Call to Order, President Slawson

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

Pledge of Allegiance, Director Covington

Director Covington led the pledge.

Invocation, Director Hoffman

Director Hoffman led the invocation.

Roll Call

Present at the meeting were: President Slawson, Directors Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Director Douglass was absent. Legal Counsel: James Markman. District Staff: General Manager: Eric Fraser, Director of Engineering: Dan Jaggers and Director of Finance & Administrative Services: Yolanda Rodriguez.

Public who registered their attendance were Patsy Reeley and Barbara Brown.

Public Comment

Mr. Pat Doherty, Cherry Valley resident, shared his concerns regarding the Gateway warehouse and asked the Board to renew the objections in building the Gateway warehouse.

Mr. Mike Lara, City of Beaumont Councilman, introduced himself as the new appointed liaison for the City of Beaumont and Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and stated he looked forward in working with BCVWD.

Ms. Judy Bingham asked regarding the status of the 90 day period given by the Board in a prior Board meeting, for the BCVWD’s General Manager and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency’s General Manager to come up with an agreement from the SGPWA on a plan to secure water supply. She additionally shared her concerns regarding the City of Beaumont’s recent audit.

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. November 2016 Budget Variance Report Review** (pages 3-7)
c. December 2016 Check Register Review** (pages 9-21)
d. December 2016 Invoices Pending Approval** (pages 22-23)
e. Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 14th, 2016** (pages 24-28)
f. Consideration of Resolution 2017-02: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District establishing the District’s Investment Policy** (pages 29-38)

Director Ramirez requested item 2e be pulled for correction to the minutes to include his recommendation in the Urban Water Management Plan of a water schedule of two days of watering when at level four restrictions. Director Covington motioned to approve item 2e with the amendments stated by Director Ramirez. The motion was seconded by Director Hoffman, and passed 4-0, with Director Douglass absent.

Director Covington motioned to approve items 2a – 2d and 2f. The motion was seconded by Director Hoffman and passed 4-0, with Director Douglass absent.


Public Comment on Item:

Mr. Jeff Chambers, with Pardee Homes, asked questions regarding the final plan and its modifications stated on the errata sheet. He also asked if the current change in water conditions would reflect in the final document.

General Manager Fraser, shared that the final Urban Water Management Plan would have the changes reflected in the errata sheet.

After discussion, Director Covington motioned to approve the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Director Hoffman and passed 4-0, with Director Douglass absent.

4. Reports For Discussion

a. Ad Hoc Committees

Director Covington shared that at the last Collaborative Committee meeting, representatives from the City of Beaumont shared that the City is working on the General Plan and is asking for members of public agencies to sit on the task force. He also shared that if anyone was interested to contact the City Manager.

b. General Manager

General Manager Fraser, gave an update on the current reservoir conditions and the effects of the atmospheric river conditions which are currently taking place. He stated that there is a risk of losing carryover water if the San Luis Reservoir has to release some of its water to capture rain water. He also shared, this is one of the reasons why staff
has urged the SGPWA to give the District as much water at the highest rate as possible early in the season, so if events such as the one currently does happen, it will diminish the risk of losing carryover water. He shared that currently the flow of water is 25 cfs, versus the 20 cfs historically staff has been told it can do.

General Manager Fraser also gave an update on the ponds and shared that the District is preparing to have a shut-down of some of the ponds to do maintenance and remove any algae growth.

General Manager Fraser addressed Ms. Bingham’s concerns and stated he is working collaborative with Yucaipa Valley Water District and the SGPWA for the last two and a half months to come up with an agreement that works for both agencies for the collection of Capacity fees. He shared that the process is engaged and legal counsel has been participating to ensure the District’s interests are protected.

General Manager shared that the Capital Improvement Plan will be shared at the first Engineering Workshop on February 2, 2017.

Director Covington had questions regarding the agreement and if there was any opposition from the SGPWA to revise the Capacity Fee agreement. He also wanted to know if the agreement would be a different agreement than the existing agreement between YVWD and Calimesa. Lastly, he asked about any knowledge of SGPWA intentions to rescind a 2014 Resolution.

General Manager Fraser explained that the SGPWA has hired a consultant to revisit the Capacity Fee rates to revise the numbers where needed to reflect the changes in the market condition.

General Manager Fraser stated the goal of the agreement is to ensure long term supply and make sure permanent water rights are acquired for future generations, not just spot market water. He shared that the Calimesa agreement is the basis, but that the verbiage of the agreement is being reviewed carefully.

General Manager Fraser shared his knowledge of the proposed intention to rescind the SGPWA Resolution, which is the basis to acquire additional water supply. He stated that our issue is whether they are going out to get the water and if not, they need to let the agencies know so they can figure out how to secure water supply for the region. He stated that he reminded the SGPWA’s Board that the days of supplemental water are long gone, and that imported water is the basis of supply for all new customers.

Director Hoffman asked how many ponds were available and also if the algae was coming in with the imported water. He also requested to have the status of the maintenance of the pond as a follow up on a future agenda.

General Manager Fraser explained that the algae was present with the imported water. He also shared that there were 2-3 ponds available, but at this point the District is looking at strategies to remove and prevent algae growth.
Director Ramirez asked what was more cost effective: copper sulfate treatment or draining the pond and scrapping it, to which General Manager Fraser replied that both would have to be done.

c. Directors Reports

*No reports were made.*

d. Legal Counsel Report

*No reports were made.*

5. Announcements

- District Offices will be closed on January 16th, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster meeting, February 1st, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee meeting, February 2nd, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Board meeting, February 8th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- District Offices will be closed February 20th, 2017 in observance of President’s Day.

*President Slawson made the announcements above.*

6. Action List for Future Meetings

- Proposition 1 Bond Opportunities

*President Slawson made the announcements above.*

*Director Ramirez shared he would like to get with the fellow Director regarding the Personnel Committee and investigate further when they can have their next meeting.*

7. Adjournment

*President Slawson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.*