

# **BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT** MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223 Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

# Call to Order, President Ross

President Ross began the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

# Pledge of Allegiance, Director Slawson

Director Slawson led the pledge.

# **Invocation, Director Hoffman**

Director Hoffman led the invocation.

#### Roll Call

Present at the meeting were President Ross, Directors Cottrell, Slawson, Covington and Hoffman. Legal Counsel: James Markman. District Staff: General Manager: Eric Fraser, Director of Operations: Anthony Lara, Director of Engineering: Dan Jaggers and Director of Finance and Administrative Services: Yolanda Rodriguez.

Public who registered their attendance were John Jeter, Lloyd White, Fran Flanders, Patsy Reeley, Barbara Brown, MaryAnn Melleby and Joe McClure.

#### **Public Comment**

No public comment was received at this time.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### 1. Adjustments to the Agenda

General Manager Fraser advised the Board that there were no changes to the Agenda.

- 2. Consent Calendar: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board of Directors to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board considers the motion unless members of the Board, the administrative staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.
  - a. January 2015 Budget Variance Report Review\*\* (pages 3-7)
  - b. January 31st, 2015 Cash/Investment Balance Report\*\* (page 8)
  - c. February 2015 Check Register Review\*\* (pages 9-19)

  - d. February 2015 Invoices Pending Approval\*\* (pages 20-23)
    e. Minutes of the Special Meeting February 11th, 2015\*\* (page 24-25)
  - f. Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 11th, 2015\*\* (pages 26-29)

Director Covington requested item 2e and 2f be pulled for discussion.

Director Slawson motioned to approve items 2a through 2d of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by President Ross and passed 5-0.

Director Covington requested that item 2e, on page 24 of the roll call be amended to clarify he was present via teleconference for the closed session, but was not present during the public input comment portion of the meeting and would abstain from those items.

Director Slawson motioned to approve items 2e and 2f of the Consent Calendar as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Cottrell and passed 4-0 with Director Covington abstaining.

3. Consideration of Request for "Will Serve Letter" for Existing Commercial Building Located at 611 Luis Estrada Road (Riverside County Assessor's Parcel No. 417-030-003)\*\* (pages 30-31)

General Manager Fraser explained the current situation for the Will Serve Letter, which is for two commercial buildings in the same location that are serviced by one water meter which were previously owned by the same owner. One of the parcels has recently been sold and the new owner is requesting separate service for his specific business.

After discussion, Director Slawson motioned to approve the Will Serve Letter as stated. The motion was seconded by Director Cottrell and passed 5-0.

# 4. Reports For Discussion

a. Ad Hoc Committees

No reports were made

b. General Manager

General Manager Fraser gave an update on the current reservoir conditions, some of which are at 70% of the historic average for this time of the year, which is an improvement in the supply of water despite continued drought conditions. He further explained the Department of Water Resources decision to increase the State Project Water Allocation to 20%, which should make 3,460 acre feet of water available through the Pass Agency. He also explained that we are still waiting for a response from the San Gorgonio Water Pass Agency on how they are going to address the District's order of 12,000 acre feet of replenishment deliveries. The order consists of 8,000 acre feet for this year and 4,000 acre feet not delivered last year.

General Manager Fraser presented the Emergency Regulations from the State Water Resource Control Board which was meeting to discuss extending the drought restrictions imposed last year. He explained the extension of last year's drought restrictions and the new provisions of water restrictions for this year. He expressed his concern regarding the Agency's use of the Emergency Drought Regulation and continued added provisions without giving the Water Districts enough time to vet their concerns, thereby applying a one size fits all approach. He discussed shared concerns of Water Districts in the south who have invested millions of dollars in drought management strategies and water facilities while some districts in the north have not, yet legislation continues to use the one size fits all approach with no recognition to efforts made by districts in the south. General Manager Fraser shared that he is waiting on the final ruling and would present the Board with any amendments to our rules and regulations as needed.

General Manager Fraser discussed the preliminary results of the Chromium 6 testing on the wells. He stated the results show the deeper you go in the well, the higher the levels of Chromium 6. He will be presenting a proposed solution at the next meeting.

# c. Directors Reports

Director Covington inquired about any wells that were out of service. Director of Engineering Jaggers explained that currently there are two wells out of service that are relatively low producers of water and Staff is working on the bid specifications for repairs.

President Ross reported that he attended the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance meeting at the end of February and it was his first meeting as an official representing the District.

## d. Legal Counsel Report

No reports were made.

#### 5. Announcements

- Watermaster meeting, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Board meeting, April 8th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

President Ross made the announcements above.

### 6. Action List for Future Meetings

- Schedule a workshop to discuss the landscape for the Noble Creek Recharge Phase II Project with the public
- Update the Board on Infosend after one year
- Solar System Update
- Grand Avenue Storm Water Capture Project

President Ross made the announcements above.

# 7. Adjournment

President Ross adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Attest:

Director Ken Ross, President of the Board of Directors of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Director Daniel Slawson, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

\*\* Information included in the agenda packet