



## Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

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### **Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District slashes cost of water line replacement**

At the Regular Meeting of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Board of Directors, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee David Hoffman reported that the District saved its ratepayers a total of approximately \$368,000 in conjunction with the 8<sup>th</sup> Street water line replacements and paving project, a joint project with the City of Beaumont.

The District Board of Directors and Staff have made concerted efforts to work more closely with County and City departments when considering infrastructure improvements. Gone are the days when residents might see their freshly-paved streets torn up just weeks later due to pipeline work. Now, District and City staff meet to discuss upcoming projects and how best to minimize impact on residents and maximize value of ongoing public improvement projects that are coordinated to ensure maximum value for funds expended.

City of Beaumont Staff identified a 2018 paving project for 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Xenia Avenue. BCVWD and the City coordinated that project to include replacement of water service lines located under 8<sup>th</sup> Street which needed replacement due to age and leaks. Initially, the District coordinated a joint venture project with the City to replace the affected water services, however, the City's Bid Schedule for the water line replacement portion of the project was \$520,000.

District Staff analyzed the contractor bids received by the City, and with support from the Board of Directors identified an alternative approach consisting of a hybrid construction methodology using contracted as well as in-house labor and materials for a significant portion of the work that was completed for \$152,000, for a net savings of approximately \$368,000 to the rate payers of the District.



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District personnel, with full support of the Board of Directors, worked side-by-side with the final selected contractor to complete the project at a reasonable cost to the ratepayers and the partnership resulted in tremendous savings of approximately \$368,000 to the community.

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*Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District was formed in 1919 and is governed by a publicly-elected five member Board of Directors. BCVWD is an independent special district that provides water service to 51,400 customers in a 28 square mile service area. Board members are:*

*Division 1: **Andy Ramirez**, Vice President. Director Ramirez was elected in 2016. He is a member of the Personnel Committee. He has more than 10 years' experience with infrastructure in both the public and private sector.*

*Division 2: **Claudeen Diaz**. Director Diaz was appointed to the Board in April 2017 and serves as Secretary of the Board. She has more than 20 years' experience in the water industry and is a member of the Finance and Audit Committee.*

*Division 3: **Daniel Slawson**. Director Slawson was elected to the Board in 2012.*

*Division 4: **John Covington**, President. Mr. Covington was elected in 2014 and has also served as Treasurer. He is the chair of the Personnel Committee. Mr. Covington began his water career at BCVWD in 2000 as a Water Distribution System Operator / Supervisor and has advanced to manage the Morongo Band of Mission Indians Water and Wastewater Department. He has more than 30 years' experience in the industry.*

*Division 5: **David Hoffman**, Treasurer. Elected to the Board in 2014, Director Hoffman has been a local businessman since 1982. He chairs the Finance and Audit Committee.*