



**BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: President Covington

President Covington began the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Director Slawson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Director Hoffman

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	Ramirez
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers, Director of Finance and Administrative Services Yolanda Rodriguez, Senior Engineer Mark Swanson, Administrative Assistant Erica Gonzales, Assistant Director of Operations James Bean, Senior Finance and Administrative Analyst William Clayton

Members of the public who registered their attendance: Keith Collier.

Public Comment: None.

1. Consideration of Award of Contract for Well Nos. 4A, 10, and 18 – Well and Well Pumping Unit Rehabilitation and Repair and Authorization of Additional Necessary Facility Improvements

General Manager Jagers reminded the Board that the District is undergoing a multi-year rehabilitation in an effort to maximize production outside of the Beaumont Basin. Two of the wells listed represent the final two for rehab, and one recently rehabilitated but in need of further repair.

Mr. Jagers and Assistant Director of Operations James Bean explained the status of the wells, the required work and some additions to the estimates, including necessary facility improvements. Mr. Jagers advised that five bids were received; Legend Pump and Well Service was the lowest bidder. He noted that Legend has been the low bidder on a number of recent projects. Staff recommends the Board award the contract to perform the needed work plus additional recommended items to Legend.

In response to Directors Hoffman and Slawson, Mr. Bean provided additional detail on work needed at Well 4A and clarified the costs. Mr. Jagers noted that some work was identified by staff after the RFP was out, and therefore was not included in the RFP. He indicated that staff will complete this work.

The Board approved Award of Contract for Well Nos. 4A, 10, and 18 – Well and Well Pumping Unit Rehabilitation and Repair in an amount not-to-exceed \$130,251.83 and Authorized Additional Necessary Facility Improvements in a not-to-exceed amount of \$14,850 by the following vote:

MOVED: Williams	SECONDED: Slawson	APPROVED 4-0
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None.	
ABSTAIN:	None.	
ABSENT:	Ramirez	

2. Discussion of Extending “Will Serve Letter” Expiration Beyond 12 Months

General Manager Jagers noted that at the last meeting, the Board discussed the 12-month expiration date of Will-Serve Letters considering the amount of staff time for preparation and asked for alternative solutions.

Mr. Jagers presented the options to authorize the General Manager to approve up to two or three 12-month extensions. Upon the request for a third or fourth extension, the WSL would come back to the Board.

Jagers pointed out that it is common practice in the water industry to maintain a 12-month term for WSLs and subsequent extensions.

Director Williams indicated she favors one extension by the general manager before returning to the Board. President Covington pointed out the \$500 water service application fee. Mr. Jagers confirmed the fee is collected for each extension, unless there are residual funds remaining on the developer’s account. It covers the costs of staff time to prepare the extension.

Director Hoffman recalled WSLs that were issued 10 and more years earlier coming back for extension, and the Board was advised they were obligated to renew the Letter. Mr. Jagers said that advice of legal counsel is based on no change in conditions. He explained deposit-based fees and indicated the District does a good job of tracking costs.

Director Slawson asked if a change would actually save any time. Mr. Jagers posited the savings would be in staff time applied to other matters. The question is whether the Board wishes to retain control as pertains to water supply. In response to Director Hoffman, Mr. Jagers indicated staff can keep a running list of WSLs and report to the Board on a regular basis. The intent is to be transparent without being overly burdensome, he explained.

Senior Engineer Mark Swanson pointed out there are some large projects moving forward and coming back to the Board with a WSL is a means of staying apprised. Mr. Jagers added detail on the development process.

President Covington noted that Board consensus seems to be extension by the GM at one year, then coming back to the Board. Director Williams suggested that as long as a project is moving forward the WSL may be extended by the GM; if the project is stalled, it should come back to the Board. Mr. Jagers recommended that larger tracts continue to come before the Board. WSL extension applications can be evaluated on a case by case basis, he said, with a focus on transparency.

President Covington asked staff to bring back a recommendation and redline policy at the next meeting.

3. Discussion of Public Relations Progress Update

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Yolanda Rodriguez provided an update on the progress of CV Strategies. The District now has a live Facebook page focused on community outreach. The goal is to keep the ratepayers informed about District activities, she said.

CV Strategies is working on messaging for the recycled water program. There is also a newsletter in development. A first round of bill inserts was distributed this week, Rodriguez explained. She reported on public outreach at the Fishing Derby.

President Covington clarified the schedule for bill inserts. GM Jagers added that improvement of communication will be ongoing. Director Hoffman suggested use of NextDoor. Mr. Jagers indicated the effort would become more robust once some initial objectives are pursued and evaluated. President Covington suggested including a note in the annual Consumer Confidence Report notice providing web page info and asking the customer to provide their email address.

Director Williams asked about the status of the centennial celebration. Ms. Rodriguez noted this was part of the first notice; Mr. Jagers added that staff is working to determine a date and will present some options to the Board at the next meeting.

4. Discussion regarding SGPWA EBX Noble Creek Turnout Expansion Update

General Manager Jagers shared a report on flow rates at the turnout. Upon completion of the expansion of the facility, the flow rate will be incrementally increased and evaluated at each stage to assure functionality up to 34 cfs. San Geronio Pass Water Agency General Manager Jeff Davis will request to recharge 100 acre-feet or more of water this year for the City of Banning in order to test the recharge capabilities of the SGPWA ponds.

