



## COUNTY WATER DISTRICT OF BILLINGS HEIGHTS

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 4th, 2023 at 10:00 AM

County Water District of Billings Heights 1540 Popelka Dr., Board room

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** President Ming Cabrera called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Board Members present:** David Graves, Tom Zurbuchen, Laura Drager, Ming Cabrera

**Staff Members present:** Peyton Brookshire, Josh Simpson, and Jenn Burnside

**Also present:** Doug Kary, Butch Bailey, Mike Macki, Pam Ellis, and Evelyn Pyburn (YCN)

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** Read by David Graves

During the course of the meeting the Public may be heard before a vote is cast by the Board. The President will acknowledge the Public once the motion has been made and discussed by the Board for their input. The President will recognize speakers who raise their hand. Once recognized, the speaker should move to the side of the board table so comments can be heard, identify themselves by name, and limit their comments to two minutes. Each speaker will have one opportunity to speak on any agenda item. Once the public comment period is over the public may not provide further comment or ask additional questions during remainder of the agenda item discussion, unless specifically requested by the chair or presiding officer of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** on Non-Public Hearing Agenda Items: Read by David Graves

- A. Any member of the public may be heard on any subject that is not on the agenda;
- B. The board will not take action on these items at this time but may choose to add the item to the agenda for the next scheduled board meeting.

### SPECIAL AGENDA:

1. Recommendation to accept or dispute the City of Billings Resale Rate increase proposed for FY 2025.

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### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura said Brandon is out of state and unable to be present.

Recommendation to accept or dispute the City's of Billings resale rate for the fiscal year 2025.

Ming recommends that we do not accept the billings resale rate proposal rate for the fiscal year 2025. So that we can finish the agenda to give us 45 days to respond.

The proposal includes a 49% increase in rates.

There was a meeting with Raftelis and they felt that at this time we can not accept that 49% increase.

Ming makes a motion to dispute the resale rate at 49% Laura Seconds. All approved

Public comment:

Pam said that the public has no information about the information that was received from Raftelis. The 48.8% the board has known about for over a year. The only reason it is as low as it is, is because the City changed its plan. This is the City's best guess as of right now.

Butch ask if we are already paying for the "play pin" on the west-end.

Laura said there is a separate line item that shows the west-end reservoir.

The meeting Adjourned at 10:08 AM

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**Recording Secretary, Jennifer  
Burnside**

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**Board President, Ming Cabrera**