



**BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
AGENDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Regular Session 6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order, President Slawson

President Slawson began the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, Director Diaz

Director Diaz led the pledge.

Invocation, Director Ramirez

Director Ramirez led the invocation.

Roll Call

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

Public who registered their attendance were Fran Flanders and Barbara Brown.

Public Comment

Judy Bingham requested the Board to consider the idea of live-streaming the Regular Board Meetings via YouTube.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Recessed to Closed Session

Closed session began at 6:09 p.m.

- a. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code 54957(f):

Agency Negotiator: Board of Directors
Represented Employees: General Manager

Legal Counsel Markman clarified that Government Code section 54957 also applied to the closed session, which was an evaluation of the General Manager.

President Slawson reconvened the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Legal Counsel Markman reported that there were no reportable actions regarding the matter discussed during closed session.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. 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. May 2017 Budget Variance Report Review** (page 4-8)
- b. May 31st, 2017 Cash/Investment Balance Report** (page 9)
- c. June 2017 Check Register Review** (pages 10-26)
- d. June 2017 Invoices Pending Approval**(pages 27-28)
- e. Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 14th, 2017**(pages 29-34)

Director Diaz motioned to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Ramirez and passed 5-0.

4. Consideration of Candidate Nomination of Interested District Board of Director Members for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Position of President and Vice President for the 2018-2019 Term(pages 35-40)**

President Slawson asked General Manager Fraser of the frequency of the ACWA Board of Director Meetings.

General Manager Fraser stated that the meetings were quarterly at one point, but would have to research what the current meeting frequency is today.

President Slawson addressed the Board Members and asked if any of them would be interested in running for the ACWA President or Vice President.

Director Ramirez expressed his interest in becoming the ACWA President or Vice President.

Director Diaz nominated Director Ramirez as the candidate for ACWA President or Vice President. The motion was seconded by Director Covington and passed 5-0.

Legal Counsel Markman stated that District staff would create a Resolution to nominate and support Director Ramirez for the President or Vice President 2018-2019 Term, and that the motion also approves the Resolution.

5. California Special Districts Association (CSDA) 2017 Board Elections: Vote To Elect A Representative to the California Special District Association Board of Directors in the Southern Network for Seat A(pages 41-55)**

Director Covington motioned to nominate Kristin Bloomer from the Desert Water Agency. The motion was seconded by Director Diaz and passed 5-0.

6. Grand Avenue Storm Drain Project (Beaumont MDP Line 16 Project) July 2017 Update and Board Consideration of Approval of the Coop Agreement between BCVWD and RCFC&WCD – Defining Division of Obligations and Financial Responsibilities (pages 56-86)**

General Manager Fraser deferred addressing the Board to Director of Engineering Jagers.

Director of Engineering Jagers explained the details of the Co-op Agreement between the BCVWD and RCFC&WCD.

Director Diaz asked Director of Engineering Jagers what would be the approximate potential annual acre-feet captured.

Director of Engineering Jagers references the District's Urban Water Management Plan and explained that the approximate potential annual projections are projected between 400 - 500 acre feet annually.

Director Diaz asked if this project would be a three-way joint venture.

Director of Engineering Jagers explained that it was a joint venture between RCFC&WCD and that there was grant funding under Prop. 84. He went on to explain that General Manager Fraser and he previously went to RCFC&WCD to present the project. Once Prop. 84 was passed the RCFC&WCD thought the project met the requirements for funding. The District agreed and applied to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and secured the grant. Now RCFC&WCD wants to move forward with the project and that is why the District has received the Cooperation Agreement. Director of Engineering Jagers also explained that in order to qualify for funding through Prop. 84 the project would need to be constructed by 2021.

President Slawson explained that he remembered that the project pipeline would end at Cherry Avenue, but after reviewing the board item he noticed that the project pipeline now ends at Bellflower.

Director of Engineering Jagers explained that the District presented the charter for this project to the Board earlier in the year when Director Covington requested an update for this project. He explained that the District recognized that with the current sphere of influence of the project it would not capture a portion of high quality stormwater that runs down Bellflower.

Director Covington addresses Director of Engineering Jagers on a series of questions pertaining to the agreement. Director Covington explained that the Cooperation Agreement excludes the District from approving change orders for the project and would like that section amended to include the District. Director Covington explained that the Cooperation Agreement states that the District will "pay in full" once the project is awarded and provides an alternate solution involving a payment schedule.

Director Covington calls for more clarification in the cooperation agreement for the District's responsibilities involving CEQA obligations.

General Manager Fraser explained that under the scope of one project CEQA obligations cannot be parsed out because CEQA views the project as a whole.

Director of Engineering Jagers addresses the Board and explained that the Cooperation Agreement presented today was for review.

Director Diaz motioned to accept the approval of the agreement on the contingency that BCVWD Staff can make changes. Director Ramirez added that the changes Director Covington suggested be added to the agreement. Director Hoffman seconded and passed 5-0.

General Manager Fraser explained that he would like to present the final draft to the Board once changes have been made to the Cooperation Agreement. General Manager Fraser went on to explain that they are still working with RCFC&WCD on the Terms of the Cooperation Agreement and once the District makes the recommended changes the District will still need to present those changes to RCFC&WCD. General Manager Fraser stated that this three-way joint venture project is critical and that there has been severe flooding in the proposed project vicinity.

7. Consideration of Request for Update of "Will Serve Letter" for Previously Approved Development – Tract 27971 (Parcel Map 34880)(pages 87-116)**

Public Comment

Ms. Judy Bingham referenced a letter from the City of Beaumont to the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and asked the District for the project's construction start date.

Director Slawson asked if infrastructure had already been put in the ground for the project.

