

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 23, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, March 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 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
Director	-	Bob Nash

Board Members Absent:

Director	-	None
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Officers and Staff Present:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	-	David Coxey
Finance and Administration Manager	-	Christy Sartori
Project Manager	-	Tom Zaharris
Engineering GIS Technician	-	Sam Alexander

Public:

Don Groundwater	-	Provost & Prichard Consulting Group
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **Public Comment**

None

2. **Consent Calendar:**

- 2-1 Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 2-2 Financial Reports for Month Ending February 2026

We are an equal opportunity employer and provider.

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

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

Old Business

None

New Business

3. Annual Summary of Will Serve Letter Commitments

Project Manager Tom Zaharris presented the Annual Summary of Will Serve Letter Commitments and stated the Engineering GIS Technician Sam Alexander prepared the list.

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

4. Annual Landowner Voting Review

Project Manager Tom Zaharris presented the Annual Summary landowner voting and stated the Engineering GIS Technician Sam Alexander prepared the list. 19,774 acres are AG and 13,905 acres are developed and devoted to non-agricultural purposes.

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

Director Thompson arrived at the meeting at 2:15 pm

5. Adopt Resolution 26-01 Authorizing Approval, Execution and Delivery of a Contract between the U.S. and the District Providing for the Repayment of Extraordinary Maintenance Costs for the Wintu Transformer Replacement Project.

General Manager David Coxey presented this item explaining the age and history of the transformers that is critical to the operation of the Wintu Pumping Plant. The Repayment Contract has been written to reflect either a status quo or Redding Electric Utility option pending a value engineering study to be conducted by Reclamation staff. Adoption of the Repayment Contract is necessary to include the project in Reclamation's 2026 project and design queue and allows Reclamation staff to assign costs and start work, beginning with a value engineering study.

M/S: [Bambino/Nash] Adopt Resolution 26-01 Approving the form and substance of the Repayment Contract; Authorizing and directing the President of the Board to execute the Repayment Contract; Authorizing the General Manager, or designee to take any and all actions necessary and appropriate; Acknowledging and agreeing to meet all repayment obligations required, subject to availability of legally appropriated funds and applicable laws, and taking effect immediately upon adoption.

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

The meeting was recessed at 2:42 p.m. to allow for execution and delivery of the contract between the United States of America and Bella Vista Water District.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:49 p.m.

6. Conservation As a California Way of Life Regulation

Project Manager Tom Zaharris presented the Conservation as a Way of Life Regulation pertaining to this item and stated that Engineering GIS Technician Sam Alexander has played a large role in helping develop the District's methodology and approach to compliance with the regulations. Bella Vista submitted and was approved for an outdoor Residential Agriculture Landscape Variance that increased the annual budget by 14,314,674 gallons/year.

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

7. Travel Request – Association of California Water Agencies Spring Conference

Director Bambino clarified that this item is for the Spring Conference.

M/S: [Bambino/Thompson] Authorize Director James Smith and the General Manager to attend these events to represent the District. Are there any other Directors that wish to attend the spring conference and exhibition?

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

8. Revise the Regular Board Meeting Date for May

David Coxey recommended rescheduling the regular meeting, which conflicts with Memorial Day, a District recognized holiday.

M/S: [Schabarum/Smith] Reschedule the regular Board meeting, if needed, from May 25, 2026, to May 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Reports and Communications

9. Water Supply and Production Report

David Coxey 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Board Member's Comments and Reports

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

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 4:57 pm to discuss the following item(s):

13. Closed Session - The Board met in a closed session pursuant to the Government Code sections noted to discuss the following:

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

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

President Schabarum reconvened to open session at 5:04 pm and announced that direction had been provided to the General Manager to negotiate price and terms for real property.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 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 March 23, 2026, 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 May 18, 2026.

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

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0



David J. Coxey, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Date: May 19, 2026