

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District was held at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Any member of the public may speak during Public Comment or may email public comments to csar-tori@bvwd.org and comments will be read from each member of the public. The District will use best efforts to swiftly resolve requests for reasonable modifications or accommodations with individuals with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

Board Members Present:

President	-	Bob Nash
Vice-President	-	Frank Schabarum
Director	-	Jim Smith
Director	-	Guy Walters

Board Members Absent:

Director	-	Ted Bambino
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Officers and Staff Present:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	-	David Coxey
Finance and Administration Manager	-	Christy Sartori
Project Manager	-	Tom Zaharris

Public:

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Public Comment

None

2. Consent Calendar:

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2025, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending February 2025
- 2-3 Financial Reports for Month Ending March 2025
- 2-4 Quarterly Investment Portfolio (ending March 2025)

M/S: [Smith/Walters] The Board approved and accepted the consent calendar as amended.

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Walters **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** Nash, Bambino

Old Business

None

New Business

3. Authorize a Three-Year Agreement for Independent Audit Services

Finance and Administration Manager, Christy Sartori summarized the details outlined in the item.

M/S: [Walters/Smith] Approve the three-year agreement with HM&S for Independent Audit Services and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement in accordance with the attached proposal.

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Walters **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** Nash, Bambino

4. Revise Regular Board Meeting Date for May 2025

The General Manager stated that the District will be closed on the fourth Monday in May due to the upcoming holiday and recommended rescheduling the regular Board meeting to May 19, 2025.

M/S: [Smith/Schabarum] Reschedule the regular Board meeting date from May 26, 2025, to May 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

AYE: Schabarum, Smith, Walters **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** Nash, Bambino

Reports and Communications

5. Water Supply and Production Update

The General Manager, David Coxey, summarized the information provided in the item, stating that the 3-F water project has concluded, and this year's water supply outlook is very positive.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

6. Projects and Developments Report

The Project Manager, Tom Zaharris, reviewed the information presented in the item. David Coxey provided an update on the Transformer Project, noting that the project has been delayed due to changes in administration and funding at the federal level.

Director Nash arrived at 6:00 pm.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

7. Manager's Report

The General Manager, David Coxey, reported that availability of Article 3(f) Water ended at midnight and that water supply conditions could not be much better north of the Delta. South of Delta CVP Ag allocations increased to 50% today. The Wintu Pumping Plant Unit 4 has been out of service undergoing refurbishment. The unit was recently returned and shut down due to high temperature and has been returned for inspection and warranty repair. The repaired motor is scheduled to be returned tomorrow. The office flooring project has been somewhat disruptive but provides a much need to refresh our office space. The computer server has been replaced, but we are still migrating some key components. Fiscal Year budgeting is underway. It is reported that there have been significant cuts to Reclamation staffing and that most of the rate setting and financial section is no longer staffed. The key Reclamation staff most familiar with the Wintu Transformer Replacement Project are now gone. A path forward remains unclear. We are informed that Reclamation staff remaining is focused on operations only. David reported that he and Director Nash were able to convey concerns to our congressman last week. The District has had a D3 vacancy position posted, which has now closed. There are two internal applicants. Staff has completed the annual electronic annual report submittal and the Consumer Confidence Report. Updating the Cross Connection Control Program is next and is due at the end of June. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 19th.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

8. Board Members' Comments and Reports

Director Walters inquired whether the Board or staff has information regarding the General Plan, or the Specific Plan related to Palo Cedro that County Supervisor Plumer referenced during the recent Board of Supervisors meeting. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Schabarum praised Director Bambino and the Redding Rodeo for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

9. Omission of Agenda Item 9

It was noted that the Regular Agenda did not include a ninth item, due to an oversight in the published agenda.

No action was taken regarding this omission.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:32 pm to discuss the following item(s):

- 10. Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code 54956.8**
Property: real property

Negotiating parties: General Manager and various water entities
Under negotiation: Terms to acquire real property

11. Reconvene to Open Session, Announce Any Action Taken in Closed Session, Adjourn

President Nash reconvened the meeting to open session at 6:42 p.m. and reported that direction was given to the General Manager during the closed session. Due to the urgency of the matter discussed, the Board determined that immediate action was necessary, and the Regular Agenda will be modified accordingly to allow for public consideration and action on the item.

12. Modification of the Regular Agenda

Director Nash stated that the need to take immediate action on a water purchase agreement with Centerville Community Services District has arisen, and that action cannot wait until the next regular meeting. Therefore, the Board must vote to add the item to the agenda.

M/S: [Schabarum/Smith] Add an item to the agenda to consider ratification of the water purchase agreement with Centerville Community Services District due to the urgent need to secure cost-saving water supplies.

AYE: Nash, Schabarum, Smith, Walters **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** Bambino

13. Consideration and Ratification of Water Purchase Agreement Between Centerville Water District and Bella Vista Water District

The General Manager summarized the terms of the agreement, which provides for the purchase of water from Centerville Water District at a cost lower than the District's current project water from the Bureau. Due to timing constraints and potential cost savings, the General Manager executed the agreement subject to ratification by the Board.

M/S: [Smith/Schabarum] Ratify the water purchase agreement between Centerville Water District and Bella Vista Water District and authorize the General Manager to proceed.

AYE: Nash, Schabarum, Smith, Walters **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** Bambino

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF SHASTA)

I, DAVID J. COXEY, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Bella Vista Water District, presented to the Board of Directors the minutes of the Meeting of April 28, 2025, for approval by the Board of Directors.



David J. Coxey, Secretary of the Board of Directors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SHASTA)

I, DAVID J. COXEY, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the aforementioned minutes attached hereto were approved by the Board of Directors of said District at their meeting of June 23, 2025.

Ayes: Bambino, Nash, Schabarum, Smith, and Walters

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0



David J. Coxey, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Date: June 24, 2025