



**BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

***Meeting held via teleconference and video teleconference pursuant
to California Government Code Section 54950 et. seq. and
California Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20***

Call to Order: President Covington

President Covington began the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Covington.

Invocation was given by Director Ramirez.

Announcement of Teleconference Participation

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Yolanda Rodriguez clarified that this meeting is conducted via teleconference pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953, and under Executive Order N-29-20 and N-33-20 of the Governor of California.

The teleconference capabilities of this meeting have been identified in the Notice and Agenda for this meeting, pursuant to the Brown Act and the Governor's Executive Order. Under the Governor's Executive Order and the Gathering Guidelines of the California Department of Health due to the danger of COVID-19, the teleconference locations are not publicly accessible. The public's right to comment and participate in the meeting is being assured via teleconference capabilities.

The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) will use sound discretion and make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of the Brown Act, and other applicable local laws regulating the conduct of public meetings, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to meetings.

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	None.
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Finance and Administrative Services and Recording Secretary Yolanda Rodriguez Senior Engineer Mark Swanson Assistant Director of Operations James Bean

	Administrative Assistant Brandy Llanes
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered their attendance: None.

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Yolanda Rodriguez verified that all members of the Board of Directors have indicated that they are able to hear the other directors clearly on the teleconference. No directors expressed any reason to believe, based on voice recognition or otherwise, that those persons representing themselves to be directors are not truly so.

Public Comment: None.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.
- 2. Consideration of Attendance at the Association of California Water Agencies Annual Fall Conference (Virtual) December 2 – 3, 2020**

General Manager Jagers asked if any Board members were interested in attending, or having staff attend. He pointed out that a virtual conference is more cost effective, with no needed hotel rooms. The registration fee is \$375, and director per diems would apply, he noted.

President Covington, Director Williams, Director Slawson and Director Ramirez indicated interest.

- 3. Report City of Beaumont Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Status, and Planned Recycled Water Facilities, and Implementation Progress Update**

General Manager Jagers advised that the City of Beaumont has installed all system components, the permit for discharge has been obtained from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the process of Title 22 water production is slated to begin by the end of the year. BCVWD staff has been working in parallel, Jagers noted.

Mr. Jagers reviewed the tasks related to the project. He noted that the City has obtained the change permit from the Division of Water Rights, is finalizing the commissioning of the wastewater treatment plant, and has completed the Brine Line phases 1 and 2.

BCVWD staff worked with City staff to finalize a hydraulically sufficient site for the pumping plant and storage activity, Jagers reported. Preliminary design work has begun, he advised. Jagers explained details of the construction on the pumping plant.

Jagers reminded the Board that there is not yet an agreement in place, but staff has moved forward on items to compress the design schedule. The Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Beaumont and BCVWD was completed in June 2019 and the District made an application for a grant and for a State Revolving Fund loan, but was unsuccessful, Jagers explained. The Agreement was stalled at the City due to COVID-19, so the District produced a draft a few weeks ago, he noted. Once legal counsel has reviewed, it will be taken to the City, Jagers advised.

Activities to come include staff training, workshops for BCVWD customers, finalizing the recycled water use regulations, site supervisor training, developing recycled water user agreements, field-verifying potable and non-potable water main maps, cross-connection testing, development of plans for recycled water use area signage, preparation of Title 22 engineering report for the recycled water distribution, and application for the general water reclamation permit, Jagers advised. He assured the Board that large expenditures go hand in hand with the agreement with the City.

Jagers estimated that the pumping facility design could be completed in the spring of 2021 and constructed in the spring or summer of 2022.

Staff has begun compression of the design phase for the booster station, Jagers indicated. A staff position has been budgeted but has been on hold due to COVID, he explained. The consulting fees may range from \$400,000 to \$800,000 which would be funded via capacity charges (facilities fees) paid by developers, as it is a new water supply source, he advised.

Jagers stated that delivery of recycled water into the system is achievable in the 2021 to 2022 time frame.

President Covington asked about coordination with the City of Beaumont. Mr. Jagers explained that when COVID-19 became an issue, interaction was suspended, and activity has stalled a little bit. Other delay issues were related to ownership of the recycled water and crafting of the agreement, he said.