If 34 cfs is achieved, that translates to recharge of approximately 39.6 acre-feet per day, Jagers noted. He reminded the Board that the BCVWD could have recharged the water that was lost from the San Luis Reservoir had the expansion been completed last year.

Director Hoffman asked about related residual road work to be completed as part of the expansion. Mr. Jagers said the when there was a break on BCVWD's line and the facility was repaired by SGPWA's contractor, the area was excavated to replace a joint. He said he believes there is still work being done at the facility and he expects the road repair will be addressed.

5. Update: Status of Potential Security Strategies for the Noble Creek Recharge Facility Phase I

Mr. Jagers explained this has been moving forward slowly. The Request for Proposal is in the final stages, he said.

Senior Engineer Mark Swanson explained the four fencing type options being investigated by staff. Mr. Jagers pointed out that at prior meetings, the coated wire option was of greatest interest to the Board.

President Covington indicated this project has been a high level of concern and pressed for it to stay on the radar screen.

Mr. Swanson pointed out that since removal of the benches on the site, there has been much less activity. Covington pointed to the choice of a proactive approach to keep the public out or allowing the public access from sunup to sunset, then locking the facility. Mr. Jagers noted that prior direction from the Board was to secure the facility in the evenings and provide an amount of security.

President Covington suggested including information on this plan in the District's newsletter.

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

General Manager Jagers advised that staff is actively working on the well projects, and the Noble tank and pipeline.

7. Update: Legislative Action and Issues Affecting BCVWD

Mr. Swanson pointed out AB 992 regarding social media and explained the proposed law.

8. Topics for Future Meetings: None.

9. Announcements

President Covington read the following announcements:

- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee Meeting: June 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
- Water Education Foundation Bay - Delta Tour in Sacramento: June 5 - 7, 2019
- Finance and Audit Committee meeting: June 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: June 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

10. General Manager's Report

Mr. Jagers updated the Board on production activities in the Beaumont Basin and in Edgar Canyon. Pumping is down by 782 acre-feet over the last four months. The City of Banning received delivery of 24 acre-feet of water. Jagers noted the reduction in water sales is an effect of the wet weather.

In Edgar Canyon lightning strikes affected some of the District's tanks and production was 186 acre-feet (A-F), Jagers reported. This is the goal for monthly production from that area. The line break caused by the SGPWA in March resulted in no water coming down from the canyon which cost the BCVWD 50 or more acre-feet. Staff is tracking the cost of this lost water.

Production is becoming more sophisticated and staff is being trained to understand efficiencies, General Manager Jagers noted.

President Covington asked about Edgar Canyon water levels as a result of the amount of rain this year. Mr. Jagers explained that although there was not much water routed to the ponds, the rainfall has been soaking in so much that the sources are being replenished. Not much running water is seen leaving Edgar Canyon, Jagers noted. Natural recharge saves maintenance on the ponds, he said. Mr. Bean added that Edgar Canyon water levels have not been increasing, and although the rain has been soaking in, it would be some time before a water level increase would be seen.

President Covington pointed out that even with increased production in Edgar Canyon, water levels are remaining steady. He noted that the cheapest water available to BCVWD is that pumped from Edgar Canyon, and given \$399 per A-F for imported water, it is much more economical with the improvements to Edgar Canyon pumps and wells over the last two years. Mr. Jagers concurred, and noted the goal for production from Edgar Canyon is 2,000 A-F.

GM Jagers reiterated the recharge to the Noble Creek ponds. He noted some maintenance needs and indicated there will be some costs to address efficiency. Covington compared recent maintenance needs to past activity. Mr. Bean explained the activities. Mr. Jagers pointed out that activity upstream affects the BCVWD ponds and staff operates the ponds in a proactive manner.

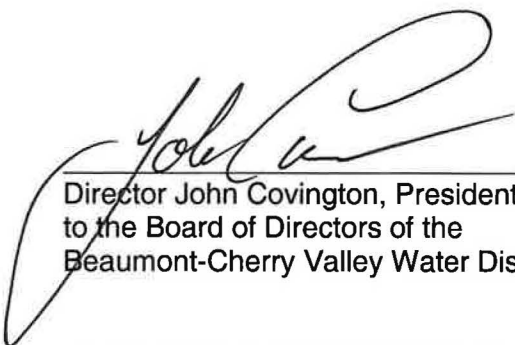
Mr. Jagers reminded the Board that the SGPWA had identified at its last meeting that 3,500 A-F of carryover water stored in the San Luis Reservoir was lost in 2018. At that meeting, Mr. Jeff Davis said this was approximately equal to the Las Casitas water deal made by the SGPWA in 2018 for \$2.25 million of tax-based funding. In reality, Jagers continued, this was more like two years of the Nickel water lease. Jagers said he believes the Board understands the concerns of staff and he hopes that changes will be resulting.

Mr. Jagers shared the May 23, 2019 California Water Conditions report showing the results of the recent rains. Snowpack and reservoir levels are well above average, he said. There is discussion around the state that the State Water Project may increase deliveries by another 5 percent, he said.

Director Hoffman suggested that information on water supply be included in the public relations program.


11. Adjournment

President Covington adjourned the meeting at 7:56 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
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