



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

***Meeting held via 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 began the meeting at 6:02 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance: *Led by Director Williams*

Invocation: *Given by Director Slawson*

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 Orders 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, 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, and Williams
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Finance and Administrative Services Yolanda Rodriguez Senior Engineer Mark Swanson Senior Finance and Administrative Analyst William Clayton Administrative Assistant Brandy Llanes
Legal Counsel	Tilden Kim

Members of the public who registered 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. Consent Calendar:

The following Consent Calendar items were approved with one motion:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2020
- b. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2020
- c. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2020

MOVED: Hoffman	SECONDED: Slawson	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None.	
ABSTAIN:	None.	
ABSENT:	None.	

3. Grant of Right of Entry and Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (Grantor) and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

General Manager Dan Jagers reminded the Board that staff has been working with the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to prepare for the upcoming winter wet season and potential mud and debris flows originating from the burn scar from the Apple Fire and El Dorado Fire.

Jagers explained this is a receive and file item of an easement agreement between the two parties. Staff has previously advised the Board regarding the right of entry, and this serves to memorialize the public record for a five-year entry and use agreement, he said.

Mr. Jagers advised that three to five bollards will be installed.

President Covington stated that the Board had directed staff to move as quickly as possible to get an agreement drafted and ready for execution. Mr. Covington advised that this does not require a vote; the general manager has the authority to execute the agreement.

Director Ramirez said he reviewed the video provided regarding mudflows and the presentation was powerful. Director Hoffman said he appreciated the work and the information provided, and encouraged vigilance, awareness, and communication.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

The Board received and filed the Right of Entry and Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (Grantor) and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) dated October 22, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

MOVED: Slawson	SECONDED: Williams	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None.	
ABSTAIN:	None.	
ABSENT:	None.	

4. Status of Declared Local Emergency regarding the Impact of the Respiratory Illness Pandemic COVID-19 pursuant to Resolution 2020-07 and Discussion of Lobby Access to Public

Mr. Jagers advised that staff is working on a plan to provide access to the public two days a week for four hours a day. He said that he had consulted the Riverside County Health Department website and noted testing being done with a fair number of positive COVID-19 cases, but the plan is moving forward.

5. Status of Declared Local Emergencies related to Fires

a. Impact of the Apple Fire pursuant to Resolution 2020-17

b. Impact of the El Dorado Fire pursuant to Resolution 2020-20

General Manager Jagers explained that a lot of work is being done to prepare the community. Links will be posted on the District website to direct ratepayers to Riverside County Flood Control emergency planning. There is a link that will light up when there are evacuation zones during water events, he said.

Jagers reported that he and Senior Engineer Mark Swanson are meeting weekly with Flood Control staff to stay up to date and coordinate activities.

Mr. Jagers shared a PowerPoint presentation on storm preparation activities and gave an overview of an analysis of the burn scars prepared by the National Weather Service. He added that Flood Control is not expecting an evacuation order for this weekend, but staff will be monitoring in order to provide maximum protection of District facilities, and to identify things that may need action prior to the weekend in case of significant flows. He detailed work in progress and responded to questions from the Board.

General Manager Jagers acknowledged the partnership of Flood Control and also of Weaver Grading, whose owner is a longtime resident of the community and has assisted with work done in the canyon.

President Covington asked about communication to the public. Mr. Jagers explained that Flood Control mobilizes staff when there is expectation of a sizable event. BCVWD is not taking on the responsibility of alerting the public but will provide additional eyes and ears and will notify Flood Control as soon as possible if needed, Jagers assured.

In response to President Covington, Mr. Jagers assured that the Beaumont and Cherry Valley police and fire departments are coordinating with the City of Beaumont and Flood Control for coordination of notification and evacuation activities. He added that the Riverside County Emergency Management Department has attended community meetings and contacted persons in the evacuation zones. President Covington expressed concern that there tends to be a gap in communication to the public although the agencies are coordinated. The Riv Co app and Riv Co Ready webpages are just general information, he noted. Mr. Jagers said he believes the County has a plan; Covington recommended a District plan for communicating and reacting in the event of heavy rain. Jagers assured that staff has an informal plan that had been discussed. Staff is working toward formalizing operations.

President Covington asked about on-call staff, take-home vehicles, and evacuation plan for employees. Mr. Jagers explained that the crew leaders take home vehicles and sometimes the secondary staff do so also. The group of individuals at the District residences will also be heavily involved, he noted. Employees in the District residences within evacuation areas have been told to evacuate, Jagers stated.

The District has purchased three cameras to set for time lapse video which will be deployed to watch the creek bottoms, Jagers advised.

President Covington requested that if a serious situation arises affecting District facilities that an update be sent out to the Board via email.

Mr. Jagers acknowledged the tremendous work being done by Flood Control to protect the communities. President Covington pointed out the level of response to the communities and encouraged the purchase of flood insurance. Mr. Jagers said the District had reviewed its policies to ensure coverage for potential flood events.

6. Consideration and Possible Approval Regarding Proposed Changes to Contract, Salary, and/or Fringe Benefits of General Manager

President Covington introduced three amendments to the employment contract of General Manager Dan Jagers to be effective January 2021. All directors are fully informed, he noted.

1. The evaluation date is now October of each year
2. Add a 401a provision
3. One-time annual salary increase of 5.5%

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

The Board approved the contract amendments and the salary adjustment to the employment contract of General Manager Dan Jagers by the following roll call vote:

MOVED: Ramirez	SECONDED: Williams	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None.	
ABSTAIN:	None.	
ABSENT:	None.	

7. Reports For Discussion

a. Ad Hoc Committees:

Director Ramirez reported that he and Director Williams have been working with CV Strategies and staff at the Communications Committee. Things are progressing with social outreach which will expand in the coming months. Updates are on the website, he noted.

b. General Manager

Mr. Jagers reported that Urban Regional Water Management planning is moving forward. The initial meeting groups will include regional entities.

The San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) is also recharging water along with BCVWD with the intent to get the available water here by November 26. Activities will be closely watched this weekend; with the predicted level of rain there is no plan to suspend recharge, Jagers reported. Jagers said he would advise SGPWA General Manager Lance Eckhart that the District will do a hard shutoff if there is a significant rain event this weekend..

Jagers stated that the District is now in the budget cycle. He congratulated Division 1 Director Ramirez who appears to have been re-elected over his opponent.

c. Directors' Reports:

Director Slawson reported that the San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance met on October 28, 2020. All agencies are working on their Urban Water Management Plans, he noted. Cabazon is doing tank repair and working on a Chik-Fil-A location.

Director Slawson attended a Riverside County Water Task Force meeting on October 23, 2020. An overview of the State Water Project and the Colorado project was given. He said he was surprised when they reported that construction and growth look good for the future; building permits are not slowing down and are at pre-COVID levels.

President Covington shared highlights of the Collaborative Agencies Committee. Most public agencies are focusing on the potential effects of flooding, he said.

d. Legal Counsel Report: None.

8. Announcements

All the following meetings will be held via teleconference unless otherwise indicated. President Covington read the following announcements:

- 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.
- District Offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Association of California Water Agencies Virtual Fall Conference: Dec. 2-3, 2020
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 at 10 a.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting (Budget Workshop): Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. *(Note date change due to holiday schedule)*
- Engineering Workshop: Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. *(Note date change due to holiday schedule)*

9. Action List for Future Meetings:

Water Supply for the region
 Reinstatement of fees waived due to COVID-19
 Matrix for delivery of recycled water

10. Adjournment

President Covington adjourned the meeting at 7:11 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