Call to Order: President Covington

President Covington began the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Director Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was given by Director Williams.

Roll Call:

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

Members of the public who registered their attendance: Tim and Amber Cook, Judy Bingham, Libi Uremovic, Hasam Bakai, David Golkar, Andrew Gagen, David Castaldo, Steve Lehtonen, Glenn Shelley, and Bill Lattin.

Public Comment:

Ms. Amber Cook reminded the Board that she and Tim Cook spoke last month regarding tree trimming on Cherry Avenue and thanked the Board for taking action so quickly.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 2020-03: Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Noble Water Storage Tank No. 2 and Transmission Pipeline Project

President Covington opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Director of Finance and Administration Yolanda Rodriguez reported that the Notice of Public Hearing was recorded with the County of Riverside and published in the Beaumont Record-Gazette on December 13 and 20, 2019, as well as posted at several public offices and mailed to property owners within a reasonable distance of the project. As of this evening, no written comments or protests have been received, she stated.
General Manager Jaggers noted that the project was reviewed by the Board and awarded to a design consultant for construction of a 2-million-gallon reservoir and associated transmission pipeline located at the District's Noble Tank site at the entrance to Bogart Park. The transmission main must be upsized, he explained. All environmental and design work is complete, and the project is ready to proceed, Jaggers explained. The adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is required to move on to the construction phase, he said.

President Covington called for public comment. There was none.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:12 p.m. by the following vote:

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2. Consideration of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption and Notice of Exemption for the Pipeline Replacement Project located at 9th Street between Euclid Avenue and Beaumont Avenue and 11th Street between the alley East of Euclid Avenue and Beaumont Avenue

General Manager Jaggers advised this project is being moved forward in conjunction with the City of Beaumont's reconstruction of Beaumont Avenue. The project has been previously discussed with the Board. Staff had anticipated more significant replacement activity, but final drawings from the City show a lesser impact. Staff re-assessed the project and proposed to update the 10 water services in those areas as an in-house, budgeted activity; six have been completed.

Two pipelines in the area of new pavement overlay need replacement, Jaggers continued. If the timeline will not allow the District to bid for the project, operations staff is prepared to extend new water lines, he explained. Because this is a replacement pipeline, staff has prepared a categorical exemption to be recorded with the County, Jaggers explained.

Director Williams asked about the construction schedule. Mr. Jaggers provided further detail. President Covington noted the extensions are 200 feet and 500 feet and indicated that staff has the ability to complete the project if necessary and encouraged any cost-saving measures.
The Board accepted the findings of staff that the following project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), approved the project, and directed staff to file the Notice of Exemption with the Riverside County Clerk of the Board for the following project:

1. 9th Street Main Replacement: Pipeline replacement located on 9th Street between Euclid Avenue and Beaumont Avenue, consisting of approximately 420 linear feet (LF) of 8" steel water main;
2. 11th Street Main Replacement: Pipeline replacement located on 11th Street between the alley east of Euclid Avenue and Beaumont Avenue, consisting of approximately 200 LF of 4" steel water main by the following vote:

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3. Review of Water Supply Assessment for Legacy Highlands Development Project located south of Highway 60 and west of Beaumont Ave (Highway 79)

General Manager Jaggers reminded the Board that staff presented a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) on April 10, 2019. The developer questioned some projections, Jaggers said, but work is beginning on the 2021 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and he believes the WSA fairly set forth the District’s concepts on water supply based on the best estimate and current information. The developer has proposed some alternative water supply activities, Jaggers continued. This is the beginning of the discussion of the WSA and those alternatives which represent a different path than traditionally utilized for WSAs for housing tracts. There have been some discussions with legal counsel but unfortunately, Mr. Markman was unable to attend this meeting, Jaggers explained.

President Covington pointed out that this project is located outside the borders of the adjudicated portion of the Beaumont Basin.

Senior Engineer Mark Swanson explained the project, consisting of 1,600 gross acres with various types of residential, commercial and industrial services as well as a school site and several hundred acres of open space. A WSA is required by SB 221 and SB 610, Swanson stated, and he continued with background on the project, which includes a court order that adequate water supply must be demonstrated.

