oak Knolls Fire Hydrant into the District's distribution system and record them as contributed capital in \$16,075.00

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Bambino, Nash; Thompson **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None;

8. Consideration of Change to Regular Board Meeting Day and Time

Christy Sartori, Finance and Administration Manager, presented an outline of the item and reviewed the proposed options for changing the regular Board meeting day and time.

M/S: [Bambino/Smith] Adopt a change to the regular monthly Board meeting time from 5:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. on the fourth Monday of each month, effective with the February 23, 2026, regular Board meeting.

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Bambino, Nash, Thompson; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

9. Authorize Discretionary Wage Increase in Recognition of Outstanding Performance – Accounts Payable Clerk

Christy Sartori, Finance and Administration Manager, presented the item and summarized the Accounts Payable Clerk's performance and contributions in support of the requested discretionary wage increase.

M/S: [Nash/Smith] Authorize a performance-based hourly wage increase of \$2.02 for the Accounts Payable Clerk, in accordance with the District's Memorandum of Understanding, effective with the next payroll, in recognition of demonstrated performance, contributions, and commitment to the District.

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Bambino, Nash, Thompson; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None

Reports and Communications

10. Water Supply and Production Report

David Coxe presented an informational update on current water supply conditions, Central Valley Project allocations, groundwater production, and reservoir storage trends.

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

11. Projects and Developments Report

Tom Zaharris presented an informational update on current District projects, capital improvements, development activity, and planning efforts.

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

12. Manager's Report

David Coxe provided an informational report on staffing, operations, regulatory compliance, projects and maintenance activities, government relations, communications, community outreach, and upcoming calendar items.

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

13. Board Member's Comments and Reports

None

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

Director Schabarum adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

