

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT**BOARD OF DIRECTORS****Monday, September 28, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District was called to order by the President of the Board at 5:32 pm at the District office.

Board Members Present:

President - Todd Sikes
 Vice President - Lynette Blaisdell
 Director - Bob Nash
 Director - Jeff Steppat
 Director - Jeff Thompson

Board Members Absent: None

Officer and Staff Present:

General Manager/
 Secretary-Treasurer - David J. Coxey
 District Engineer - Don Groundwater
 Office Manager - Connie Wade

Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance**Item 2. Public Comment**

Comments were made by Margaret Blackford; Helen Stephenson; and Arnold Wilhelmi.

Item 3. Consent Calendar

- 3-1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2009
- 3-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending August 2009
- 3-3 Acceptance of Improvements
 - a. Risen King Church
 - b. Helena Oaks Fire Hydrant Installation

M/S/C [Nash/Thompson] Accept the Consent Calendar as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 4. Water Supply Update

The water supply was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 5. Presentation of the Annual 2008-09 Financial Audit by Nystrom & Company CPAs to Consider Adopting the Audit as Presented and Submitted

M/S/C [Nash/Blaisdell] Accept the 2008-09 Financial Audit as presented.

Item 6. Public Hearing – Adoption of Negative Declaration for the Long-Term Water Transfer from Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District

a. Open Public Hearing

The public hearing was opened at 6:10 pm.

b. Receive Staff Report

c. Receive Public Comments

No written comments were received directly by the District or through the State Clearinghouse. At the public hearing staff answered questions regarding the proposed project from the public in attendance. No objections to the project were received and no comments were received that would affect the District's findings and conclusion that there are no potential significant environmental effects.

d. Close Public Hearing

The hearing closed at 6:30 pm.

M/S/C [Blaisdell/Nash] Approve Resolution 09-09 adopting the Negative Declaration and Authorizing Filing of the Notice of Determination for the Long-Term Transfer of CVP Water from the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District.

Item 7. Report on USBR Deficit

A report was presented.

Item 8. Consider Letter of Agreement between Bella Vista Water District and IBEW Local Union 1245

The District is faced with a number of severe financial issues. The District has responded to these issues by reducing discretionary spending and labor expenses resulting in a meter reader position being left unfilled, layoff of the Engineering Technician, and a 25% reduction in hours for the District Secretary. The District met with the Union and negotiated an Agreement to maintain the existing workforce for the next year in exchange for eliminating the 2.5% general wage increase that was previously negotiated. The alternative would be to curtail services and either lay-off or reduce work hours of employees. The Union membership will vote on the proposal September 30.

M/S/C [Nash/Thompson] Authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement with the Union.

Item 9. Drought Variance Request (K. Rogge)

M/S/C [Steppat/Blaisdell] Approve the request conditioned upon payment for previously unbilled or under billed usage.

Item 10. Request for Fence Encroachment onto District Property (D. Lazzari)

Staff reviewed with legal counsel and he recommended preparation of a license agreement to allow installation of the fence across the District's property. The proponent will be responsible for attorney's fees and the Country Recorder's fees.

M/S/C [Steppat/Blaisdell] Authorize the General Manager to execute a license agreement with Mr. Lazzari subject to the agreement being brought back to the Board for approval.

Item 11. GIS Mapping Project Update and Consider Authorization of Professional Services Agreement (Phase 2)

Paul Gregson, GIS Consultant, made a presentation to the Board and staff.

M/S/C [Thompson/Steppat] Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with Mr. Gregson for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Item 12. Consider Letter of Consent to Shasta LAFCO Regarding Elk Trail East/West Revised Sphere of Influence

M/S/C [Nash/Blaisdell] Authorize the Board President to execute a letter to the Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission consenting to the revised sphere of influence for the Bella Vista Water District to facilitate the Elk Trail Area Annexation Project pursuant to the Initial Study dated December 26, 2008.

Item 13. Travel Request – ACWA Fall Conference (Dec 1-4 Town & Country Convention Center, San Diego)

M/S/C [Nash/Blaisdell] Authorize the General Manager, Director Steppat, and any other interested Board members to attend the spring conference.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Item 14. Manager's Report

The General Manager presented a report.

Item 15. Engineer's Report

The District Engineer presented a report.

Item 16. Board Members' Comments

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