The WSA states that several projects must be in place such as the Sites Reservoir and the Bay-Delta conveyance. Staff analysis shows that water supply can be available should projects like that come on line, Swanson said. From 2012 to 2016, the developer provided water supply reports and analysis, but those have been reviewed numerous times and the District identified concerns with water supply and substantiation of the data provided. In January 2019, the District was requested by the developer to prepare the WSA and it was brought to the Board, but the developer requested delay for further analysis, which was provided in
November. It included different mechanisms via which water supply could be provided for the project, Swanson explained.

Swanson stated that the supplemental report and a memo from the developer’s legal counsel has been reviewed by staff, but formal response has not yet been issued. Mr. Jaggers noted that some of the developer’s proposals are policy-level decisions requiring Board approval prior to a response. The developer has requested this discussion, Swanson said.

President Covington noted the level of detail and indicated this project was previously known under a different name. He said he appreciated the analysis.

General Manager Jaggers explained that the WSA includes uncertainties (Sites Reservoir, recycled water, and the Bay-Delta conveyance) and the developer has been working toward bolstering the uncertainty to a point at which the District may be comfortable. The developer believes they may have some overlier water rights to exercise, and would also like to do some stormwater capture, Jaggers added.

Stormwater capture requires the diversion of water from one basin to another, Jaggers noted, which is historically resisted by Riverside County Flood Control. The City of Beaumont has jurisdiction, Jaggers said, and he has had discussions with the City Manager, but has not received definitive information as to whether this capture would be resisted. Removal of water from one area to another has ramifications to downstream users who may be reliant, he added.

President Covington asked about well production and inclusion in a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Jaggers said the development area is within the San Timoteo GSA, which is a very low priority basin. The majority of the land is considered non-water bearing fringe area, Covington pointed out.

Mr. Swanson continued. Project potable water demand is estimated to be 1,450 acre-feet (AF) and non-potable at 178 AF per year. Mr. Jaggers explained the water demand and its correlation to the UWMP and recycled water agreement with the City, which still has some uncertainty. Mr. Swanson noted that there are wells on site that are not considered in the WSA, and the developer has requested accounting for the water. The District must be comfortable with the data before consideration, he said. The developer’s legal counsel has provided an opinion on water rights and proposed a method using those wells and overlying water rights to supplement the supply. Mr. Swanson detailed water rights concepts, issues and potential pitfalls. The conclusion, Swanson cautioned, was that there is no guarantee of long-term water supply – there are many moving parts with the way water rights work.

Mr. Jaggers pointed out the suggestion of augmenting supply via stormwater capture for recharge in existing and planned water quality basins in San Timoteo Creek.

Swanson reported that legal counsel for the developer has proposed creating a user-owned mutual water company (MWC) which would cover all of the Legacy Highlands project. Those overlying rights would be conveyed to the next owner of an overlying parcel subdivided from the large overlying parcel (lots represent shares of water). The subdivided water rights can be exercised through the MWC, and deed restrictions would be imposed to preclude future owners of a subdivided parcel from developing and using water apart from that delivered by the MWC.
An "agency agreement" would be established between the master owner of the Legacy Highlands project and the operator of the MWC, Swanson continued, and detailed as to how the irrevocable agreement would work.

The suggested role of BCVWD (currently neither supported nor opposed by staff) is that a development agreement would be prepared jointly with Legacy Highlands, after the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is certified, to address issues regarding development and future ownership of capital facilities and the relationship between the Legacy Highlands owner, the MWC and BCVWD, future water costs and rates and all other matters related to water service.

Swanson went on to list staff's concerns with the project's long-term water supply claim. The groundwater basin is not adjudicated, affecting the formulation of the MWC and stormwater being moved around and used. There is no document supporting the long-term water supply capability of the groundwater in the area, only some short-term pumping information which does not appear that it would substantiate a long-term duration. Legacy Highlands' overlying rights are not protected – any current or future landowner can set up an MWC, develop a property and extract groundwater, via a well in their backyard.

If extractions are excessive, Swanson noted, groundwater levels will drop and wells will not be able to meet the needs, i.e. too many straws in the glass with no refills. In such case, the MWC and the State Department of Drinking Water (DDW) will be looking for another agency to bail it out as there is no guarantee of long-term water supply, Swanson explained, citing the example of Bonita Vista, which was acquired by BCVWD several years ago when it had water quality and well failure issues. Jaggers added there are more examples indicating this does not work long term.

This is a policy-level matter, Jaggers stated. Staff has analyzed and determined there are areas that would have significant ramifications to historic ways the District has done business.

