



**BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
AGENDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Wednesday, November 9th, 2016
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order, President Cottrell

President Cottrell began the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, President Cottrell

President Cottrell led the pledge.

Invocation, Director Douglass

Director Douglass led the invocation.

Roll Call

Present at the meeting were by roll call: Director Covington, Hoffman, President Cottrell, Director Slawson and Director Douglass. Legal Counsel: James Markman. District Staff: General Manager: Eric Fraser, Director of Engineering: Dan Jagers and Director of Operations: Anthony Lara.

Public who registered their attendance were John Jeter, Andy Ramirez and Mark Orozco.

Public Comment

Mr. Andy Ramirez, Board member elect to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, introduced himself and shared he was looking forward to joining our dynamic team, and he also thanked President Cottrell for his service.

Mr. Mark Orozco, City of Beaumont councilman, thanked the Board members for being part of the recent City of Beaumont's joint meeting regarding the Review Wastewater Feasibility Study for Salt Mitigation and Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Options. Mr. Orozco gave a brief update and stated that the City of Beaumont has decided to keep the waste water treatment facility option and shared that the City of Beaumont will be seeking funding. Mr. Orozco also shared that he looks forward in working together with BCVWD, but lacks confidence in working together with the BCVWD's General Manager.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adjustments to the Agenda

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. September 2016 Budget Variance Report Review** (pages 4-8)
- b. September 30th, 2016 Cash/Investment Balance Report** (page 9)
- c. October 2016 Check Register Review**(pages 10-20)
- d. October 2016 Invoices Pending Approval**(pages 21-22)
- e. Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 12th, 2016**(pages 23-28)
- f. Minutes of the Special Meeting October 12th, 2016**(pages 29)

Director Covington motioned to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Hoffman and passed 5-0.

3. Propose Engineering Workshop for the BCVWD Board of Directors (pages 30)**

General Manager Fraser gave an overview of the request made by Director Covington of creating an Engineering workshop to meet on a bi-monthly basis. General Manager Fraser also shared with the Board of Directors the potential increase in the Director's Fees expense budget.

Director Covington shared that he is in support of an Engineering Workshop, in which the Board and the public would have the opportunity to discuss in more detail items that will be going to the Regular Board meeting. He expressed that it would give the Board and the public more time to get further educated on such items. He recommended bi-monthly meetings.

After discussion, Director Covington motioned to establish a bi-monthly Engineering Workshop to begin in February 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. The motion was seconded by Director Douglass and passed 4-0 with President Cottrell abstaining.

4. Participation in the San Geronio Integrated Regional Water Management Region Stakeholder Advisory Committee. (pages 31-51)**

Director Slawson gave a brief overview of BCVWD being a stakeholder in the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP). He shared that there will be no financial commitment from BCVWD and the District can withdraw from being a participant at any time.

Blair Ball, Director of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency, shared that the group of people trying to form the IRWMP have submitted their application to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), however, the DWR has come back and asked the group to obtain support from neighboring agencies.

After discussion, Director Slawson motioned to participate as a stakeholder to IRWMP. The motion was seconded by Director Covington and passed 4-0 with President Cottrell abstaining.

5. BCVWD Sites Reservoir Project Participation JPA Counter Proposal. (pages 52-62)**

General Manager Fraser gave an overview of the BCVWD Sites Reservoir participation and shared that staff proposes a counter proposal which provides for BCVWD to participate in Class 1 Water of 4,000 AF, which would be exclusively

ried to the BCVWD. He stated this would leave 3,966 AF of Class 1 water available to the SGPWA. Furthermore, he shared that the Class 2 water opportunity in the amount of 6,034 AF could be considered at a future date, subject to those shares becoming available.

After discussion, Director Covington motioned to counter propose for the 4,000 AF of Class 1 Water with the additional condition to participate in the Class 2 Water when available. Motion was seconded by Director Hoffman and passed 4-0 with President Cottrell abstaining.

6. Consideration of Request for Water Service and associated “Will Serve Letter” for Residence located at 38668 Florence Avenue (Riverside County Assessor’s Parcel No. 414-051-009).**(pages 63-65)

General Manager Fraser gave an overview of the water service request and explained that currently parcel 414-051-009 at 38668 Florence Avenue is associated with a second parcel located at 38662 Florence Ave., which currently has one existing water service from the District that provides water services to both properties. He explained to be in compliance with the District’s Rules and Regulations, staff is recommending that the “Will Serve Letter” and water service request be approved to rectify the existing condition and install a new water service for 38668 Florence Ave.

After discussion, Director Slawson motioned to approve the Request for Water Service and the associated “Will Serve Letter”. The motion was seconded by Director Covington and passed 4-0 with President Cottrell abstaining.

7. Consideration of Authorization of General Manager to Execute an Agreement with the San Geronio Pass Water Agency to Upgrade the District’s Existing East Branch Extension Turnout Capacity from 20 Cubic-Feet-per-Second to 34 Cubic-Feet-per-Second.**(pages 66-76)

General Manager Fraser gave an overview of staff’s desire to move forward with an agreement with the SGPWA to upgrade the District’s existing East Branch Extension Turnout capacity from 20 cubic-feet-per-second to 34 cubic-feet-per-second, for an amount not to exceed \$243,000, which contains a 20% contingency. Additionally, he shared that it is staff’s desire to move forward as quickly as possible with the agreement and the upgrades of the pipe, so that the District won’t continue to lose opportunities to recharge water to the Beaumont Basin.

