BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Vista Water District convened at the District Office Boardroom on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 2:00 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	-	Bob Nash
Director	-	Jeff Thompson

Board Members Absent:

Director	-	None

Officers and Staff Present:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	-	David Coxey
Finance and Administration Manager	-	Christy Sartori
District Counsel	-	John Kenny

Public:

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **Public Comment**

None

2. Consent Calendar:

2-1 Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2026
2-2 Quarterly Investment Portfolio Month Ending March 2026
2-3 Financial Reports for Month Ending March 2026
2-4 Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2026
2-5 Financial Reports for Month Ending April 2026

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

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

Old Business

None

<u>New Business</u>

3. Ratify Revised Water Rates

Staff provided a report regarding a calculation error identified in the revised Fire Service Rates adopted through Resolution No. 26-02 following the Proposition 218 public hearing held on April 27, 2026. Staff reported that the corrected Fire Service Rates are lower than the rates approved through the noticed rate process and adopted resolution. As the correction resulted in a reduction to the approved rates, no additional noticing or public hearing was required. Staff further reported that the error was identified and corrected prior to implementation and before any customer billing occurred.

M/S: [Nash/Thompson] Ratify the Revised 2026 Rates and staff actions to bill customers at the revised and lower rate that is consistent with the intent and methodology of the Rates Study.

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

4. Bethel Church Proposed Revision for the Infrastructure Agreement

General Manager David Coxey stated that the Board had previously approved a one-time temporary fire service connection to allow Bethel to proceed with construction of Building C in order to meet City of Redding requirements. He noted that this accommodation was granted outside the terms of the existing Infrastructure Agreement between the District and Bethel.

David reported that Bethel is now requesting authorization for two additional fire service connections to support construction of Building A. He explained that the District currently lacks sufficient fire flow capacity within the Simpson Zone to support all four hydrants operating simultaneously prior to the construction and activation of the Simpson Pump Station. As a result, approval of the request could create capacity concerns within the zone until the pump station is completed and placed into service as outlined by the Infrastructure Agreement.

A discussion ensued and it was noted the District and Bethel have an Infrastructure Agreement in place. Since executing the agreement, the District has granted several good faith concessions that allowed Bethel to move forward with their project. Currently, the District has provided two hydrants against our policy and outside of the Infrastructure Agreement. Director Bambino stated his concerns that should an emergency occur, such as a fire and multiple hydrants are opened, the District's facilities cannot currently support that capacity in that zone and his concern for District liability.

Representatives from Bethel introduced themselves and were offered an opportunity to elaborate on the request for additional hydrants. District Counsel, John Kenny restated that the Infrastructure Agreement between the District and Bethel is in full force.

M/S: [Nash/Bambino] Deny the Request.

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

5. Authorize Wage Adjustment for Management Position: Water Treatment Superintendent

General Manager David Coxey reported that the applicant pool did not develop into a level considered a competitive recruitment. As a result, staff is recommending suspension of the current recruitment and a shift in focus toward the development of internal talent to meet the District's future operational and succession planning needs. An essential component to this revised direction is a salary adjustment for the position of Water Treatment Superintendent with a current T5 certification, ability to be the Operator of Record and proven management experience to supervise and manage operations, budget and staff.

M/S: [Nash/Bambino] Authorize the General Manager to implement a wage Adjustment for the Water Treatment Superintendent and Chief T5 Operator of Record, Tom Zaharris, to a salary level of $170,000 annually, effective beginning with first full pay period in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, in recognition of market conditions, operational necessity, succession planning leadership, and retention of critical institutional knowledge.

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

<u>Reports and Communications</u>

6. 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.

7. Projects and Developments Report

David Coxey presented an informational update on current District projects, capital improvements, development activity, and planning efforts that included a brief 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 Coxey 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 Smith reported on his attendance at the ACWA/JPIA 2026 Conference. He shared that he attended a session on artificial intelligence (AI) and noted that he believes the District could benefit from exploring opportunities to utilize AI technology to improve office operations and efficiency.

Director Schabarum commended Director Bambino for his leadership and contributions to the successful operation of the 2026 Redding Rodeo.

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

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 3:17 pm to discuss the following item(s):

10. Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 to confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation involving one case: *Bella Vista Water District v. Pacific Gas & Electric Company*, Shasta County Superior Court Case No. 24CV-0206201.

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

President Schabarum reconvened to open session at 3:38 pm and announced that the Board had received a report from District Counsel John Kenny and provided direction to Staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 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 May 18, 2026, for approval by the Board of Directors.

David J. Coxey, Secretary of the Board of Directors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
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 22, 2026.

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

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

David J. Coxey, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Date: June 23, 2026