Potential problems, Swanson pointed out, are the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) and the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approval would be needed to form an MWC but both discourage formation when a strong local water supplier is adjacent. The project would still need to be annexed into the BCVWD service area, he said, and pointed to the Potrero Street pipeline extension.

Mr. Jaggers explained that the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) is participating in the Sites Reservoir project along with BCVWD, but there is still uncertainty with that project and the Bay-Delta conveyance facility. SGPWA has also purchased supply via other deals and funding from new development is helping cover those costs through property tax contribution, he noted. There may be additional opportunity for near-term supply from the State Water Project, Jaggers added, but there is still uncertainty and the SGPWA has not identified that is the path they are pursuing.

Jaggers warned that the District would deviate from its standard practice by participating in an MWC.
Mr. Swanson explained that another reason the DDW and LAFCO frown upon MWCs is because they are traditionally poorly managed and operated, and many run into financial trouble. The role of BCVWD in the overall management and operation of the project’s system must be understood, as well as the District’s stake in the operation and how it would affect BCVWD’s ratepayers, he noted.

Swanson outlined BCVWD’s concerns. The required annexation into BCVWD and the formation of an MWC within District boundaries would present challenges. Well pumping tests indicate that even an average day demand cannot be supplied, so supplemental water would be needed. There is a question as to whether the MWC will be able to drill additional wells to extract more groundwater.

Existing wells are shallow and appear to have no sanitary seal and will not likely be permitted to be used for domestic supply. President Covington asked about an existing well, Mr. Swanson said it was on a different parcel. Mr. Jaggers provided some detail on staff’s analysis of the wells and lack of sanitary seal. Swanson indicated that there is no long-term pumping data available, and such tests will be required by the DDW.

The wells do show excessive iron and manganese, which would require treatment at additional cost, Swanson said. Whether treatment costs would be the responsibility of the MWC or BCVWD is unknown. In addition, the chemical composition of the water is different from BCVWD’s supply, which would create problems with blending, he concluded.

Mr. Jaggers added that if a rainwater capture and pump back system were considered, that would represent additional facilities to operate and maintain, including a depreciation component which must be spread across someone’s responsibility. The same for any treatment facilities, he said.

Swanson continued, detailing stormwater capture potential and the route to the Santa Ana River. Flood Control typically does not allow water to move from one hydrological path to another, he noted. Mr. Jaggers pointed to the area geology and explained that the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the area removed the south portion of the watershed from of the GSA because geologists suggested it is non-bearing and should not be in a GSA. Therefore, to recharge groundwater via stormwater capture, it must be captured in a southern portion of the property then pumped over a hill and delivered to a recharge facility on the north side of Potrero.

Of the water available in the San Timoteo Creek today, Jaggers continued, there are entities with existing wells and the area is being subsidized in water supply by discharge from the City of Beaumont’s wastewater treatment plant, half of which is soon intended to be recycled. If those wells are further adversely affected, litigation may ensue, Jaggers cautioned.

Mr. Swanson explained pumping capacity concerns and percolation rates, noting there is more work to be done to substantiate the numbers and claims provided including longer term testing to determine recovery on the wells with everyday pumping. Mr. Jaggers also noted the well locations and concern whether they are influenced by surface water. In response to President Covington, Mr. Jaggers noted that some wells were recently drilled, and Mr. Swanson indicated the developer is available to answer more detailed questions.
Mr. Swanson reiterated the complexity of the proposal. This is a policy-level decision, Mr. Jaggers advised the Board. The potential for failure must also be considered, Swanson noted. Due to the precedent of the proposed hybrid solution, Swanson suggested formation of an ad hoc committee to perform an in-depth review of the WSA. The level of analysis and significant items for resolution, along with recommended pilot projects, warrant more detailed examination, Jaggers said. President Covington indicated more staff analysis is needed before the project is ripe for an ad hoc committee.

Director Slawson asked about well depth. Mr. Swanson explained different depths approximately 100 to 120 feet and reiterated about the seals. President Covington remarked on the shallow depth, and Mr. Jaggers opined that the influence of recharge activities from the wastewater treatment plant creates the condition.

President Covington called for public comments.

