

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

Held January 12, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Belridge Water Storage District was held on January 12, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. by video conference and phone teleference only.

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 attended by video conference and/or teleconference: Rob Yraceburu, Rod Stiefvater, Brett Hampf, and Christin Faber.

Also attending by video conference and/or teleconference were: Steve Bottoms; Morgan Mitchell; Jamie Marquez; Mary King; Kim Constant, Assistant Secretary; Oscar Mello, O & M Superintendent; Gnell Sparks, Controller; Mark Gilkey, General Manger; and Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel.

ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE)
TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS)
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Following discussion, on motion of Christin Faber, seconded by Brett Hampf, and unanimously carried, the Board made the determination that, due to continuation of the Governor's Executive Order and imminent risk to health and safety, the Board will continue with the previous determination under Assembly Bill 361, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA)
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Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Brett Hampf, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda, including Staff's recommendations, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
VACANCY)
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Larry Starrh's Letter of Resignation Effective January 4, 2022: The President reported that Larry Starrh had notified the District of his resignation from the Board effective January 4, 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORTS)
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Approval of Treasurer's Report: Gnell Sparks presented the Treasurer's Report in the form attached as **Exhibit "A"**. Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Brett Hampf, and unanimously carried, the report was approved and ordered filed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Warrants: Gnell Sparks presented payments and register of warrants for ratification attached as **Exhibit “B”** and the electronic payment and register of warrants for approval in the form attached as **Exhibit “C”** paid by the Westside Water Authority, stating that there were in the described funds sufficient unencumbered monies to pay such warrants. Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Christin Faber, and unanimously carried, the warrants, were ratified and approved for payment, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Funds Transfer: Gnell Sparks presented the fund transfers from the District to Westside Water Authority to cover the warrants presented in Exhibit B and Exhibit C. Upon motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Christin Faber, and unanimously carried, the funds transfer was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WATER SUPPLY, OPERATIONS)
AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS)
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The General Manager updated the Board on the following topics:

2022 State Water Supply and Conditions:

The initial 2022 SWP allocation is 0%. On December 1, 2021, Department of Water Resources (DWR) noticed the State Water Contractors that DWR will be allocating the initial 2022 State Water Project (SWP) available supplies on a basis that ensures the SWP long-term water supply contractors (Contractors) can meet their outstanding minimum human health and safety demands for water. DWR referenced Article 18(a) of the long-term water supply contract between DWR and each of the SWP Contractors. The initial 2022 SWP allocation is based on minimum unmet water demands to meet domestic supply, fire protection, and sanitation needs during the year minimum human health and safety demands for water.

Staff met with DWR management on January 5, 2022, and the SWC water Operation Committee met on January 6, 2022. DWR's latest 2022 allocation announcement is as follows:

- 50% Exceedance, Moderate OMR Table A 2.425 MAF 58% Allocation
- 75% Exceedance, Moderate OMR Table A 1.076 MAF 26% Allocation
- 90% Exceedance, Moderate OMR Table A .556 MAF 13% Allocation

DWR's 2022 Allocation Analysis includes updated storages but was based on the December 1, 2021, forecasts. DWR is working on an updated analysis including the January 1, 2022, forecasts. Staff would expect DWR to make an allocation announcement in January 2022.

The State share of San Luis Reservoir (SLR) was about .543 MAF and Oroville storage was about 1.494 MAF, as of January 10, 2022.

Starting in July 2021, the CVP portion of San Luis Reservoir was at zero and went negative. The Bureau asked to borrow what is needed for the CVP through the low point form DWR. DWR loaned water in San Luis Reservoir to the Bureau in July and August 2021. It was reported at a recent State Water Contractor meeting that the Bureau has now fully repaid the water owed to SWP in San Luis Reservoir.

Estimated 2021 Water Supply

The total estimated 2021 water supply from the following sources is as follows:

SUPPLY	BMWD	LHWD	BWSD	TOTAL
➤ Contract Water (0%)	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF
➤ 2020 Carryover (est)	19,853 AF	24,393 AF	20,265 AF	64,511 AF
➤ Pioneer/BMSG Rec Req	6,374 AF	2,190 AF	12,136 AF	20,700 AF

➤ KWB Recovery Requests	40,000 AF	36,000 AF	36,000 AF	112,000 AF
➤ WHWD (0%)	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF
➤ Landowner Transfers	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF
➤ Westside 5	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF
➤ Total	66,227 AF	62,583 AF	68,401 AF	197,211 AF

Water Deliveries: The District delivered an estimated 1,089 AF for the month of December 2021, compared to 1,250 AF during the same time period in 2020. The District recorded a loss of 51 AF for the month of December totaling 2,200 AF for the year. The District had a recorded Operations Water balance of 2,929 AF in the month of December after losses. No actions taken.

Power and Energy Use: The estimated PG&E energy cost at Pump Station 1A was \$29.91/AF in November 2021 compared to \$14.86/AF in November 2020. The estimated PG&E and Solar energy cost at Pump Station 1B was \$14.74/AF in December 2021 compared to \$22.77/AF in December 2020. The average 2021 unit cost for Pump Stations 1A and 1B was \$25.19/AF and \$19.37/AF, respectively. The budgeted 2021 unit cost for Pump Station 1A and 1B is \$25.94/AF and \$15.94/AF, respectively.

Operations & Maintenance: Oscar Mello, O&M Superintendent, reported on maintenance and repairs made to District facilities in December 2021.

Aqueduct Pump-Back Project: The General Manager and Jeff Eklund presented the following information regarding the Aqueduct Pump-back Project (Project): 1) SWP update: the allocation remains at 0 percent, but recent storms have improved the estimated allocation in 2022; 2) update from the DWR Project meeting held January 5, 2022; 3) the ad hoc committee met: the committee recommended delaying the rebid until after Staff meets with DWR on January 25, 2022; 4) Project plan for rebid in late January 2022 if the project is needed; and 5) Staff recommended starting the process for a permanent structure.

Following discussion, the Board recommended Staff start discussions with DWR regarding the possibility of a permanent structure.

Multi Year Transfer and Draft Agreements with Participating Landowners

County of Butte Long Term Lease of a Portion of the County's State Water Project Table A: Legal Counsel presented a landowner agreement for a long-term lease for Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, and Lost Hills Water District. This agreement allows landowners in each District to participate in the long-term agreements. Legal Counsel plans to create a standard form long-term agreement that each District will adopt. Once a standard form long-term agreement template is adopted, Legal Counsel recommended, each District would authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the District. For informational purposes only.

OTHER DISTRICT ISSUES)
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Proposed Strategic Planning Session: The General Manager recommended the Board hold a strategic planning session to discuss priorities, roadblocks, and how to address issues moving forward. Staff would like to hold a planning session in February 2022. The session will be 4 to 6 hours long and discussion will include the following: 1) develop a plan for the coming years; 2) review accomplishments to date and existing strategic goals and objectives; 3) determine if changes to strategic goals are needed; 4) review major issues to address and assess current coverage levels; 5) identify and discuss approaches to address major issues; 6) prioritize issues and align those issues to strategic goals; 7) define the action items and responsible party; 8) Staff recommended that the participants in the strategic planning session be the WWA Board; and 9) hire a facilitator.

Following discussion, the Board recommended Staff move forward with the proposed strategic planning session.

REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
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No public participation.


EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION)
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No closed session.


ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Brett Hampf, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVED:



Rob Yraceburu
President of the Board of Directors



Kim Constant
Assistant Secretary of the Board of Directors