Director Slawson wondered if the Title 22 water to be delivered starting in December would just flow down the creek until BCVWD is ready to receive it. Mr. Jagers acknowledged and estimated a year or two before it could be accepted. There will be a period when it is discharged and not used. Jagers noted it would not hurt to see 6 months of operation to ensure that BCVWD is comfortable with the quality of water produced.

In response to Director Hoffman, Mr. Jagers explained that 35 to 40% of the total water used is delivered to meters owned by the City. Another 35 to 40% goes to the Four Seasons community which has a lot of open space and more irrigation than average, he continued. Sundance, Three Rings Ranch, and Fairway Canyon also get recycled water, he said. Director Hoffman pointed out that summer consumption of recycled water is 6 times more than in wintertime; Jagers confirmed and noted that newer construction under new landscape laws is changing that. He pointed out other developments will be coming online such as the Beaumont Sports Park and Noble Creek Park. He noted that the schools have opportunities for recycled water connections but currently there is varied use.

Director Hoffman reminded that he is on the Ad Hoc Water Re-Use Committee and pointed out that what is to be paid to the City for purchase of the water is still unresolved. Mr. Jagers acknowledged that is part of the reason the agreement is stalled although there has been discussion with the City Manager.

Director Hoffman suggested it would be beneficial to the Board to become more educated on potential costs and what might be a reasonable amount to pay for recycled water purchased from the City. He noted that the San Timoteo Canyon has been receiving some discharged water and this may need to continue. He suggested that excess recycled water in the wintertime may be used for recharge.

President Covington indicated agreement with Hoffman and asked about development of the rate. Mr. Jagers noted that the recently-adopted rate structure has a component for a recycled water pass-through charge. The City is in the process of completing a wastewater treatment master plan which will help understand the cost components, he added. Jagers detailed the crafting of the rate and said he has heard there may be an increase in expected costs.

President Covington asked if the pass through rate included the permitting cost. Mr. Jagers said such cost would be covered under capacity charges (facilities fees) deposits as it includes a recycled water component. Mr. Jagers suggested review of the draft implementation plan at an upcoming meeting.

Director Williams asked for a copy of the presentation.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

4. Legislative Update

President Covington acknowledged the report. Director Hoffman asked if there were any items that jumped out. Mr. Swanson explained the report preparation process and noted that if something pops up staff forwards it to the relevant department. He reminded the Board about support and opposition letters.

President Covington noted that some items at the federal level will affect the states such as a revision to the lead and copper rule and improved consumer confidence reports. He pointed out the state authority for Mandatory Assessment for Consolidation of Water Systems and a potential federal moratorium on water disconnects for lack of payment. He indicated that the District should comment on those issues.

5. General Manager's Report

Mr. Jagers reported that this week, staff with legal counsel executed a temporary construction easement with Riverside County Flood Control. He detailed some of the work completed and in progress and said that comment from the public is anticipated.

Jagers advised that there are equestrian trails on District property that may need to have access limited during the Flood Control construction period.

Mr. Jagers reminded the Board that water deliveries have been at 31 cfs and delivery is expected to be complete November 16. The San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) indicated additional carry over for next year, he reported, and reviewed the available water which results in a 1,300 AF holdback in the next year.

Jagers provided detail on the Flood Control plans. He noted that reports have been completed on the Apple Fire and El Dorado Fire. Jagers answered questions from President Covington about debris flow meetings.

6. Topics for Future Meetings:

None added.

7. Announcements

Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order N-33-20, all BCVWD Board and Committee meetings will be held via teleconference and/or video teleconference until further notice or unless otherwise indicated below. President Covington read the following announcements:

- Collaborative Agencies Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (*in-person meeting at Beaumont Library; also available via Zoom*)
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 at 6 p.m. (*Note date change due to holiday*)
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
- District Offices will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 in observance of Veterans Day
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (*Note date change due to holiday*)
- Personnel Committee Meeting: Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- Association of California Water Agencies Virtual Fall Conference: Dec. 2-3, 2020

Mr. Jagers added that there is a meeting of the San Geronio Pass Water Alliance on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

8. Convened in Closed Session: 7:09 p.m.

- a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54947
Title: General Manager

Reconvened in Open Session: 8:15 p.m.


9. Report on Closed Session

President Covington announced there will be an amendment to the General Manager's contract that will come back to the Board of Directors for approval at the November 4, 2020 Board meeting.


10. Adjournment

President Covington adjourned the meeting at 8:15 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