Counsel Markman shared that he will be working with the SGPWA’s legal counsel regarding the required SGPWA new service application and its return flows verbiage.

General Manager Fraser shared his concerns in protecting the interest of the rate payers of the District by not giving up return flows.

After discussion, Director Slawson motioned to approve the General Manager to execute an agreement with the SGPWA, not to exceed \$243,000. The motion was seconded by Director Hoffman and passed 4-0, with President Cottrell abstaining.

8. Reports For Discussion

a. Ad Hoc Committees

No reports were made.

b. General Manager

General Manager Fraser gave a PowerPoint presentation to share with the Board the latest technology he learned while attending the American Water Works Association (AWWA), California-Nevada Section Fall Conference. He shared that the conference was very informative regarding the latest technologies in the industry, one of these technologies is the use of Stannous Chloride for the treatment of Chromium 6. He explained that studies have shown that Stannous Chloride could reduce the Chromium 6 to Chromium 3. He stated another water district is in the pilot study stage, and shared that he would also like to do a pilot study on Well 26, which water is already going into the non-potable water system because of the Chromium 6 levels. He shared this is exciting because if it works for our Well, it can potentially save hundreds of dollars.

General Manager Fraser shared he also attended a presentation on the phenomena of Atmospheric Rivers. He explained that an Atmospheric River is a narrow band of very humid air that originates in the tropics and gets channeled to different segments of the country and when this occurs it can drop a substantial amount of rain in a very short period of time. He explained that reservoirs are managed by the Department of Water Resources, which provides dual function: to provide water supply storage for the state and provide flood control space. He went on to share that the University of California San Diego and the Army Corps of Engineers are researching better ways to anticipate rain fall using the Atmospheric River phenomena, which can help with flood control management. This will help in determining when to drop water levels in the reservoirs and help retain some of the water for the future.

General Manager Fraser gave an update on the District, stating that the District is taking approximately 15 million gallons of water per day at Phase I & Phase II. He stated 5 of the 14 ponds are in operation, and staff is doing a good job of rotating the ponds around to ensure they are operating efficiently.

General Manager Fraser shared that he attended the City of Beaumont's joint workshop regarding the Salt Mitigation and Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansions Options. He shared it was interesting to hear the options given by the consultants hired by the City of Beaumont. He stated he was surprised in that the options were limited and excluded the original proposal of the BCVWD providing service in conjunction with Yucaipa Valley Water District.

General Manager Fraser shared that in past workshops the discussion came up regarding the window of opportunity in which developers are building infrastructure between this service area and Yucaipa, and the possibility of taking advantage of that opportunity and upsizing that infrastructure. This concept was omitted from the study conducted by the City. He also shared that the proposed cost is questionable when compared to the industry standards, but hopes they can make it work.

General Manager Fraser shared that he has reached out to the City of Beaumont's new City Manager to see how the District can work together with the City of Beaumont. He also stated in regards to Mr. Orozco's comments, the District has tried to work with the City in the past, but the City has continually tried to shift the burden of the salt mitigation and

wastewater treatment issue to our Board to come up with a solution. He shared that discussions with the City have been regarding duplication of services and obligations of providing recycled water to BCVWD, which are included in the Urban Water Management Plan. He stated that he tries to protect the interest of the District and the rate payers and tries to do what's best for the community as a whole.

c. Directors Reports

Director Covington thanked President Cottrell for his outstanding job on the Board. He stated that President Cottrell has been an asset to the Board and will be missed. He also welcomed new Director elect Mr. Ramirez.

Director Slawson reported he attended the San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance meeting in September 2016. He shared that the speaker, Kathy Tiegs, ACWA President, discussed water issues that municipalities are facing and urged for municipalities to work together and have community cooperation.

President Cottrell shared that he also attended the City of Beaumont Council meeting and thought the study presented was very in depth. He stated he was shocked by option 2. He stated that the bottom line is that the District and the City of Beaumont need to keep the discussion open. He shared his concern regarding having one water agency provider in the City and not competing, and emphasize on keeping open communication.

President Cottrell thanked the Board and staff for a good working relation. He stated it has been an honor to serve the community and was proud of the fact that the Board, as a whole, did not raise rates during the drought. Furthermore he thanked General Manager Fraser for his good working relationship.

d. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Markman expressed that he enjoyed working with President Cottrell.

9. Announcements

- District Offices will be closed November 24th, 2016 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.
- Finance and Audit Committee meeting, December 1st, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster meeting, December 7th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- Regular Board meeting, December 14th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

President Cottrell made the announcements above.

10. Action List for Future Meetings


- Proposition 1 Bond Opportunities

President Cottrell made the announcements above.

11. Adjournment

President Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Attest:



Director *Stawson*, President
to the Board of Directors of the
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District



Director *Douglass*, Secretary to
the Board of Directors of the
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

** Information included in the agenda packet