

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, November 28, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District was called to order by the President of the Board at 5:30 pm at the District office.

Board Members Present:

President - Jeff Steppat
Director - Lynette Blaisdell
Director - Robert Nash

Board Members Absent:

Vice President - Robert Sims
Director - Jeff Thompson

Officer and Staff Present:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer - David Coxey
District Engineer - Don Groundwater
Office Manager - Connie Wade
District Attorney - John Kenney

Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2. Public Comment

Customer, Bill Gilbert spoke regarding his multiple claims and small claims court actions.

Item 3. Consent Calendar

3-1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2011

3-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending October 2011

M/S/C [Blaisdell/Nash]

Bob Nash had a questions regarding the transfers from the General Fund to the EOMR Reserve accounts and the tracking thereof.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 4. Water Supply Update

Don Groundwater, District Engineer updated the Board on the water supply. Director Blaisdell asked if the number includes the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (ACID) water usage. Don confirmed that the ACID water is included in the water supply numbers.

Discussion only. No action taken.

Item 5. Boulder Creek Elementary School Status Update

David Coxey, General Manager informed the Board that the Enterprise Elementary School District (Boulder Creek Elementary School) has complied with the Backflow requirements by installing a reverse pressure principle device by the final deadline.

Discussion only. No action taken.

Item 6. Final Report on U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Grant for Recycle Pump Station

Don presented the Final Project Performance Report, recapped the project and final financial impact, and reiterated that \$300,000 of the project cost was grant funded. Don also discussed the multiple project benefits which include a substantial quantity of conserved reliable water, reduced overall power use and elimination of discharges. David commented that additional benefits of the project include the avoidance of annual NPDES permit fees and additional regulation since the District is no longer a “discharger”.

Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 7. Appeal Hearing – McConnell Foundation, Redding School of the Arts Project

Attorney Mike Ashby introduced himself as the representative for the McConnell Foundation and the Redding School of the Arts. Mr. Ashby requested that the appeal previously submitted be withdrawn and that they continue to work with Staff on the backflow and related issues. David informed the Board that he and Don recently met with the Department of Public Health regarding these issues which have yet to be transmitted to Mr. Ashby. Attorney, John Kenney concurred with Mr. Ashby.

No action taken – Appeal is considered withdrawn at this time.

Item 8. Proposed U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Policy Changes

David updated the Board on the Bureau of Reclamation’s proposed policy changes and extended public comment period. The proposed policy changes apply “Reclamation wide” to the 17 western states and are not specific to the Central Valley Project. Among other things,

the proposed revisions include a revised definition for Irrigation Use (PEC P05). David informed the Board that his review and discussions indicate that the District's existing contract would supersede the revised definitions in PEC P05, but would change under the following situations: (1) should the District choose to amend its existing contract; and (2) when the existing contract comes up for renewal. Under those situations the revised definitions would prevail. After further discussion between Staff and the Board, it was decided that the District should continue to follow the process but not submit formal comments or actively engage at this time.

No action taken.

Item 9. Draft 2012 Water Transfers Criteria

David briefly reviewed with the Board the draft 2012 Water Transfers Criteria prepared jointly by the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Specifically, he reviewed the ineligibility of pasture for crop idling. David asked whether or not the Board wanted him to submit formal comments on behalf of the District as he has done in the past. Following some discussion, it was decided that the District should continue to monitor the process without submitting formal comments.

No action taken.

Item 10. Consider Long-Term Water Transfer with Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District.

David informed the Board that ACID had earmarked 264 acre feet of water for transfer to another water district for a development project which is not now going forward and therefore has that amount available for a long-term Transfer Agreement. After some discussion, there was general consensus that the Board is not interested in pursuing negotiations for another long term transfer at this time given the greatly reduced demands over the past couple of years.

No action taken.

Item 11. Cooperative Agreement with Shasta-Tehama Trinity Joint Community College District and California Department of Water Resources regarding California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS)

David updated the Board on the benefits of the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) for irrigation scheduling. Accurate evapotranspiration based irrigation scheduling improves crop yields and conserves water. Staff has pursued discussions with Shasta College and even discussed a location for a proposed CIMIS station. This project would be part of the WaterSMART Grant recently awarded to the District.

M/S/C [Nash/Steppat] Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the parties.

GENERAL BUSINESS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Item 12. Engineer's Report

Don updated the Board on ongoing projects, i.e., Old Oregon Trail Pipeline project, Bike Trail along Old Oregon Trail and Old Alturas Road, Lateral 7.5 South and Olympia and Strawn Drive waterline projects. In addition, Don stated he was working on the WaterSMART Grants and needs to work on the Urban Water Management Plan.

Item 13. Manager's Report

David updated the Board on staffing, success of the Boulder Creek school backflow resolution, and discussed recent legislation activity. David reminded the Board of the December 19, 2011 Board meeting.

Item 14. Board Members' Comments

None.

Item 15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

