

BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 27, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at Shasta College, Room 1425, 11555 Old Oregon Trail, Redding, CA 96003 on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Any member of the public may speak during Public Comment or may email public comments to csartori@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
District's Attorney	-	John Kenny
Rate Study Consultant	-	Don Groundwater

Public:

Various members of the public were in attendance

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Public Comment

None

2. Public Hearing – Rate Study Findings and Recommendations and Possible Action for Rate Study Adjustments

We are an equal opportunity employer and provider.

a. Staff Presentation of Rate Study Findings and Recommendations

General Manager David Coxey presented the Rate Study findings, methodology, and recommendations to the Board and members of the public in attendance. The presentation included an overview of the cost-based rate study assumptions, projected revenues and expenses, and the offsets from non-operating revenue.

b. Board Member Questions for Staff Regarding Rates Presentation

Director Jeff Thompson asked what would happen in the event of a majority protest. David responded that revised rates could not be implemented in the event of a majority protest.

c. Open the Public Hearing Concerning Proposed Rate Adjustments to Accept Public Comments. If Speakers are protesting the proposed rates, they should state that and provide the address or Assessor's parcel number of the property for which they are protesting.

President Schabaraum opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

One speaker card was submitted in opposition by Mary J. Bowers. Mary voiced concerns regarding the handling of agricultural water within the District. Mike Hayatt was also present and voiced similar concerns.

Staff and Board Members then received a variety of questions and comments from the nine members of the public in attendance relating to agricultural water, water availability, and related District operations.

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

d. Close the Public Hearing

President Schabaraum closed the Public Hearing 6:09 p.m.

M/S: Public hearing was closed.

e. Staff Comment on Public Comment

Staff and Board Members responded to questions and comments from the public regarding agricultural water, Bureau of Reclamation regulations, groundwater production capacity, storage limitations, and potential impacts to customers and future development within the District.

General Manager David Coxey explained that the Bureau of Reclamation maintains separate contracts and rate structures for agricultural water and municipal and industrial (M&I) water, and that federal regulations govern the administration of agricultural water. Those wanting to receive agricultural water service can submit an application and business plan to the District. Eligibility for agricultural water service does not automatically transfer to subsequent landowners and those receiving agricultural service must remain in compliance with Reclamation requirements and be engaged in a com-

mercial agricultural endeavor. David also discussed the District's existing groundwater wells, operational limitations related to storage capacity, and the potential benefits of additional storage improvements associated with the 3 MG Tank and Pump Station Project.

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

f. Board Questions, Comments, Discussion

None

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

g. Tabulation of Protests

Christy Sartori, Finance and Administration Manager, reported that 217 written protest ballots were received and tabulated.

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

h. Determination by Board of Protest Sufficiency or Insufficiency

The Board determined that a majority protest did not exist, as 217 written protests were received and tabulated, which was less than the 3,769 valid protests required to constitute a majority protest. The Board then proceeded with consideration of the proposed action.

M/S: [Schabarum/Smith] The Board finds that a majority protest does not exist, as the number of valid written protests received is less than the required Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine (3,769) valid written protests necessary to constitute a majority protest.

i. Consideration and Action Regarding the Adoption of Resolution 26-2 Revised Rates

President Schabarum called for Consideration and Action Regarding the Adoption of Resolution 26-2 Revised Rates and motion.

M/S: [Smith/Bambino] The Board approved and accepted Resolution 26-02 as presented or amended.

3. Board Member's Comments and Reports

President Schabarum announced that the next Board meeting will be held at Bella Vista Water District Main office on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

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

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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David J. Coxey, Secretary of the Board of Directors

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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