

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT
JANUARY 13, 2022**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Berrenda Mesa Water District was held on January 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. by video conference and teleconference only.

CALL TO ORDER

President Goff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL

The following Directors attended by video conference and/or teleconference: Rob Goff, Leon Elwell, Alan Scroggs, and Mike Nordstrom.

The following Director was not present: Rob Baker.

Also attending by video conference and/or teleconference were: Sharon Roden; Morgan Mitchell; Jamie Marquez; Mary King; Steve Bottoms, O&M Superintendent; Kim Constant, Assistant Secretary; Gnell Sparks, Assistant Treasurer; Mark Gilkey, Manager; and Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel.

ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS

Following discussion, on motion of Alan Scroggs, seconded by Mike Nordstrom, and unanimously carried, the Board made the determination that, due to continuation of the Governor's Executive Order and imminent risk to health and safety, the Board will continue with the previous determination under Assembly Bill 361, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
 Alan Scroggs
 Mike Nordstrom
 Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rob Baker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Following discussion, on motion of Mike Nordstrom, seconded by Leon Elwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda, including Staff's recommendations, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Alan Scroggs
Mike Nordstrom
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rob Baker

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Gnell Sparks presented the following BMWD financial reports for Board approval:

Approval of Treasurer's Report: December 2021

Gnell Sparks presented the Treasurer's Report in the form attached as **Exhibit "A"**. Following discussion, on motion of Alan Scroggs, seconded by Leon Elwell, and unanimously carried, the report was approved and ordered filed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Alan Scroggs
Mike Nordstrom
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rob Baker

Approval of Warrants: Gnell Sparks presented the electronic payments and register of warrants for ratification attached as **Exhibit "B"** and the electronic payment and register of warrants for approval in the form attached as **Exhibit "C"** paid by the Westside Water Authority on behalf of the District, stating that there were in the described funds sufficient unencumbered monies to pay such warrants. Following discussion, on motion of Mike Nordstrom, seconded by Alan Scroggs, and unanimously carried, the warrants, were ratified and approved for payment on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Alan Scroggs
Mike Nordstrom
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rob Baker

Approval of Funds Transfer: Gnell Sparks presented the fund transfers from the District to Westside Water Authority to cover the warrants presented in Exhibit B and Exhibit C. Upon motion of Leon Elwell, seconded by Alan Scroggs, and unanimously carried, the fund transfers were ratified on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Alan Scroggs
Mike Nordstrom
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rob Baker

WATER SUPPLY, OPERATIONS, AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS

The Manager updated the Board on the following topics:

2022 State Water Supply and Conditions:

The initial 2022 SWP allocation is 0%. On December 1, 2021, Department of Water Resources (DWR) noticed the State Water Contractors that DWR will be allocating the initial 2022 State Water Project (SWP) available supplies on a basis that ensures the SWP long-term water supply contractors (Contractors) can meet their outstanding minimum human health and safety demands for water. DWR referenced Article 18(a) of the long-term water supply contract between DWR and each of the SWP Contractors. The initial 2022 SWP allocation is based on minimum unmet water demands to meet domestic supply, fire protection, and sanitation needs during the year minimum human health and safety demands for water.

Staff met with DWR management on January 5, 2022, and the SWC water Operation Committee met on January 6, 2022. DWR’s latest 2022 allocation announcement is as follows:

- 50% Exceedance, Moderate OMR Table A 2.425 MAF 58% Allocation
- 75% Exceedance, Moderate OMR Table A 1.076 MAF 26% Allocation
- 90% Exceedance, Moderate OMR Table A .556 MAF 13% Allocation

DWR’s 2022 Allocation Analysis includes updated storages but was based on the December 1, 2021, forecasts. DWR is working on an updated analysis including the January 1, 2022, forecasts. Staff would expect DWR to make an allocation announcement in January 2022.

The State share of San Luis Reservoir (SLR) was about .543 MAF and Oroville storage was about 1.494 MAF, as of January 10, 2022.

