

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL  
MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
WESTSIDE WATER AUTHORITY

Held January 12, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside Water Authority was held on January 12, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. by video conference and teleconference only.

CALL TO ORDER )  
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Chairman Rob Yraceburu called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL )  
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The following directors attended by video conference and/or teleconference: Rob Yraceburu; Alan Scroggs; Rob Goff; Mike Nordstrom; Rod Stiefvater; Bernard Pugét; and Kim Brown, Alternate Director.

The following director was not in attendance: John Vidovich.

Also attending by video conference and/or teleconference were: Cody Tolbert; Don Elholm; Jeff Eklund; Leta Spencer; Brian Hauss; Audrey Arnao; Travis Millwee; Dale Melville; Justin Rowe; Jamie Marquez; Gnell Sparks, Assistant Treasurer; Kim Constant, Assistant Secretary; Mark Gilkey, Executive Director; and Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel.

ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE )  
TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS )  
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Following discussion, on motion of Mike Nordstrom, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, 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 determinations under Assembly Bill 361, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu  
Bernard Pugét  
Rob Goff

Mike Nordstrom  
Alan Scroggs  
Rod Stiefvater  
Kim Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Vidovich

APPROVAL OF AGENDA )  
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Following discussion, on motion of Kim Brown, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu  
Bernard Pugét  
Rob Goff  
Mike Nordstrom  
Alan Scroggs  
Rod Stiefvater  
Kim Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Vidovich

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

AYES: Rob Yraceburu  
Bernard Pugét  
Rob Goff  
Mike Nordstrom

Alan Scroggs  
Rod Stiefvater  
Kim Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Vidovich

**Approval of Warrants:** Gnell Sparks presented the register of warrants for ratification and approval attached as **Exhibit “B”** and **Exhibit “C”**, respectively, stating that there were, in the described funds, sufficient unencumbered monies to pay such warrants. Following discussion, on motion of Rob Goff, seconded by Mike Nordstrom, payment of warrants attached as **Exhibit “B”** and **Exhibit “C”**, were approved for ratification and payment on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu  
Bernard Pugét  
Rob Goff  
Mike Nordstrom  
Alan Scroggs  
Rod Stiefvater  
Kim Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Vidovich

WATER SUPPLY AND OPERATIONS )  
REPORTS )  
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The Executive Director 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) notified 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 from 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.

John Vidovich arrived at this point in the meeting.

**Estimated 2021 Water Supply**

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

<b>SUPPLY</b>	<b>BMWD</b>	<b>LHWD</b>	<b>BWSD</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
➤ 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
➤ <b>Total</b>	<b>66,227 AF</b>	<b>62,583 AF</b>	<b>68,401 AF</b>	<b>197,211 AF</b>

**Aqueduct Pump-back Project:** The Executive Director 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 Chairman recommended Staff start discussions with DWR regarding the possibility of a permanent structure.

**Multi Year Transfers and Draft Agreement 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 General Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the District. For informational purposes only.

OTHER AUTHORITY ISSUES )  
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Nader Malakan arrived at this point in the meeting.

**Proposed Strategic Planning Session:** The Executive Director 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, on motion of John Vidovich, seconded by Rob Goff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Executive Director's recommendation to hold a strategic planning session on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu  
Bernard Pugét  
Rob Goff  
Mike Nordstrom  
Alan Scroggs  
Rod Stiefvater  
John Vidovich

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION )  
NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS )  
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No public participation.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION )  
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The President directed that the Board move into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation and existing litigation. Legal Counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.8, 54956.9(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors, the Executive Director, Legal Counsel, Kim Constant, and Kim Brown, thereupon retired from the meeting.

Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public. Legal Counsel advised that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT )  
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of John Vidovich, seconded by Mike Nordstrom, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

  
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Alan Scroggs  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

  
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APPROVED:  
Rob Yraceburu  
Chairman