Director of Engineering Jagers explained that the Developer has already gone through annexation, graded for the development, and has paid the District for plan checking services. He went on to explain that the original developers for the project went bankrupt and recently the Leeman Brothers came to the District requesting a current "Will Serve Letter" for marketing purposes. RSI Communities purchased the property and have been actively grading for the planned development. Within the last four (4) months RSI Communities have been in plan check.

Director Ramirez asked if there was projected stormwater runoff for the project.

Director of Engineering Jagers explained that the plans that were submitted had runoff basins and appeared to comply with the water quality standards.

Legal Counsel Mr. Markman explained that the only issues he sees is with the City of Beaumont which he will address to the City.

General Manager Fraser added that any concerns for stormwater runoff would have been addressed during the CEQA process and in the Environmental Impact Report. General Manager Fraser explained that the request from the Developer is a renewal of the "Will Serve Letter."

Director Covington motioned to approve the "Will Serve Letter." The motion was seconded by Director Diaz and passed 4-1, with Director Ramirez voting no.

8. Consideration of Request for Water Service for one (1) new Water Service for Tentative Parcel Map No. 33683 (pages 117-121)**

Director Diaz asked about the parcel and referenced an aerial photo subdividing the lot into three (3) parcels.

Director of Engineering Jagers explained that there are already two (2) services to this property and the owner is requesting an additional service.

Director Diaz motioned to approve the request for water service. The motion was seconded by Director Hoffman and passed 5-0.

9. Consideration of Request for Update of "Will Serve Letter" for Previously Approved Development – Southwest Corner Louis Estrada Rd. & Beaumont Ave. (Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Nos. 418-200-019 and 418-200-022) (pages 122-133)**

Director of Engineering Jagers explained that there was an existing gas station on the property. He went on to explain that another project was presented to the Board for this property in the late 2000's which was approved.

Director Ramirez commented about the congestion at the project's location and expressed his concern about the potential of that location becoming overly congested.

Director Covington motioned to approve the request for "Will Serve Letter." Director Hoffman seconded and passed 5-0.

10. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) – Phase I – Server / Workstation Software and Licensing Upgrade (pages 134-135)**

General Manager Fraser referenced the Capital Improvement Program and explained that this planned project is to upgrade an out-of-date workstation and the licensing that is no longer supported.

Director Slawson asked if the deployment of the workstation and software would be in-house.

General Manager Fraser explained that the District plans to perform the work entirely in-house which would be a \$10,000 - \$30,000 savings for the District.

Director Ramirez motioned to approve the upgrade. The motion was seconded by Director Diaz and passed 5-0.

11. Overview of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) Storage Account - Discussion(pages 136-138)**

General Manager Fraser referenced the last regular board meeting when Mr. Castaldo questioned the District's participation in the Watermaster. General Manager Fraser went on to explain that the District was willing to accept the terms on four (4) conditions. General Manager Fraser wanted to ensure that the agencies who are required to recharge the basin are protected and explained that the Pass Agency has no responsibility when it comes to water levels. The District has the responsibility of putting back whatever amount of water it pulls from the basin.

Director Covington suggested the District read the minutes that were recently posted at the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency board meeting because in the meeting there was discussion about taking legal action.

12. Reports For Discussion

- a. Ad Hoc Committees

No Reports were made.

b. General Manager

General Manager Fraser reported on the maintenance cycle on the Noble Creek Recharge Facility and gave credit to District Staff for their good work on researching literature involving controlling the algae growth in the facility. General Manager Fraser went on to explain that currently the SGPWA has restricted flows at times as low as 20 cubic feet per second (CFS) and addressed his concern with that same agency supplying water to other agencies. General Manager Fraser handed out a document detailing an agreement that mentioned that the SGPWA entered into an agreement with Antelope Valley's water agency to lease 1,700 acre feet. General Manager Fraser explained the terms of the agreement and said that the terms are interesting because the Antelope Valley water agency is leasing the water and then will have to recharge the basin with the same amount of water taken out. They have obligated the Pass Agency 55 million dollars in costs over the next 20 years with a minimum three percent escalator.

General Manager Fraser reported that he went to the finance committee and asked them how they were going to pay for the water and they said they would address what the revenue source would be at a future meeting. General Manager Fraser addressed his concern that if they roll it into the water rate it would take the current rate of approximate \$317 to around \$450 an acre foot. General Manager Fraser went on to explain that it would be difficult for the District to certify a water supply assessment (WSA) or issue will serve letters.

c. Directors Reports

Director Covington reported that he and Director Hoffman have attended the City of Beaumont General Plan Meetings. Director Covington went on to explain that after the first of two (2) meetings, the Task Force wanted the District to help them publicize the General Plan without addressing the complaints. The Task Force wanted the different agencies to get behind the General Plan without taking comment from the agencies involved. Director Covington explained that he attended a second meeting last week and a consultant for the Task Force announced they will reach out to the public agencies for collaboration. Director Covington reported that he will attend a third meeting.

d. Legal Counsel Report

No Reports were made.

13. Announcements

- Personnel Committee Meeting, June 26th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee meeting, August 3rd, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop, August 3rd, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting, August 9th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

President Slawson made the announcements above.

14. Action List for Future Meetings

- Proposition 1 Bond Opportunities
- Workshop – Discussion of California Water Code Section 350

President Slawson made the announcements above.

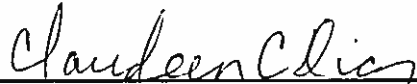
15. Adjournment

President Slawson adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Attest:



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



Director Claudeen C. Diaz, Secretary
to the Board of Directors of the
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** Information included in the agenda packet