



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, September 24, 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 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Williams.

Invocation was given by Director Hoffman.

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.

President Covington gave instructions regarding how to make a public comment during the meeting.

Public Comment: None.

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

General Manager Jaggars pointed out a correction on the title of Item 3: *Update regarding District-declared Emergency for Wells 21 and 24.*

2. City of Beaumont Street Improvement Project and Discussion of Impact to BCVWD Capital Improvement Plan Projects

Senior Engineer Mark Swanson gave an overview of upcoming projects proposed by the City of Beaumont (City) in the city-wide pavement rehabilitation project. City staff reached out to BCVWD on September 2 and provided information and a schedule on pavement treatments for 2021 and requested response by September 16, Swanson explained. Staff provided information with pipelines in the queue from 2021 to 2024, as the City had recently passed a three to five-year moratorium on pavement impacts.

This work by the City could result in delays for BCVWD projects, he explained. The City expects to start construction in November 2020 and finish by December, Swanson advised. Staff identified capital improvement replacement pipelines, Swanson said, and pointed to projects 0066 and 0067 as the most directly impacted, and 0069 which is just about ready to go to bid. Unfortunately, Swanson noted, the City has just paved 6th Street so that project will be put on hold.

The City has been advised of these projects and staff with work with field staff to verify which projects must be completed, Swanson stated. He pointed to Attachment 3 (map) and indicated that staff is asking the City to work with the District on coordination.

These projects are included in the Capital Improvement Program and staff had brought them forward with last year's budget, Swanson noted. He said he hopes to schedule a meeting with the City to coordinate.

Mr. Jaggars pointed out that the City notified the District on September 2 and learned that the City was already out to bid on the paving project. The opportunity to coordinate was not realized, he indicated. Jaggars detailed his discussion with City Manager Todd Parton and said he identified to Mr. Parton that it was hard for BCVWD to get things done when paving is done ahead of the District's projects.

Jaggers detailed some of the paving work.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

Swanson responded to questions from President Covington regarding the map. President Covington asked about potential variance within the City's moratorium. Mr. Swanson said he believed the variance was related to emergency repairs and reminded the Board about the expanded patching requirements. Mr. Jaggers indicated that a future discussion with the City would include applying or relaxing the requirements consistently for all utilities. President Covington encouraged that conversation and asked if the District had made comments when the paving requirements were considered by the City. Mr. Jaggers indicated that it had come up quickly and the District had not provided comments.

Director Ramirez said it seemed there is good movement on this and he appreciated the work of staff.

Director Hoffman asked about water pressure technology that drills underneath the asphalt for installations. Mr. Jaggers explained that the District owns a boring machine but for installation of a water line in these areas its use is not a common practice. It is more cost effective to wait and cut the pavement, he said. Mr. Swanson added that there is risk in that method.

Director Slawson said he is happy that staff is moving lines out of alleys and asked about detail on the moratorium. Mr. Jaggers explained that the City does not want to make an expenditure twice and does not want the roads cut in the interim. Mr. Swanson explained the City's pavement analysis and noted that the reason for the moratorium is because as soon as the pavement is cut into, there are seams which collect water and create potholes. The life of the pavement is diminished, he noted, but as a utility, the District needs to take care of its repairs.

Mr. Covington opined that the requirements for patching are excessive.

3. Report regarding Emergency Well Repair Activities

Update regarding District-declared Emergency for Wells 21 and 24

Assistant Director of Operations James Bean gave an update on two emergency items ratified by the Board earlier this year. He detailed work done on Well 21 and noted it was placed back in service in July, with no further issues. The total expenditure was \$133,034.57, he said.

Mr. Bean reminded the Board of the issues with Well 24 and detailed the repair work. The work was done quickly, and the well was back in service by June 28, he reported, however an additional problem was subsequently identified and the well has not been running but is available if needed. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be composed, and the repair work sent out to bid, Bean stated. The total expenditure amounts to \$90,167.13, he advised.

Mr. Jaggers added detail and indicated staff is following the advice of the contractor.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

In response to President Covington, Mr. Bean reported the cost of the Well 24 motor was \$47,522, the depth of the pump is around 470 feet and it is pumping around 2,500 gallons per minute (gpm).

Director Ramirez thanked staff for moving things forward. Director Hoffman pointed out that a 600hp motor is rare and asked if the motor being taken out had any value. Mr. Jagers said the District intends to keep the motor as a spare since it is still operational. The motor could be used in place of an 800hp motor, but not a 400hp, Jagers answered.

Director Hoffman asked about maintenance records for wells and vehicles. Mr. Jagers advised that records were well kept until recordkeeping became spotty in the 1990s, and now complete records are kept along with electronic copies for each well. There is a vehicle maintenance program in place, he advised. President Covington suggested a spreadsheet to track activity. Mr. Jagers said staff is working on a complete history for each well and explained a manufacturing defect and repairs in the specific motor.

