



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

***Meeting held in person and via teleconference and video
teleconference pursuant to California Government Code Section
54950 et. seq. and California Governor’s Executive Order N-08-21***

Call to Order: President Slawson

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Hoffman.

Invocation was given by President Slawson.

Announcement of Teleconference Participation

Acting Director of Finance and Administrative Services William Clayton clarified that this meeting is conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953, and under Executive Orders N-29-20, N-33-20 and N-08-21 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. 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 and at BCVWD Administrative Office Board Room.

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:	Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	Covington
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Operations James Bean Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Senior Engineer Mark Swanson Human Resources Coordinator Sabrina Foley

	Civil Engineering Assistant Evan Ward Civil Engineering Assistant Daniel Baguyo Accounting Technician Erica Gonzales Administrative Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered their attendance: Raquel Thornton and Dr. Blair Ball.

Acting Director of Finance and Administrative Services William Clayton 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:

Ms. Raquel Thornton thanked the Board for the District's response to her request for weed abatement last year and requested attention again. She pointed to an area of overgrowth near International Parkway. Mr. Jagers advised that it would be investigated and noted that Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District maintains the equestrian trail. Director Hoffman acknowledged the potential for fire.

A member of the public thanked the District for addressing the weed abatement previously.

A member of the public advised there was previously fire close to her home and requested attention to the brush.

President Slawson advised the speakers that staff will address the issues.

1. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.
2. **Public Hearing** (continued from July 22, 2021)
 - a. **Resolution 2021-13: Adoption of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District 2020 Urban Water Management Plan**
 - b. **Resolution 2021-14: Adoption of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

Senior Engineer Mark Swanson introduced the item and reminded the Board of the presentation at the August 11, 2021 meeting. He provided an update on the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Mr. Jagers pointed out correspondence received from the City of Beaumont (City) and response by staff. Mr. Swanson briefed the Board on the comments received from the City. No other comments were received, he reported. All correspondence is published on the District's website, Swanson said.

Once the UWMP is adopted by the Board, Swanson continued, all comments will be incorporated, it will be posted on the website, and it will be submitted to the

Department of Water Resources within 30 days. If there is need for change, the process will be similar but the revision process will not repeat until 2025.

Mr. Jagers commented on the meeting with City staff. President Slawson called for public comment. There was none. President Slawson closed the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Staff responded to questions from Director Hoffman related to data included in the letter to the City dated August 26, 2021.

Director Ramirez asked for clarification regarding stormwater connections to the City of Beaumont recycled water plant. Mr. Jagers replied that if the City has increased stormwater infiltration it would go to the plant and be recycled. He discussed stormwater volume and related recharge and Director Ramirez offered insight.

Director Hoffman asked if communication with the City of Beaumont had been cooperative and goal-oriented. Mr. Swanson advised that the meeting last week resulted in 11th hour work, but it was a collaborative process with a win-win solution.

The Board adopted Resolution 2021-13: Adoption of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District 2020 Urban Water Management Plan by the following vote:

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

The Board adopted Resolution 2021-14: Adoption of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan by the following vote:

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

3. Resolution 2021-15 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement for Beaumont Master Drainage Plan Line 16 Project between Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Senior Engineer Mark Swanson reminded the Board about the project and advised that bids for the project exceeded the \$6.8 million cap. Flood Control committed to covering 100 percent of the costs of contingencies and changes, Swanson advised. The District's additional obligation would be \$379,325, he said.

Swanson pointed out specific language in the Agreement where Flood Control will pick up 100 percent of the costs of any change orders, and the establishment of contribution caps based on grant funding. This sets a new ceiling for the District's maximum cost for the project, he explained. Legal Counsel Jim Markman opined that the item is in order.

Mr. Swanson added that Flood Control issued a Notice of Award to the contractor on August 24, 2021, indicating intent to move forward. Mr. Jagers noted they were fully informed by staff and moved forward with getting the contractor started. General Manager Jagers noted concern about the increasing cost of materials.

Director Hoffman asked about the grant funding requested and matching 50 percent contribution. Mr. Swanson provided detail. BCVWD would be responsible for either \$3.27 or \$3.817 million without the grant. The grant is still available, and the District has qualified, but the project must be completed before the window closes. Director Hoffman was assured that all action necessary is being taken.

Mr. Swanson reviewed the project timeline. In response to Director Hoffman, Swanson assured that communication with Flood Control had been positive. Director Williams indicated satisfaction that the Board’s concerns had been addressed.

President Slawson invited public comment. There was none.

