



**BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
(or immediately following the Special Meeting)**

Call to Order: President Covington

President Covington began the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Director Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Director Ramirez

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers, Director of Finance and Administrative Services Yolanda Rodriguez, Senior Engineer Mark Swanson, Administrative Assistant Erica Gonzales

Members of the public who registered their attendance: Dr. Blair Ball.

Public Comment: None.

1. Continued Discussion and Consideration of Granting an Exception to the District's Purchasing Policy for the Well 25 East Wall Construction Project (Tabled from April 10, 2019)

General Manager Jagers explained the Well 25 wall location and situation. Staff released an RFP but received no bids. In follow up with two contractors, staff was advised that the contractors believed the project was too small to go through the bid process. Staff now requests Board approval for an exception to the Purchasing Policy to solicit informal bids and authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract above the GM's current spending limit.

The Board approved an exception to the District's Policies and Procedures Manual, Part III, Section B - Purchasing to allow informal solicitation of bids for the Well 25 East Wall Construction Project and authorized the General Manager to enter into a Contract not to exceed \$51,900 with the lowest qualified bidder by the following vote:

MOVED: Ramirez	SECONDED: Slawson	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None.	
ABSTAIN:	None.	
ABSENT:	None.	

2. Discussion regarding SGPWA Water Rate Established by Resolution 2019-02 adopted on April 15, 2019

General Manager Jagers advised the Board that the San Geronio Pass Water Agency recently passed a resolution raising the imported water rate from \$317 per acre-foot (AF) to \$399 per AF, which burdens the BCVWD. To continue to replenish the Basin this year, Jagers said, results in a half million dollars in added costs. If BCVWD decides not to alter the water order placed for 2019, the additional cost is approximately \$1 million

Director Hoffman commented that BCVWD staff added good information to the discussion at the SGPWA meeting. This rate is for one year and will be re-assessed, Hoffman added.

Mr. Jagers added that there was a significant amount of work done on this, and President Covington concurred, adding that this outcome is "disheartening."

3. Discussion regarding SGPWA Proposed Capacity Fee

This item was tabled.

4. Discussion regarding SGPWA EBX Noble Creek Turnout Expansion Update

General Manager Jagers provided an update on the project.

5. Discussion regarding SGPWA 2019 Water Supply Outlook, BCVWD Delivery Schedule and Delivery Options

This item was tabled.

6. Discussion regarding Proposals Received for the Rate Fee Study Solicited by BCVWD, Published on March 4, 2019 and Received on April 16, 2019

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Yolanda Rodriguez advised the Board that four proposals were received. She shared a timeline for the project. In response to President Covington, Ms. Rodriguez explained the study will allow the District to make decisions for the next five years. Mr. Jagers added the study will consider recycled water rates, conservation rates and other regular fees and charges considering changed costs.

Director Ramirez noted that tiered rates may penalize some residents and said he would like to see in the presentation how new housing will be paying their proper share for the water expansion required to serve them. He said he believes it is possible to sustain the lowest water rates possible while keeping clean water without having adverse effects. Ms. Rodriguez assured that the goal is to keep rates as low as possible.

President Covington noted that water rates will be mostly impacted by decisions made at the San Geronio Pass Water Agency. Mr. Jagers reminded that the

SGPWA rate increase cannot be passed through to ratepayers until BCVWD completes the rate study and the Proposition 218 process.

President Covington pointed out that the rates adopted in 2010 expired in 2015, so the District is five years in arrears with water rates.

7. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Necessary Additional Repair and Improvement Work for Well 3

General Manager Jaggars reminded the Board that Well 3 was discussed at the last meeting. He further updated the Board on maintenance issues with Well 3 and identified further work necessary to bring the well back online.

Mr. Jaggars explained the additional work required includes replacement of all down-hole equipment, extension of the pump casing and pedestal to comply with Department of Water Resources standards, and extension of electrical motor leads. Director Ramirez asked about well performance and noted it is an important well.

President Covington questioned some expenses and the need for chemical treatment. He pointed out that the \$232,298 requested includes some unknowns but seems high.

The Board authorized an amendment to the contract with Legend Pump & Well Services, Inc. (Legend), previously approved on February 28, 2019 in the amount of \$68,075, and authorized additional expenditures for necessary repair and improvements for Well 3 and related facilities in the total amount not-to-exceed \$232,298 by the following vote:

MOVED: Slawson	SECONDED: Hoffman	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None.	
ABSTAIN:	None.	
ABSENT:	None.	

8. Discussion regarding the Water Supply Assessment for Legacy Highlands Development Project located south of Highway 60 and west of Beaumont Avenue (Highway 79)

This item was tabled at the request of the applicant.

9. Update: Landscape Contract with Urban Habitat

This item was tabled.

10. Update: Status of District Wells, Capital Improvements, and Engineering Projects

President Covington referred the Board members to the information in the packet.

11. Update: Legislative Action and Issues Affecting BCVWD

President Covington referred the Board members to the information in the packet.

12. Topics for Future Meetings

None.

13. Announcements

President Covington read the following announcements:

- Collaborative Agencies Committee meeting: May 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee meeting: May 2, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: May 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Personnel Committee Meeting: May 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. *(no meeting on May 27)*
- Engineering Workshop: May 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee Meeting: June 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
- Water Education Foundation Bay - Delta Tour: June 5 - 7, 2019


14. Adjournment

President Covington adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



Director John Covington, President
to the Board of Directors of the
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

ATTEST:



Director Andy Ramirez, Secretary
to the Board of Directors of the
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District