

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

Held May 2, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Belridge Water Storage District was held as a joint meeting with Westside Water Authority, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District and Dudley Ridge Water District on May 2, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in-person at the District's Administrative and Operation Building.

CALL TO ORDER)
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President Rob Yraceburu called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and presided thereat.

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

The following director was not in attendance: Brett Hampf.

Also present were Alex Dominguez, Rob Goff, Alan Scroggs, Monte Mitchell, Jeremy Blackwell, Bernard Pugét, Kim Brown, G. Patrick O'Dowd, Morgan Mitchell; Jamie Marquez Steve Bottoms, Justin Rowe, Kim Constant (Assistant Secretary), Mark Gilkey (General Manger), and Joseph D. Hughes (Legal Counsel).

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

WWA UPDATES)
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General Manager's Report: The General Manager updated the Board regarding new staff members and reported on staff members with anniversaries in the month of May.

Water Supplies:

State Water Project (SWP) Supply and Operations

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced on April 20,2023, that the 2023

State Water Project (SWP) Table A allocation increased from 75% to 100%. With the 2023 SWP allocation above 40 percent, according to the “Draft Guidelines for Article 18a of Water Supply Contracts,” dated March, 28, 2022, SWP contractors with a 2022 *SWP HH&S balance* shall schedule a portion of their 2023 Table A allocation as payback to DWR of their 2022 *SWP HH&S balance*.

The following table reflects the 2023 Table A allocation timeline for the Westside Districts:

| Westside Water Authority | Table A (af) | Dec. 1, 2022 | Jan. 26, 2023 | Feb. 22, 2023 | Mar. 24, 2023 | Apr. 20, 2023 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| | | 2023 Table A Allocation - 5% (af) | 2023 Table A Allocation - 30% (af) | 2023 Table A Allocation - 35% (af) | 2023 Table A Allocation - 75% (af) | 2024 Table A Allocation - 100% (af) |
| Belridge Water Storage Dist. | 121,508 | 6,075 | 36,452 | 42,528 | 91,131 | 121,508 |
| Berrenda Mesa Water Dist. | 92,600 | 4,630 | 27,780 | 32,410 | 69,450 | 92,600 |
| Lost Hills Water District | 119,110 | 5,956 | 35,733 | 41,689 | 89,333 | 119,110 |
| Dudley Ridge Water District | 41,350 | 2,068 | 12,405 | 14,473 | 31,013 | 41,350 |
| Westside 4 Total (WWA) | 374,568 | 18,729 | 112,370 | 131,100 | 280,927 | 374,568 |

Delta outflow conditions continue to be in excess. Salinity conditions in the South Delta remain excellent, with no water quality constraints on exports. Real time demand will be the limiting factor for exports through May 2023.

SWP Banks pumping plant averaged about 8,500 af/day over the last week. Bureau Jones pumping plant averaged a little over 4,300af/day over the last week. Exports are controlled by real-time demand downstream. The San Joaquin River at Vernalis averaged about 29,560 cfs over the last week.

Water Operations: Jamie Marquez presented information regarding the surface water supply, banking, and spillage.

Mike Nordstrom arrived at this point in the meeting.

Transfer Policy and Entitlement Stacking: Legal counsel reported that staff has received various request from landowners regarding entitlement stacking and inquiries from new and existing landowners regarding individual District transfer policies. The District Water Transfer Policy ad hoc committee, which consists of Kim Brown, Leon Elwell, Mike Nordstrom, and Christin Faber, met with staff to discuss the requests and inquiries.

Legal counsel reviewed the following details of the District Water Transfer Policy ad hoc committee recommendations regarding entitlement stacking: 1) allow stacking of entitlement up to 8 af/acre; 2) stacked entitlement will not be considered when allocation capacity in district facilities in the event of a shortfall in capacity, 3) proposed stacking must not cause adverse effects to other water users; 4) charge water user according to the original zone, and 5) transferring water user must pay all costs incurred by the district to facilitate the proposed stacking.

Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Brad Kroeker, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the ad hoc committee's recommendation for the stacking policy for each district with the addition of equitable adjustments when entitlement is moving from a higher cost to a lower cost area to reflect for additional burden from facilities in the new zone and authorized the Board President and Secretary to execute the contract on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brad Kroeker
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brett Hampf

Alex Dominguez reviewed the following details of the District Water Transfer Policy ad hoc committee recommendation regarding Westside District water transfers: 1) temporary out of district water transfers (annual) would be authorized only if district landowners are offered a first-right-of-refusal, the temporary transfer causes no adverse impacts to other district landowners, the temporary transfer is to a landowner for use in one of the Westside Districts, the transferring landowner pays all costs associated with the proposed transfer, and the transferring landowner pays all due and unpaid district financial obligations, if any; and 2) permanent out of district water transfers would not be allowed unless authorized by the permanent transfer policy that offers a first-right-of-refusal to district landowners and approved by the district's board and Kern County Water Agency.

Following discussion, the Board recommended the District Water Transfer Policy ad hoc committee meet for more discussion and bring additional information to the Board.

Updated GIS Maps: Justin Rowe reported that staff updated the GIS maps.

REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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Supplemental Contracts: Legal counsel reported that staff will be emailing the supplemental water contracts to participants.

Tolling Agreement with Department of Water Resources: Legal counsel reported that the tolling agreement between Dudley Ridge Water District, Kern County Water Agency, Empire Westside Irrigation District, Tule Lake Basin Water Storage District, and Oak Flat Water District

with Department of Water Resources regarding Human Health and Safety and a potential claim from 2022 has been fully executed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
NON AGENDIZED ITEMS)
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No public comment.

CLOSED SESSION)
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The President directed that the Board move into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. Legal counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.8, 54956.9(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors, the General Manager, legal counsel, Alex Dominguez, Rob Goff, Alan Scroggs, Monte Mitchell, Jeremy Blackwell, Bernard Pugét, Kim Brown, G. Patrick O'Dowd, Morgan Mitchell, Jamie Marquez Steve Bottoms, Justin Rowe, and Kim Constant, thereupon retired from the meeting.

Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public. Legal counsel advised that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Christin Faber, and unanimously carried, the Board recommended the individual Boards authorize the Executive Director to sign a one-year extension to the lease of Kern County Water Agency State Water Project Table A Water on behalf of the District, subject to landowner participation on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brad Kroeker
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brett Hampf

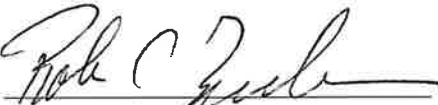
ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Brad Kroeker, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.



Brett Hamer
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:



Rob Yraceburu
President of the Board of Directors