Ms. Judy Bingham of Beaumont referenced lawsuits from 2007 to 2009 regarding the project. She suggested the developer just cannot understand that there is no water and stated that the Board members' consideration of this is unforgivable. She pointed out that water rates are being raised and said there is no recycled water at the sewer plant and likely will not be for another decade. She opined that the Legacy Highlands wells will affect her well in the south Beaumont basin. Ms. Bingham said the reason this development is being again considered is because it will pay for the desired Potrero Boulevard. She implored the Board to stop wasting ratepayer money on this project.

Ms. Libi Uremovic referenced Mr. Swanson's map and explained there is not water in the area. She opposed the formation of an MWC under BCVWD. Do not use ratepayer money to accomplish this, she admonished; the developer should do so independently. The developer knows there is no water supply because they already lost in court, Ms. Uremovic stated. She also opined that the City of Beaumont is not building a recycled water facility and noted that the Sites Reservoir project was started in 1961. She reminded the developer that state law requires they show a 20-year water supply and they cannot; this will never get through court.

Mr. Andrew Gagan of Kidman Gagan Law, attorneys assisting Legacy Highlands with water issues, thanked staff for the detailed presentation. He indicated that the MWC, although out of the District's comfort zone, is a blueprint that has been done many times before and addresses many of the concerns. The MWC is a regulated entity under the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act and pointed out the competence of legal counsel to work out the agreement.

Mr. Hasam Bakai listed his qualifications as the engineer for the development and addressed President Covington's question about wells: depth varies between 200 and 550 feet. The last well drilled three or four months ago is about 400 gallons per minute (gpm) and is 450 feet deep, he said. Water quality meets all standards of the state with the exception of iron and manganese, Bakai added. The developer proposed to treat the water with a common process.

Bakai pointed out that the District's report indicated there was enough water for 17 years, leaving only three years of reliable water in question. To address this, the developer proposed to collect and recharge stormwater, as required by law.
Testing performed by an independent contractor proved that the retention basins are viable, Sakai said.

Mr. Bakai told the Board that all of the water projected to be produced through existing wells and stormwater recharge will provide twice the amount of water needed for potable and non-potable uses. Long term reliability was confirmed by 48-hour pump tests performed by reliable independent contractors resulting in a safe yield of 1,000 gpm to 1,500 gpm, almost twice the amount of water that the project will need.

The water district and the city are set up to serve the people, he stated, and to see economic development. This project will produce 5,000 jobs when completed, Bakai said, and many thousands of temporary jobs during construction with a total economic impact of more than $3 billion over the next 20 years. It is a benefit for the community and the water district and will generate $100 million in development fees for the District.

President Covington confirmed a need of 3,180 AF per year of potable water and 1,500 AF per year of non-potable. Mr. Bakai stated that there are four different wells; two are for potable use purposes, the others are for non-potable (outside) use.

Mr. David Castaldo, member of the Board of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, said he agrees with some of the points made by previous speakers. He said Mr. Jaggers reported correctly about the BCVWD participation and was accurate about what has been happening at SGPWA. Mr. Castaldo said the SGPWA has been doing its best to bring water to the area and he feels confident there is water for five years, as the BCVWD has stockpiled it and the SGPWA will continue to bring the supply. But, he noted, regarding a 20-year supply: the only guaranteed supply by SGPWA beyond five years is the allotment from the State Water Agency. Past that, no water can be guaranteed.

On the sixth year, Castaldo said, he cannot be assured that water can be brought down here. It is a concern of SGPWA and of other state water contractors. The Department of Water Resources will not allow the creation of long-term contracts, he noted. He said he would like to see other sources of water rights but the SGPWA has been forced to go to a private company, the Nickel Water Agency, to purchase water for the area. He said he is not for or against this specific development, but he is against any large development that will require a large amount of water for a long time from the SGPWA, as he is not comfortable that there will be water to support everywhere beyond five years. The SGPWA is working toward resolving this, but changes must be made, Castaldo said.

Castaldo noted that the SGPWA receives no funds from development impact fees and has no capacity fee to offset some of these larger charges. As the SGPWA is required to buy private water, rates were raised and until a capacity fee can be developed it is not a good outlook for the ratepayers, he explained. Mr. Castaldo highlighted some history and reminded the Board that even as the SGPWA has brought water down, it is still not enough – the agency’s allotment has never been more than 30 percent. “Where are we going to get the water from?” he asked. The amount of water must continually be split between parties as more and more people come in; when does it stop and the water can no longer be split, he asked.
Castaldo acknowledged this is a tough decision, and said he hopes the Board makes the right decision for the area. (Via a note to Mr. Jaggers, Castaldo clarified that he is speaking as one director, not for the entire Board of the SGPWA.)

