

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

Held August 28, 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 August 28, 2023, at 11:00 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 11:00 a.m. and presided thereat.

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

The following director was not in attendance: Christin Faber.

Also present were Trevor Warren, Sharon Roden, Alex Dominguez, Rob Goff, Mike Nordstrom, Levi Barton, Monte Mitchell, Matt Payne, Kim Brown, Jeremy Blackwell, Bernard Pugét, G. Patrick O'Dowd, Abbigale Seal, Morgan Campbell, Mohamed Mushtaq Mohideen, 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.

WATER OPERATIONS)
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The General Manager and Jamie Marquez updated the Board on water operations.

Alan Scroggs, Isaac Bocker, and Mando Perez arrived at this point in the meeting.

AD HOC DISTRICT TRANSFER COMMITTEE)
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Justin Rowe reported that the Transfer Ad Hoc Committee (Ad Hoc Committee) met to discuss district transfers policies and presented the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations. The Board directed Legal Counsel to create a policy for review based on the guiding principles presented.

Jamie Marquez presented information regarding the Rosedale – Rio Bravo Water Storage District 2:1 banking agreement. The agreements have been signed and staff requested that the Board ratify approval of the agreements. Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Brett Hampf, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the Rosedale – Rio Bravo Water Storage District 2:1 banking agreement.

REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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Indemnification Agreement Standard Form: Alex Dominguez reported that Legal Counsel would prepare a standard form indemnification agreement for staff's use when participating in various activities with landowners (e.g., leasing of District lands.) Legal Counsel will present the standard form indemnification agreement draft for review and approval of the Board.

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), 54956.9(d)(4), and 54956.9(d)(1). All persons other than the Directors, the General Manager, legal counsel, Alex Dominguez, Rob Goff, Mike Nordstrom, Levi Barton, Monte Mitchell, Matt Payne, Kim Brown, Jeremy Blackwell, Alan Scroggs, Bernard Pugét, G. Patrick O'Dowd, Abbigale Seal, Mohamed Mushtaq Mohideen, 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. 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 Brad Kroeker, seconded by Brett Hampf, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



Brett Hampf
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:



Rob Yraceburu
President of the Board of Directors