President Covington indicated he was glad these facilities were online for supply to the fires; Mr. Jagers pointed out they are also supplying Banning.

4. Bogart Park Transition Update and Scheduling of Dedication Plaque Activity

Mr. Jagers explained that the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District (BCVRPD) would like to have a dedication event and pointed to the proposed a date.

Mr. Jagers reminded that in December 2018, there was a three-year transition period to move the park management from Riverside County to BCVRPD but in an accelerated timeline, on June 9, 2020 the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the transition of ownership.

Areas north of Bogart Park and a bit of the equestrian area did have fire activity, he noted, and there is quite a bit of area that may send mud and debris into the park, Jagers advised. He detailed additional repairs and maintenance at the park. The ponds were available for firefighting activity, Jagers noted.

By consensus, October 8, 2020 at 4 p.m. was chosen as the best available date.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

5. Update: Status of Local Emergency regarding the Apple Fire and El Dorado Fire and Anticipated Debris Flow Impacts and Protection Activities pursuant to Resolution 2020-17 and Resolution 2020-20

Mr. Jagers advised each of the declared local emergency fire events triggers an expenditure allocation of \$250,000 and staff is trying to be very judicious in spending. Ongoing activities include partnering with Riverside County Flood Control for areas on the Noble Creek Recharge Facilities to store equipment and do some material layout while it is collected from the channel, he noted. This will likely be a right of entry agreement that will come later to the Board, Jagers advised.

Flood Control has also proposed bollards to be located at Cherry / International Park Road to catch debris, which is critically important for the Vineland Tank facility, Jagers explained. He advised the Board of an existing 1938 easement that lays over the large debris basins at the lower end of Edgar Canyon north of Orchard Street. Flood Control has proposed to capture debris there and remove parts of the berm to avoid failure, Jagers explained. They would also cover some of the ponds and would be responsible for associated costs, Jagers added.

Jagers recommended additional work on two ponds outside the easement to be done by BCVWD. Jagers advised the Board that he has contacted a local grader and identified a few spots to work on at a probable cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000 to direct flow away from District facilities as an item under the local emergency.

Staff will also survey the location of District facilities to assure they can be located if inundated and require digging out. Ongoing work includes moving of trees that were pushed over by Cal FIRE with a rented excavator, Jagers explained.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

Covington pointed out that this is an issue that will affect the entire San Geronio Pass and thanked staff for working with other agencies.

6. Update: Status of Local Emergency regarding the Respiratory Illness Pandemic COVID-19 pursuant to Resolution 2020-07

General Manager Jagers advised that the County elevated status to Code Red and more facilities are beginning to open. Staff is actively discussing a way to move toward servicing the public by appointment or an open door while promoting remote work as much as possible. He noted that all tiers of California's system encourage remote working if possible and acknowledged the challenges of safety while serving the public and assured that solutions are being sought.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

7. General Manager's Report

Mr. Jagers advised that another grant application was submitted for AMR/AMI project funding. If successful, it is a 50 percent matching grant.

The notice to proceed from the U.S. Department of the interior was received, and the project is moving forward, he advised.

There is a lot going on and staff is stretched thin, Jagers noted. Field personnel vacancies are going to be filled, followed later by office staffing, he said.

8. Topics for Future Meetings:

None added.

9. 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:

- Personnel Committee Meeting: Monday, September 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 10 a.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- Collaborative Agencies Committee Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (*teleconference pending*)

10. Convened in Closed Session: 7:23 p.m.

a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54947

Title: General Manager

b. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54947 (a)

Consultation with District General Legal Counsel concerning potential debris flow

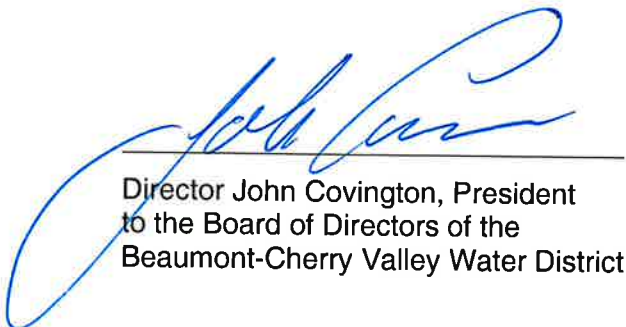
Reconvened in Open Session: 8:25 p.m.

11. Report on Closed Session

President Covington announced there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

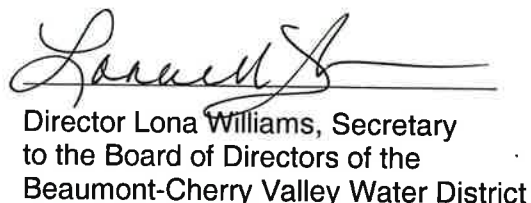
12. Adjournment

President Covington adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District