



**BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: *President Covington began the meeting at 6:02 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance: **President Covington**

President Covington led the pledge.

Invocation: **Director Slawson**

Invocation was given by Director Slawson.

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez (6:06 p.m.), Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	None.
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers, Director of Finance and Administration Yolanda Rodriguez, Senior Engineer Mark Swanson, Senior Finance and Administrative Analyst William Clayton, Administrative Assistant Erica Gonzales

Members of the public who registered attendance: Dr. Blair Ball and Fran Flanders.

Public Comment: None.

1. Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

2. Consent Calendar:

The following Consent Calendar items were approved with one motion:

- a. December 2019 Budget Variance Report
- b. December 31, 2019 Cash/Investment Balance Report
- c. January 2020 Check Register
- d. January 2020 Invoices Pending Approval
- e. November – December 2019 Human Resources Report
- f. Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 7, 2020
- g. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2020

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

3. Nominations for California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network Seat B

Director of Finance and Administration Yolanda Rodriguez explained agenda items 3 and 4. The CSDA seats are currently vacant and there is a call for nominations of a Board member or general manager. The Board may make a nomination or take no action.

Mr. Jagers added that the deadline is March 6. The Seat B term expires in 2022, and Seat C in 2023. Although a general manager may be nominated, Mr. Jagers indicated the coming year would be burdensome for staff.

President Covington asked for a motion on Seat B. No action was taken.

4. Nominations for California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network Seat C

President Covington asked for a motion on Seat C, term from 2021 to 2023.

The Board nominated General Manager Dan Jagers for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network Seat C by the following vote:

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

Director Ramirez arrived at 6:06 p.m.

5. Reports For Discussion

a. Ad Hoc Committees:

San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Director Slawson reported it was decided to switch web hosting duties to BCVWD and the Memorandum of Understanding was fine-tuned.

Ad Hoc Recycled Water 2x2: Director Hoffman indicated there was effort to meet with the City.

Ad Hoc Communications Committee: President Covington noted a handout. Director Ramirez reported that he and Director Williams met with consultant CV Strategies for updates on the public relations and outreach work regarding the rate study and preparation and facilitation of a future town hall meeting. He indicated appreciation for the social media updates and trying to engage with the ratepayers to assure that education is clear and defined. Ramirez added there is future work on further engagement with the public via media and sister agencies. Overall, there is progress occurring, he said, and indicated satisfaction with next steps in planning, including video updates which will allow working people to connect with the directors who represent them.

b. General Manager

Mr. Jagers reported that District staff transferred the Water Alliance domain to the control of BCVWD for a cost of less than \$500 including a year of domain hosting. The website will be updated, he said. BCVWD's IT Manager is able to make the changes and it is hoped to be able to get information out quickly.

Mr. Jagers reported he attended the February 10, 2020 meeting of the San Geronimo Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) and noted a framework for voluntary agreements which have been discussed regarding the State Water Project and which set the stage to move things forward.

At the beginning of the month, Jagers continued, the State Water Project East Branch Extension was brought back online. The SGPWA has 4,200 acre-feet (AF) in the San Luis Reservoir which does not appear to be at high risk of water loss but BCVWD has begun to receive water at 34 cfs and continues at 24 cfs. In addition, BCVWD was asked if delivery would be desired using the SGPWA ponds and Jagers affirmed that the water would be attributed to the BCVWD storage account; he warned of an anticipated larger-than-normal bill for imported water.

The SGPWA has also asked its General Manager to report on cost of water last year. Jagers said he is tracking a possible subsequent adjustment to the imported water rate and if there is an opportunity to recover some of the cost, he will notify the Board. The District needs the water in the ground, he stated.

President Covington asked about the availability and cost of Article 21 water. Mr. Jagers answered that to date there is none, but reservoirs are full and there is concern that if an atmospheric river event were to occur, space would be needed in the San Luis Reservoir. The majority of costs for State Project Water are for pumping out of the Delta, so if it converts at the San Luis Reservoir, there may be a slight reduction in cost, but there is still a wheeling cost, Jagers explained. He further detailed cost components.

General Manager Jagers reported that tree trimming at Bogart Park has been completed. Staff has been re-establishing a fence line this week, he said, and gates are expected to be installed early next week to limit access from Cherry Avenue.

In conjunction with the City of Beaumont's street improvement project for Beaumont Avenue, pipeline projects long 9th Street and 11th Street have been out to bid, Jagers advised. Part of the work is reconstruction of an alley along the east side of the post office, and staff has relocated services from the alley into Magnolia Street and into Beaumont Avenue. All service replacements along Beaumont Avenue have been completed over the last month. It is hoped to have bids back for the meeting of February 27, he stated.

Jagers reminded the Board of the Town Hall meeting next week and the Public Hearing for the rate study at the February 27 regular meeting. To date, he advised, 23 protest letters have been received. Letters received by tomorrow, February 13, will be provided to the Board members. In response to President Covington, Jagers noted that in order to have a majority protest, letters must be received from 50 percent plus one of the residents.

All maintenance on the recharge facilities has been completed, Jagers reported. Water is being received at about 48 AF per day, which is more water than ever before. Staff needs to understand how the subsurface mound works when more and more water is added, he said, so staff is using monitoring wells to look weekly at groundwater levels.

Well rehabilitation projects are ongoing, Jagers continued. Well 3 had quite a bit of work and has been slow in return to service, he explained. He noted there may be water noticed down Michigan Avenue due to well flushing. On Well 4A, the power was re-established by Edison yesterday and is on schedule for startup.

An RFP also went out for the annual water tank cleaning service, Jagers noted. Advertising for the Noble Creek Recharge Facility fencing has also been done, he said. The next target is the well drilling project, Jagers added.

Mr. Jagers said he attended a meeting today with the Regional Board and the City of Beaumont regarding the City's concerns with civil and criminal liabilities related to recycled water spills that may be part of their purview, and he said he believed the concerns were alleviated. The hope is to move forward; a lot of work has been done in the background, Jagers explained. Jagers said he will meet tomorrow with the City Manager to continue discussion.

c. Directors' Reports:

Director Williams recalled the comments of Director Ramirez on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee. The meeting was very informative, she said, and it is looking very positive in order to set the District apart. President Covington thanked the Committee members.

d. Legal Counsel Report: None.

6. Announcements

President Covington read the following announcements:

- District Offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020 in observance of Presidents' Day
- Town Hall Meeting regarding rate action: Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting including Public Hearing: Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- Collaborative Agencies Committee meeting: March 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

7. Action List for Future Meetings:

No new items were suggested.

8. Convened in Closed Session: 6:28 p.m.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
One Potential Case

Reconvened in Open Session: 6:45 p.m.

Report on Closed Session

No reportable action was taken.

9. Adjournment

President Covington adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



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

ATTEST:



Director Lona Williams, Secretary
to the Board of Directors of the
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