Mr. Jaggers spoke to Mr. Castaldo’s indication that there is water guaranteed only for the next five years and detailed BCVWD’s replenishment needs compared to supply from the SGPWA. He explained the staff’s calculation of 16 to 17 years of supply. There is water in storage for dry years, Jaggers continued, and extra water is being purchased because it is available. He reiterated that continued review of the project is warranted, and a general opinion of the Board will be needed in the near future. Further discussion will be agendized, he advised, to assure things are well understood.

President Covington indicated he is not yet ready to establish an ad hoc committee. Mr. Swanson explained that the suggestion is due to the introduction of concepts that require policy discussion. President Covington posited that the developer could create a CFD and serve themselves. Mr. Jaggers asked for direction from the Board.

President Covington suggested reviewing the supplemental report and reporting back. He stated the Board wants to find solutions that are best for the community and do not strain the water supplies that exist now. Everyone needs to bring their water somehow, he said, and the Board needs to see the facts just like any development project. Creating an MWC or CFD is probably a last resort, he acknowledged, and said it is a unique area with geographical challenges.

Mr. Jaggers suggested the next phase will report details on recharge and recovery of stormwater.

President Covington requested meaningful solutions and said the Board would not likely approve anything it is uncomfortable with or which is unsupported by facts. He directed staff to continue to work with the interested parties.

4. Request for Water Service “Will Serve Letter” for Riverside County Assessor’s Parcel No. 415-180-023 located at 1115 Maple Avenue in the City of Beaumont

Senior Engineer Swanson explained this is an existing property at the end of Maple Avenue. Maple is a private driveway north of 11th Street, he noted, with some parcels fronting. The applicant, Mr. Glen Shelley, has spoken with staff about the Will Serve Letter (WSL) and acknowledged there are two homes being served by one meter for approximately 60 years. The District’s policy is that this is an illegal connection. Mr. Shelley is interested in righting the problem. This requires a WSL for 1115 Maple, Swanson stated.

Lot lines and setbacks have been recently adjusted for the homes and there are four parcels with two being vacant, Swanson explained. The meter currently serving the lower house includes a line running through a lot with only a garage, Swanson continued. He detailed the solution, and Mr. Jaggers added that the vacant parcels would also require later WSLs. Jaggers added that Mr. Shelley is trying to correct a scenario not of his making and is making an effort to bring the situation into compliance.
This WSL is for one Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU), Swanson stated. He clarified the location of the existing meter and lines in response to President Covington. The lines on private property are not the District's responsibility, he noted. Mr. Jaggers indicated the goal is to move the meters into the 20' utility easement along the public right-of-way on 11th Street at the east property line and allow for the service of three lots. The existing service would be abandoned, and a WSL considered later for the northern most parcel if desired at that location, Jaggers noted.

Mr. Jaggers pointed out that the actual demand on the system has existed. Director Hoffman asked about the procedure related to expenses and Mr. Jaggers assured that concepts have been discussed with the applicant and the particulars would be worked out with the him. The applicant will be paying the appropriate fees for the project.

Director Slawson indicated this seems straightforward. President Covington indicated this WSL would not likely come back year after year for renewal as the services will be addressed in a reasonable amount of time. The situation is technically in violation, and the Board would not want to see this come back again unresolved, Covington advised. Staff acknowledged and assured the project would move forward promptly.

The Board approved the request for water service "Will Serve Letter" for a property located at 1115 Maple Avenue, identified as Riverside County Assessor's Parcel No. (APN) 415-180-023 within the City of Beaumont, subject to payment of all fees to the District and securing all approvals from the County of Riverside by the following vote:

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Mr. Jaggers noted that items 5 and 6 are WSL extensions. The only reason they are before the Board is due to the expiration, he said, and he indicated he would have administratively approved them, but Mr. Swanson has some nuances to address.

5. Request for Extension of Water Service "Will Serve Letter" for three (3) parcels to be created by the proposed subdivision of Assessor's Parcel Number 402-200-005 (10707 Jonathan Avenue) per Tentative Parcel Map 37080 in the Community of Cherry Valley

Mr. Swanson detailed some background. The original WSL was issued in 2016, was extended in 2018 and has now expired. The parcel was subdivided into four parcels and one includes a residence. The developer, Mr. Lattin, is moving forward but as a small builder, moves forward more slowly.

