

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

Held January 11, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Belridge Water Storage District (District) was held in-person on January 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. and by video conference and teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER)
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President Rob Yraceburu called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Rob Yraceburu, Rod Stiefvater, Brad Kroeker, Christin Faber, and Brett Hampf.

Also present were: Jeremiah Seng, Alex Dominguez, Steve Bottoms, Jamie Marquez, Justin Rowe, Kim Constant (Assistant Secretary), Mark Gilkey (General Manger), and Joseph D. Hughes (Legal Counsel).

Also attending by video conference and/or teleconference: Cody Tolbert and Molly Brummett.

CHANGES TO AGENDA)
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There were no requests to revise the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA)
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The President asked if there were any questions concerning the Consent Agenda, which items were detailed with staff reports in the Board Packet. Staff requested that the treasurer's report and the funds transfer be removed from the consent agenda and tabled. On motion of Brad Kroeker, seconded by Christin Faber, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the remaining items listed on the consent agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Brad Kroeker
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ELECTIONS)
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Resolution 949 Ordering that an Election Not be Held on March 7, 2023 and Request the Board of Supervisors to Appoint Certain Persons to Office as Directors of Belridge Water Storage District:

Legal Counsel reported that only one person was nominated to the office of Director for Divisions 2 and 5. No person was nominated to the office of Director for Division 3. Therefore, it would be appropriate for the Board to adopt a resolution ordering that the general election not be held on March 7, 2023 and requesting that the Board of Supervisors appoint the nominated persons to office as Director of the District for Divisions 2 and 5. Also requesting the Board of Supervisors appoint a person for the office of Director for Division 3. After discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Brett Hampf, and unanimously carried, Resolution 949 entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ORDERING THAT A GENERAL ELECTION NOT BE HELD ON MARCH 7, 2023, AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPOINT PERSONS TO OFFICE AS DIRECTORS OF BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT" was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Brad Kroeker
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Selection of Officers: Justin Rowe reported Tami Pensinger and himself were appointed to the office of Assistant Treasurer in the Board meeting immediately preceding the District meeting.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS)
UPDATE)
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Solar Project: Jeremiah Seng updated the Board on the following items regarding the District solar project: 1) project summary, 2) system performance, 3) potential for expansion, 4) options, 5) next steps, and 6) recommendations.

Following discussion, staff recommended that due to the long timeframe for PG&E upgrade work to be completed the expansion project be tabled until the transmission reconductoring work is completed.

Water Supplies: The General Manager updated the Board regarding water supplies.

Operations & Maintenance Report: Steve Bottoms reported on general maintenance and repairs made in the District.

WELL REPLACEMENT)
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Pioneer Well Replacement: Jamie Marquez reported that the District budgeted for two wells: Pioneer Well and Berrenda Mesa Spreading Grounds Well. Bids were received through Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) and were higher than anticipated. Staff recommended that staff with the Kern Water Bank request a lower bid from KCWA. This matter was tabled until more information is available.

Berrenda Mesa Spreading Grounds Well Replacement: This item was discussed during the previous item.

REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
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Director Kroeker requested that staff include operations water in the District water supplies report.

ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Christin Faber, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.



Brett Hampf
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Yraceburu", written over a horizontal line.

Rob Yraceburu
President of the Board of Directors