

**BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**February 23, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Any member of the public may speak during Public Comment or may email public comments to [csar-tori@bvwd.org](mailto: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 - Frank Schabarum
- Director - Jim Smith
- Director - Ted Bambino
- Director - Jeff Thompson

**Board Members Absent:**

- Director - Bob Nash

**Officers and Staff Present:**

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

**Public:**

- Don Groundwater - Provost & Prichard Consulting Group

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1. Public Comment**

None

**2. Consent Calendar:**

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending January 2026

**M/S:** [Bambino/Smith] The Board approved and accepted the consent calendar as presented or amended.

We are an equal opportunity employer and provider.

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

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **3. Consider Adoption of Rate Study Findings and Recommendations, Calendar a Public Hearing, Authorize Customer Notification and Related Staff Actions**

Staff provided corrected rate study documents at the meeting. Copies were made available to the Board and public.

Rate Study Consultant Don Groundwater presented the Rate Study methodology, five-year cost projections, and supporting materials. General Manager David Coxey presented the Extraordinary Operations Maintenance Replacement (EOMR) 20-year projections, including planned funding placements for facilities, pipelines, vehicles, and equipment replacement. The consultant noted that certain operating costs, including laboratory services and chemicals, have increased at a weighted average that exceeds annual inflation and indexes such as the Consumer Price Index.

**M/S:** [Bambino/Smith] Adopt the rate model and schedule a public hearing at Shasta College at 5:30 p.m., April 27, 2026, to coincide with the date of the District's regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting; and authorize staff to prepare and mail the required notification of the public hearing and related staff actions.

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

#### **4. Authorize Mid-Year Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, EOMR 2024-2025**

Finance and Administration Manager Christy Sartori presented the requested Mid-Year Budget adjustments and the FY 2024–2025 Extraordinary Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement (EOMR) reserve true-up. Staff outlined revisions reflecting current-year actual activity and identified the fiscal impact of the proposed adjustments and confirmed that sufficient funding is available within existing budgeted resources to accommodate the requested Mid-Year Budget adjustments.

**M/S:** [Schabarum/Thompson] Authorize the Mid-year Budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

#### **5. Authorize California Office of Emergency Services Documents for Assistance**

- a. Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution**
- b. Project Assurances for Federal Assistance**
- c. Signature Authority**

General Manager David Coxe presented the requirement to submit specified Cal OES and FEMA compliance documents in order to maintain eligibility for reimbursement of storm-related damages under the declared disaster. Staff outlined the affected storm damage location and confirmed that emergency repairs and permitting efforts are underway.

**M/S:** [Bambino/Smith] Authorize the General Manger to execute the CalOES documents for assistance and related staff actions.

**AYE:** Schabaram, Smith, Bambino, Thompson; **NAY:** None; **ABSENT:** Nash

### **Reports and Communications**

#### **6. Water Supply and Production Report**

David Coxe presented an informational update on current water supply conditions, Central Valley Project allocations, groundwater production, and reservoir storage trends.

**M/S:** Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

#### **7. Projects and Developments Report**

Tom Zaharris presented an informational update on current District projects, capital improvements, development activity, and planning efforts that included a photo presentation of the 3MG Tank and Pump Station project to date.

**M/S:** Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

#### **8. Manager's Report**

David Coxe provided an informational report on staffing, operations, projects and maintenance activities, regulatory compliance, government relations, communications, community outreach, and upcoming calendar items.

**M/S:** Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

#### **9. Board Member's Comments and Reports**

Director Bambino provided an update regarding the Rodeo Grounds and potential facility upgrades.

Director Smith shared that his daughter and son-in-law attended an all-inclusive bull riding event at Arco Arena and had an enjoyable experience.

**M/S:** Discussion only. No Board action was taken.

#### **10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm.

