



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

*The Board of Directors of Butte Water District
Held December 12, 2024 at 10:00am*

CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Charlie Etcheverry. The following Board members were present: Pete Righero, Dale Smith, and Pete Waller. Director Pantaleoni was absent. Also present were Manager Donnie Stinnett and Office Manager Shelly Davis.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Visitors: Susan Schohr

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Director Righero, seconded by Director Waller, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meetings held on November 7 and November 25, 2024.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

A motion was made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Righero, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve paying of the bills and to make the necessary transfers.

APPROVE COST OF SERVICE REPORT & RECEIVE DIRECTION TO START THE FORMAL PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS:

A motion was made by Director Righero, seconded by Director Smith, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve the Cost of Service report and receive direction to start the formal proposition 218 process with notices to be postmarked on or after January 1, 2025.

(CLOSED SESSION): CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS; BWD AND ITS GENERAL COUNSEL OF RECORD REGARDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A POTENTIAL 2024 WATER TRANSFER WITH ALL POTENTIAL BUYERS IN 2024, INCLUDING CONTRACTORS FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT AND STATE WATER PROJECT, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. (GOV.CODE SECTION 54956.8)

Closed Session Entered: 10:22am

(CLOSED SESSION): CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL; ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. INITIATION OF LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF SUBDIVISION (D) OF SECTION 54956.9. ONE CASE.

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Closed Session Ended: 11:01am

Direction given to counsel and staff.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT ANALYSIS AND OPTION FOR PURCHASE OF AVAILABLE TRANSFER WATER BETWEEN BUTTE WATER DISTRICT AND SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT:

A motion was made by Director Waller, seconded by Director Righero, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to authorize General Manager to sign Agreement to Conduct Environmental Analysis and option for purchase of available transfer water between Butte Water District and Santa Clara Valley Water District pending approval by legal counsel and General Manager of CEQA indemnity letter being provided by Santa Clara Valley Water District; and signed final agreement by Santa Clara Valley Water District.

DISCUSS & CONSIDER ANY CHANGE IN PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/MANAGER COMPENSATION:

The Board gave a merit bonus to the District employees as follows: Office Manager - \$11,000; System Operators and Equipment Operator - \$6,000 each. The Board also approved a 5% increase to their base salaries.

SGMA REPORT:

Manager Stinnett gave an update on SGMA to the Board. BWD hosted a meeting for the Feather River GSP's to review and discuss the preliminary evaluation of GSP groundwater coordination. Annual reports for the Butte and Sutter Subbasin are being completed.

MANAGER'S REPORT/JOINT BOARD REPORT:

Manager Stinnett reported to the board on the Joint meeting. At the next meeting the board will agendaize discussing the funding agreement for the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes program. Manager Stinnett noted he has talked with all the growers on the Chandon Lateral about potentially shutting water off earlier than normal to prepare for the major maintenance projects planned. The French Avenue property is being worked on to prepare ground for the new shop.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 11:44am

Charlie Etcheverry, President

Donnie Stinnett, Secretary-Manager