

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE WATER AUTHORITY
BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT
LOST HILLS WATER DISTRICT
DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT

Held October 18, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Belridge Water Storage District was held on October 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the District's Administrative and Operation Building, and via video and phone conference as a joint meeting with Westside Water Authority, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Dudley Ridge Water District.

CALL TO ORDER)
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President Rob Yraceburu called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Rob Yraceburu.

The following directors attended via video conference and/or phone: Rod Stiefvater, Christin Faber, and Brett Hampf.

The following director was not in attendance: Larry Starrh.

Also present were: Rob Goff, Bernard Pugét; Don Elholm; Monte Mitchell; Mike Nordstrom; Brain Hauss; Jeff Eklund; Jay Kroeker; Les Diffenbaugh; Kim Brown; Adriana Barba; Ernie Kincaid, Brad Kroeker; Tami Pensinger, Steve Bottoms; Morgan Mitchell; Jamie Marquez; Mary King; Kim Constant, Assistant Secretary; Oscar Mello, O & M Superintendent; Gnell Sparks, Assistant Treasurer; Mark Gilkey, General Manger; and Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel.

Also attended via video conference and/or phone: Leon Elwell, Alan Scroggs, Doug Anderson, Alan Becker, Andrew Mason, Andrew Edstrom, Audrey Arnao, Bruce Aalam, Jeremy Blackwell, Christoffer Joughon, Cody Tolbert, Dale Melville, Fiona Sanchez, Holly Melton, Homayoon Hajd, Jason Pucheu, Jeremy Bowman, Jesse Lewis, John Komar, Mathew Roden, Michael Blaine, Richard Huse, Rick Besecker, Sim Bath, Nader Malakan, and William Davis.

Alternate Teleconferencing Requirements: Following discussion, on motion of Brett Hampf, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board made the determination, due to imminent risk to health and safety, the Board will continue with the previous teleconferencing rules per the revised Assembly Bill 361 on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf

NOES: None

ABSENT: Larry Starrh
Christin Faber

DISTRICT ISSUES)
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Aqueduct Pump-Back Project: The General Manager and Jeff Eklund presented the following information regarding the Aqueduct Pump-back Project (Project): 1) the Project would start at the intersection of the CVC and CA Aqueduct; 2) check structure locations for the Project facilities; 3) example of a pump station check structure; 4) the CA Aqueduct Project design; 5) estimated WWA deliveries 6) cost allocation methodology; 7) Project timeline; 8) Project implementation risks: water-flow, Project operations, and other water related issues; and 9) Staff and Legal Counsel is working with DWR and KCWA to develop a Landowner agreement.

DWR will have bid information from Rain for Rent by the end of the week. Staff recommended a special joint Board meeting on October 25, 2022 to discuss the bid information and status of the project.

Contract Between Kern County Water Agency and Belridge Water Storage District for Lease of Kern County Water Agency State Water Project Table A Water: The General Manager reported that the District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, and Lost Hills Water District Boards approved the contract subject to Landowner participation.

REPORTS FROM OTHER)
MEETINGS)
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Data Management System: Rob Goff reported that the grant funded Data Management System (DMS) has been designed and implemented by the KGA. The DMS will provide information regarding the historic and current groundwater level data and will be adding groundwater quality information in the future. Staff will distribute the link to view the DMS. For information only.

Boundary Adjustment Policy: This item was tabled until more information is available.

PUBLIC COMMENT)
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