

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Berrenda Mesa Water District was held on November 6, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at the Belridge Water Storage District's Administration and Operations Building as a joint meeting with Belridge Water Storage District and Lost Hills Water District.

CALL TO ORDER

The President, Rob Goff, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL

The following directors were present: Rob Goff; Robert E. Baker; and Alan Scroggs.

Directors Leon Elwell and Steve Jackson were not in attendance.

Also present were Dale Arthur; Kim Brown; Sharon Roden; Amer Hussein; Tim Gobler; Ted Page; Rob Yraceburu; Christin Faber; William D. Phillimore; Larry Starrh; Bernard Pugét; Mike Nordstrom; Monte Mitchell; Mary King; Kim Constant, Assistant Secretary; Gnell Babb, Controller; Oscar Mello, O & M Superintendent; Phil Nixon, Manger; and Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel. Dale Melville attended by telephone.

LEGAL COUNSEL

No report.

**ITEMS OF COMMON
INTEREST**

Rod Stiefvater and Danielle Duncan arrived at this point in the meeting.

Christin Faber left at this point in the meeting.

Westside District Water Authority: The General Manager reported on the following information pertaining to the WDWA's future administration: 1) background: a) the current General Manager, Phil Nixon, is retiring in May 2020, b) Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD) General Manager and Westside 5 lead for supplemental water purchases is close to retirement, c) Director William D. Phillimore, who has represented WDWA and DRWD on Sacramento water

policy has retired, d) KCWA General Manager has retired, e) KCWA has not adequately represented the Westside Districts, f) supplemental water purchases and water banking is a key part of landowners' water supply strategy, g) SGMA will reduce future supplemental water supplies and increase demand for supplemental water, and h) state regulations impacting landowners continue to increase requiring additional staff time and expense; 2) next steps: a) organize management to better influence decisions at both County and State levels, b) each District will retain individual identity with WDWA continuing to manage water allocations and expenditures consistent with individual District rules and policies, c) staff is recommending joint management and representation not a merger of Districts, d) the General Manager showed a comparison between the Westside Districts and DRWD's SWP contracts and Table A water and graphs showing SWP Water Supply to KCWA Member Units, SWP Contract Supply to State Water Contractors, and SWP contract supply to Westside District's and DRWD, e) consider adding DRWD to WDWA, f) DRWD participation impacts the search for the new General Manager, g) individual District action to authorize WDWA management of District operations, h) water allocations and expenditures managed consistent with individual District rules and policies, i) modify WDWA JPA as needed, j) Districts can withdraw from WDWA, k) staff would need to setup WDWA State and Federal IDs, bank accounts, accounting system, liability insurance, employee handbook, and payroll system employee benefits, l) initially move BWSD and LHWD employees and equipment to WDWA while BMWD resolves retirement plan; and 3) recommendations: a) include DRWD in WDWA, b) individual Districts take action authorizing WDWA management of District finances and operations consistent with individual District rules and policies, and c) authorize staff to set up WDWA State and Federal IDs, bank accounts, accounting system, liability insurance, employee handbook, payroll system, and employee benefits consistent with existing District programs. No actions taken.

Amendment and Restatement of Westside District Water Authority Joint Powers Authority Agreement to Add Dudley Ridge Water District as a Member Agency: This matter was tabled until more information is available.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

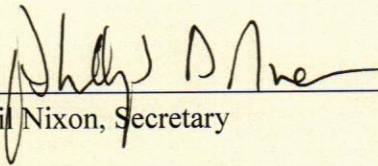
No public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

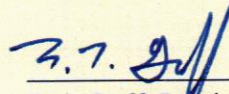
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Robert E. Baker, seconded by Alan Scroggs, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.



Phil Nixon, Secretary

ATTEST:



Rob Goff, President