

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

Held October 11, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Belridge Water Storage District (District) was held in-person on October 11, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. and by video conference and teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER)
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President Rob Yraceburu called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and presided thereat.

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

The following director attended by video conference and teleconference: Christin Faber.

Also present were: Alex Dominguez, Steve Bottoms, Jamie Marquez, Justin Rowe, Kim Constant (Assistant Secretary), Gnell Sparks (Assistant Treasurer), and Mark Gilkey (General Manger).

Also attending by video conference and/or teleconference: Mary King, Tami Pensinger, Andrew Mason, Nancy Belton, Cody Tolbert, and Joseph D. Hughes (Legal Counsel).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA)
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Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Brad Kroeker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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. On motion by Brett Hampf, seconded by Christin Faber, and unanimously carried, the Board approved each item 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

2023 BUDGET)
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Resolution 944 Adopting Budget for Year 2023: Justin Rowe reported on the draft 2023 budget. Following discussion, Mr. Rowe presented a Resolution 944, which, if adopted by the Board, would adopt the budget as presented for the year 2023. Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Brett Hampf, Resolution 944 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECOTRS OF BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023" was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution 945 Fixing Water Charges for Year 2023: Justin Rowe presented Resolution 945, which, if adopted by the Board, would fix the water charges for the year 2023. Following discussion, on motion of Brad Kroeker, seconded by Christin Faber, Resolution 945 entitled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECOTRS OF BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT FIXING WATER CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2023” was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

2021 AUDIT)
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Ms. Nancy Belton from Daniells Phillips Vaughn & Bock presented a draft audit of the District’s financials for the year ending December 31, 2021 (2021 Audit). The Board will take thirty days to review the 2021 Audit. Staff recommended that the 2021 Audit be accepted following the thirty-day review period. Following discussion, on motion of Brad Kroeker, seconded by Brett Hampf, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted and filed the 2021 Audit, subject to the thirty-day review period, on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Nancy Belton left at this point in the meeting.

DISTRICT SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE)
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Jeremiah Seng updated the Board regarding the following items associated with the District Solar Project performance review: 1) project review; 2) system performance; 3) financial performance for the second year in use; 4) 2022 financial performance; 5) PG&E rate trends; 6) solar performance summary; and 7) next steps.

Christin Faber, Joseph D. Hughes, and Andrew Mason left the meeting at this time.

The President left at this point in the meeting. The gavel was then passed to the Vice President who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

PRIOR AND CURRENT YEAR)
ADJUSTMENTS FROM THE KERN)
COUNTY WATER AGENCY)
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Gnell Sparks presented a spreadsheet representing staff's calculation of the credits and charges to landowners based on 2022 and prior year State Water Project and energy adjustments. Staff prepared warrants for Board approval payable to those water users entitled to a credit and invoices for charges due. Staff recommended that the warrants be held for two weeks to allow landowners to review the calculations and the information contained therein and further to hold all warrants payable to landowners with open invoices. After questions regarding the controller's calculations are addressed, staff will distribute the final calculations and release said warrants to landowners on October 25, 2022. Following discussion, on motion of Christin Faber, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board approved distribution of the warrants on October 25, 2022 if no changes are required on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

OTHER DISTRICT ISSUES)
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Bureau of Reclamation Grant Update: This item was tabled until more information is available.

REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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Resolution 946 – Amended and Restated Standard Provisions: Alex Dominguez reported that Legal Counsel has been working with staff to amend the District’s standard provisions. The revisions consist of (1) the realignment of budgeting and billing procedures; and (2) an update to the process for the acquisition and purchase of supplemental water. The amended and restated standard provisions were provided for review by landowners and the Board. Once approved by the Board, staff will amend existing contracts and record the amended and restated standard provisions with the County of Kern. The Board requested additional time to review the revisions to the standard provisions. This matter was tabled until the next scheduled Board meeting.


PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
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No comment.

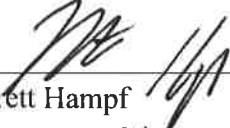
ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion of Brad Kroeker, seconded by Brett Hampf, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

APPROVED:



Rob Yraceburu
President of the Board of Directors



Brett Hampf
Secretary of the Board of Directors