

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

Held November 3, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside Water Authority was held on November 3, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. in-person at the Belridge Water Storage District Administration Office, and by video conference and teleconference.

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 were present: Rob Yraceburu, Alan Scroggs, Rob Goff, Mike Nordstrom, Rod Stiefvater, and Bernard Pugét.

The following director attended by video conference and/or phone teleconference: John Vidovich.

Also present were: Jeff Eklund; Kim Brown; Don Elholm; Morgan Mitchell; Jamie Marquez; Oscar Mello; Gnell Sparks, Assistant Treasurer; Kim Constant, Assistant Secretary; Mark Gilkey, Executive Director; and Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel.

Also attending by video conference and/or teleconference were: Doug Anderson; Adam Salwasser; Leta Spencer; Audrey Arnao; Justin Rowe; Alan Becker; Dale Melville; Brian Hauss; Andrew Edstrom; and Tami Pensinger.

ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE )  
TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS )  
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Following discussion, on motion of Mike Nordstrom, seconded by Alan Scroggs, 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 teleconferencing determinations under Assembly Bill 361, 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA )  
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Following discussion, on motion of Rob Goff, seconded by Mike Nordstrom, 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  
John Vidovich

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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 Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the report was approved and ordered filed 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

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

**Audit Activities:** Gnell Sparks reported that the 2020 Audit will be presented at the next regular Board meeting. No actions taken.

**2022 Budget:** This item was discussed later in the meeting.

WATER SUPPLY AND OPERATIONS )  
REPORTS )  
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The Executive Director updated the Board on the following topics:

**2021 State Water Supply and Conditions:**

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 (5%)	4,630 AF	5,956 AF	6,075 AF	16,661 AF
➤ 2020 Carryover (est)	21,573 AF	28,189 AF	29,076 AF	78,838 AF
➤ DYTP (est)	524 AF	673 AF	687 AF	1,884 AF
➤ Yuba (est)	1,425 AF	1,833 AF	1,869 AF	5,127 AF
➤ Pioneer/BMSG Rec Req	29,154 AF	17,970 AF	18,182 AF	65,306 AF
➤ KWB Recovery Requests	40,000 AF	36,000 AF	36,000 AF	112,000 AF
➤ Landowner Transfers	7,893 AF	8,375 AF	8,175 AF	24,443 AF
➤ Westside 5	8,201 AF	11,749 AF	8,864 AF	28,814 AF
➤ <b>Total</b>	<b>113,400 AF</b>	<b>110,745 AF</b>	<b>108,928 AF</b>	<b>333,073 AF</b>

**2021 Water Supplies:** The 2021 SWP allocation remains at 5 percent.

Delta inflows increased significantly from the recent precipitation event and SWP exports increased last week. Upstream storage at Oroville increased a couple hundred acre-feet with lesser increases at Folsom. Even with the increased storage at Oroville, it is still more than a half-million acre-feet below this time last year.

State Water Project Reservoir levels and exports are as follows:

- Oroville Storage 982,263 AF

➤ San Luis Reservoir State Storage	257,785 AF
➤ San Luis Reservoir Bureau Storage	44,457 AF
➤ Banks Pumping Plant DWR	13,709 AF
➤ Tracy Pumping Plant USBR	7,633 AF

In July 2021, the CVP portion of San Luis Reservoir was at zero and actually went negative. The Bureau asked to borrow what is needed for the CVP through low point from DWR. DWR loaned 50,000 acre-feet in San Luis Reservoir to the Bureau on July 15, 2021. It was reported at the last SWC Water Operations call that DWR loaned another 25,000 acre-feet per day for two days toward the end of August 2021. DWR is allowing incremental borrowing to ensure payback of the water by year end. Payback will likely be repaid sooner than expected due to recent storm events.

DWR is continuing to operate in drought conditions and even with recent storm activities, drought actions are planned for early spring. DWR's planned emergency actions include a Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) for December 2021 to take effect by February 2022. The TUCP includes a delay of drought salinity barrier removal and Feather River watershed forecast improvements.

**2021 Supplemental Water:** District staff continues to participate in the Westside 5 group to secure supplemental water supplies for 2022. District staff is also continuing to work with the Kern County Water Agency to secure additional supplies, typically including Dry Year Transfer Program (DYTP) and Yuba water, among others.

Estimated water supplies from DYTP and Yuba are listed above. CYTP and Yuba water can be carried over into 2022, subject to SLR storage capacity.

**Multi Year Transfers and Draft Agreement with Participating Landowners:** Legal Counsel reported that a draft multi-year agreement has been prepared. Staff will distribute the multi-year agreement to participants in the Palmdale and Mojave multi-year programs. Staff will request comments regarding the multi-year agreement. Legal Counsel will use those comments to finalize a template multi-year transfer agreement to be approved by the individual District's Boards.

**Aqueduct Pump-back Project:** The Executive Director and Jeff Eklund presented the following information regarding the Aqueduct Pump-back Project (Project): 1) key factors if bid is delayed; 2) the Project will start at the intersection of the CVC and CA Aqueduct; 3) check structure locations for the Project facilities; 4) the CA Aqueduct Project design; 5) cost split recommendations; 6) Project timeline; 7) Project implementation risks: water-flow, Project operations, and other water related issues; and 8) DWR reported that the project may not be needed and recommended Staff delay the bid.

Following discussion, the Chairman recommended Staff present the billing allocation and landowner agreement information to the individual District Boards for approval and to delay bid decision until November 26, 2021.

STATE WATER PROJECT )  
("SWP") ISSUES )  
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The Executive Director updated the Board on the following topics:

**Contract Extension:** The Executive Director reported on the following items regarding the contract extension: 1) Staff continues to work on getting addition data; and 2) the Central Coast Water Agency Board approved an option to sell bonds due to uncertainty of the contract extension implementation.

Staff is waiting for more information.

**Delta Conveyance Facility:** The Executive Director reported that an administrative draft is expected to be distributed in 2022.

OTHER AUTHORITY ISSUES )  
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**2022 Draft Meeting Schedule:** The Executive Director presented a draft 2022 meeting schedule for informational purposes only.

**Ad Hoc Committee for Employee Salary Adjustments:** The Chairman reported that it would be appropriate to appoint an ad-hoc committee to consider employee salary adjustments for 2022. The Executive Director reported that it would be appropriate to create one ad hoc committee to review the 2022 Budget, review employee structure and consider employee salary adjustments for 2022 and recommendation to the Board. After discussion, the president appointed Kim Brown, Alan Scroggs, and Mike Nordstrom to the ad hoc committee.

REPORT OF COUNSEL )  
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**Legislative Update:** No report.

**Litigation Update:** No report.

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), 54956.9(d)(4), and 54957. All persons other than the Directors, the Executive Director, Legal Counsel, Gnell Sparks, Kim Constant, 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 Alan Scroggs, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.



Alan Scroggs  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:  
Rob Yraceburu  
Chairman