Starting in July 2021, the CVP portion of San Luis Reservoir was at zero and went negative. The Bureau asked to borrow what is needed for the CVP through the low point form DWR. DWR loaned water in San Luis Reservoir to the Bureau in July and August 2021. It was reported at a recent State Water Contractor meeting that the Bureau has now fully repaid the water owed to SWP in San Luis Reservoir.

Estimated 2021 Water Supply

The total estimated 2021 water supply from the following sources is as follows:

SUPPLY	BMWD	LHWD	BWSD	TOTAL
➤ Contract Water (0%)	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF
➤ 2020 Carryover (est)	19,853 AF	24,393 AF	20,265 AF	64,511 AF
➤ Pioneer/BMSG Rec Req	6,374 AF	2,190 AF	12,136 AF	20,700 AF
➤ KWB Recovery Requests	40,000 AF	36,000 AF	36,000 AF	112,000 AF
➤ WHWD (0%)	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF
➤ Landowner Transfers	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF

➤ Westside 5	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF	0 AF
➤ Total	66,227 AF	62,583 AF	68,401 AF	197,211 AF

District Water Deliveries: A summary of the District’s deliveries through December 31, 2021 was provided for review. No actions taken.

Operations & Maintenance: Steve Bottoms, O&M Superintendent, provided a report on general maintenance and repairs made to District facilities through December 2021.

Aqueduct Pump-Back Project: The Manager and Jeff Eklund presented the following information regarding the Aqueduct Pump-back Project (Project): 1) SWP update: the allocation remains at 0 percent, but recent storms have improved the estimated allocation in 2022; 2) update from the DWR Project meeting held January 5, 2022; 3) the ad hoc committee met: the committee recommended delaying the rebid until after Staff meets with DWR on January 25, 2022; 4) Project plan for rebid in late January 2022 if the project is needed; and 5) Staff recommended starting the process for a permanent structure.

Following discussion, the Board recommended Staff start discussions with DWR regarding the possibility of a permanent structure.

Multi Year Transfer and Draft Agreements with Participating Landowners

County of Butte Long Term Lease of a Portion of the County’s State Water Project Table A: Legal Counsel presented a landowner agreement for a long-term lease for Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, and Lost Hills Water District. This agreement allows landowners in each District to participate in the long-term agreements. Legal Counsel plans to create a standard form long-term agreement that each District will adopt. Once a standard form long-term agreement template is adopted, Legal Counsel recommended, each District would authorize the Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the District. For informational purposes only.

OTHER DISTRICT ISSUES

Solar Project: Morgan Mitchell reported on the following items regarding the District Solar Project: 1) solar arrays arrived ahead of schedule and installation began in December 2021; 2) construction could be completed as in March 2022; and 3) the project is estimated to be operational and producing power by the second quarter of 2022.

Proposed Strategic Planning Session: The Manager recommended the Board hold a strategic planning session to discuss priorities, roadblocks, and how to address issues moving forward. Staff

would like to hold a planning session in February 2022. The session will be 4 to 6 hours long and discussion will include the following: 1) develop a plan for the coming years; 2) review accomplishments to date and existing strategic goals and objectives; 3) determine if changes to strategic goals are needed; 4) review major issues to address and assess current coverage levels; 5) identify and discuss approaches to address major issues; 6) prioritize issues and align those issues to strategic goals; 7) define the action items and responsible party; 8) Staff recommended that the participants in the strategic planning session be the WWA Board; and 9) hire a facilitator.

Following discussion, the Board recommended Staff move forward with the proposed strategic planning session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NON AGENDIZED ITEMS

Sharon Roden stated that she has incurred higher than average losses through importing and exporting water.

Staff will review information and report back to the Board.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

No executive (closed) session.

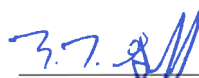
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the President asked for a motion for adjournment. Upon motion of Leon Elwell, seconded by Alan Scroggs, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.



Mark Gilkey, Secretary

ATTEST:



Rob Goff, President