Mr. William Lattin addressed the Board and noted he is not experienced and is now in the final map phase, submitted to the County. He reported having to address a code enforcement case for weed abatement and illegal structure, but the project is now moving forward.
Mr. Swanson explained that mainlines are already present, and the applicant will be required to pay front footage fees, meter fees and facilities fees.

The Board approved the request for extension of the “Will Serve Letter” for domestic water service for three (3) parcels to be created by the proposed subdivision of Assessor's Parcel Number 402-200-005 (10707 Jonathan Avenue) per Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 37080 located north of Lincoln Street and west of Jonathan Avenue in the community of Cherry Valley by the following vote:

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6. Request for Extension of Water Service “Will Serve Letter” for three (3) parcels to be created by the proposed subdivision of Assessor’s Parcel Number 401-080-022 (9465 Oak Glen Road) per Tentative Parcel Map 36704 located on the north side of Lakeview Court and west of Oak Glen Road in the Community of Cherry Valley

Mr. Swanson gave background on the parcel subdivision and explained the map. The applicant will be required to pay appropriate front footage fees, meter fees and facilities fees.

The Board approved the request for extension of the previously issued “Will Serve Letter” (WSL) for domestic water service for three (3) parcels to be created by the proposed subdivision of Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) 401-080-022 (9465 Oak Glen Road) per Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 36704 located on the north side of Lakeview Court and west of Oak Glen Road in the community of Cherry Valley by the following vote:

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

There was no discussion.

8. Update: Legislative Action and Issues Affecting BCVWD

Mr. Swanson advised that the Governor’s 2020 Water Resiliency Portfolio is trying to diversify and reach out the different resources available to produce water needed for growth throughout the state. The document takes into account all the
different current ideas and options. The Bay-Delta Conveyance Facility and Sites Reservoir are mentioned.

The Governor’s recently released budget includes $4.75 billion with 62 percent allocated to climate resilience, much of which is connected to water.

As a District, Swanson reported, staff is current on information and projects. He pointed to the Grand Avenue storm drain project which is a recharge project. Staff continues to look for new sources and new ways to find supply including recycled water.

The Governor is looking at a slowdown at the end of fiscal year 2021 and trying to use some of the bond money to push one-time use projects forward, Swanson explained. There may be grant funding available, he suggested. There are bonds proposed but it is unknown whether they will be issued.

There is an election coming up at the end of the year, he reminded, which means at the state level officials will want to push bills through and the District must keep abreast of news. President Covington asked for an electronic version of the report.

9. General Manager’s Report

General Manager Jaggers reminded that staff has been working on the trees near the entrance of Bogart Park and said he appreciates the public attending with positive comments. Staff believes they are close to finishing the project and detailed remaining work. Materials have been ordered to repair the fence along the property line on Cherry Avenue at International Park Road to limit access to the field. Gates are being fabricated, he continued.

Much work was completed at the Noble Creek Recharge Facility, he noted.

Mr. Jaggers said the SGPWA has indicated they have carry-over water in the San Luis Reservoir and intends to get it here early. BCVWD has communicated with staff and understands that 30 to 34 cfs of delivery capacity may be available in February and BCVWD will be proactive to take the early delivery and minimize the risk of losing water from the San Luis Reservoir, as happened last year.

Mr. Jaggers reiterated that staff is working to make the Beaumont Avenue pipeline project more cost effective and get in front of the City’s work. Covington noted that some work on Highland Springs is underway.

10. Topics for Future Meetings:

None.

11. Announcements

President Covington read the following announcements:

- Personnel Committee Meeting: Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
• Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 at 6 p.m.
• District Offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020 in observance of Presidents Day
• BCVWD Townhall Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
• Engineering Workshop including Rate Public Hearing: Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
• Collaborative Agencies Committee meeting: Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at Noble Creek

12. Convened in Closed Session: 8:30 p.m.
   a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
      Pursuant to Government Code Section 54947
      Title: General Manager

      Reconvened in Open Session: 8:55 p.m.

13. Report on Closed Session

      No reportable action was taken.

14. Adjournment

      President Covington adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Director Lona Williams, Secretary
to the Board of Directors of the
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District