

## **Bolinas Community Public Utility District**

**A Special Meeting Of The Board Of Directors**

**December 6, 2021 270 Elm Road, Bolinas**

**In compliance with local and state shelter-in-place orders, and as allowed by the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), the BCPUD did not offer an in-person meeting location for the public to attend this meeting. The meeting was conducted by the BCPUD Board, staff and public via Zoom.**

**1. Call to Order.**

1:00 p.m.

**2. Roll.**

Directors Comstock, Siedman, Smith, and Walker present, director Godino absent; president Siedman presiding.

**3. Community Expression.**

None.

**4. Proposal from Stetson Engineers, Inc. to Provide Assistance to the BCPUD with regard to Two Applications for Grant Funding to the Department of Water Resources’ Small Community Drought Relief Program: (1) emergency groundwater well projects and (2) water main replacement projects.**

Staff presented a proposal from Stetson Engineers to assist the BCPUD with the development and submittal of two grant applications to the California Department of Water Resource (“DWR”)’s Small Community Drought Relief Program at a cost of \$10,000. One application will be for funds to install the treatment facilities and related infrastructure needed for the emergency groundwater well projects, and a second application will be for funds to replace the 2-inch steel pipeline on the Mesa, which is in poor condition and prone to leaking. The DWR program is specifically applicable to small water systems like the BCPUD’s, and specifically to fund projects designed to respond to drought conditions. It is a non-competitive program, which means the funds are disbursed on a “first come, first served” basis, so time is of the essence. Staff noted that while the district is in a better position in terms of water supply right now than it was at this time last year, the remainder of the rainy season is uncertain and staff strongly recommends pushing ahead with the well projects in particular to bolster and diversify the district’s water supply. In addition, the replacement of the old and deteriorating steel pipeline is very important and prioritized in the district’s Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Allan Richards of Stetson Engineers recommends the district submit separate grant applications for these projects; he cautions that applying for grant funds is not a guarantee of success, but the district will be able to submit compelling applications. Directors requested that staff explore whether any of the other projects on the district’s Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan also could be candidates for grant funding; staff agreed to do so, but noted that this particular program is narrowly focused on drought relief projects.

K. Walker/D. Smith four in favor, director Godino absent approving the proposal from Stetson Engineers to provide assistance to the BCPUD with regard to two applications for grant funding to the Department of Water Resources’ Small Community Drought Relief Program, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$10,000.

**5. Adjournment.**

1:11 p.m.