The Board adopted Resolution 2021-15 approving Amendment 1 of the Cooperative Agreement for Beaumont Master Drainage Plan Line 16 Project between Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District by the following roll-call vote:

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

4. Approve Additional Expenditures in an Amount Not to Exceed \$45,000 for the Previously Approved Antonell Court Pipeline Replacement Project

Senior Engineer Mark Swanson reviewed the project details and advised the Board that after this project was approved at the May 27, 2021 meeting and bids were solicited, additional comments were received from the City. Staff acquiesced to the City’s requests and Swanson detailed the additional work. Project plans were modified, and the contractor amended the bid, resulting in approximately \$45,000 to complete the additional work.

Director Hoffman asked for further detail and clarification and Mr. Swanson responded. Mr. Jagers added that the City is undergoing an aggressive street rehabilitation project and coordination came at the last minute to accommodate the City’s demands. He further detailed the City’s request to remove the existing pipe rather than abandon it in place and to backfill under the City’s concrete spandrels. He said staff is requesting the additional funding to retain the contingency funds. This is the most cost-effective solution, he said.

To avoid delay, the contractor has begun work, Swanson explained. Staff is working on Change Order 1 to address the updated requirements, he said. Change Order 2 for removal of the old pipe will follow, Swanson noted.

President Slawson asked about work to protect the cross-gutters, and Mr. Jagers and Mr. Swanson provided detail.

The Board approved the additional expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the previously approved Antonell Court Pipeline Replacement Project between Pennsylvania Avenue and Cherry Avenue by the following roll-call vote:

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

5. BCVWD 2022 Imported Water Order Quantity from the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

General Manager Jagers advised that the Water Order is due on or about September 1. He advised that more water than average was used this year, and the District did not receive all the water ordered this year due to the drought. He cautioned that between 6,000 to 8,000 acre-feet (af) could be pumped from the District's storage account. Water remaining in storage with the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) will be requested, he said.

Jagers said he expects to make an order for approximately 10,600 af for replenishment in 2021, plus the water that was not received this year, and an additional 300 af for new houses. He said he will be more firm on the target next week. Pass-through fees have been collected to pay for any water ordered, he assured.

Additional supply may be available from other sources, according to SGPWA, Jagers continued. It is unknown if the drought will continue, but staff will have a clear target as winter approaches. It may be a La Niña (dry) year, he warned.

Jagers requested authorization from the Board for an imported water order of up to 10,900 af. In response to President Slawson, Jagers explained that the total amount remaining from the 2020 order depends on how much is delivered the rest of the year, but could range between 6,000 and 8,000 af. He said he will work with Acting Director of Finance and Administrative Services Bill Clayton to determine how much in pass-through fees have been collected to cover the costs of the water purchase.

Director Hoffman noted that the SGPWA recharged some water into their facilities and BCVWD has the right to request to purchase that water. Jagers confirmed, and said SGPWA General Manager Lance Eckhart is supportive.

President Slawson invited public comment. There was none.

The Board authorized the purchase of 10,900 af plus 6,000 af (if available at a reasonable cost) of imported water from the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency for calendar year 2022 and authorized the General Manager to execute the letter addressed to the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency regarding the Supplemental Water Order for 2022 by the following roll-call vote:

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

6. Status of Automatic Meter Read/Advanced Metering Infrastructure Deployment Project: Water Sustain and Manage America’s Resources for Tomorrow: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant

Acting Director of Finance and Administrative Services Bill Clayton provided highlights of the report. The project is more than 50 percent complete, he advised. So far, \$146,790 has been received in reimbursement from the grant, he noted. Impact from the COVID-19 outbreak is now affecting the supply chain, he explained. Mr. Jagers added that radio meters have been ordered but are delayed and advised of a shortage of labor for installation of the meters.

Mr. Clayton noted that the next required semi-annual performance report will be submitted in September or October.

7. Consideration to Approve Purchase of One (1) John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader in an Amount Not to Exceed \$120,000

Director of Operations James Bean explained that funds for this purchase were approved in the 2021 fiscal year budget. He described the equipment and the District’s need. The existing equipment will be retained for other jobs and redundancy, he stated. In response to Director Hoffman, Mr. Bean detailed the accessories of the backhoe.

The Board authorized the General Manager to purchase one (1) John Deere Backhoe Loader as listed in the 2021 Capital Improvement Budget from RDO Equipment Co. as a Sourcewell government contract distributor for John Deere Sourcewell contract #032119-JDC, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, including contingencies by the following roll-call vote:

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

8. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) 2022-2023 Region 9 Board Election

Mr. Jagers introduced the item. President Slawson recommended the slate of candidates as identified by the ACWA Election Committee.

The Board selected a vote for the slate as recommended by the ACWA Election Committee by the following roll-call vote:

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

9. California Special Districts Association Opportunities for Involvement

General Manager Jagers introduced the item and advised the Board of opportunities for involvement for interested directors. President Slawson acknowledged the information. Director Williams noted that a login is needed for the CSDA website.

Director Ramirez pointed out that the District would be responsible for providing the per diem compensation for directors involved. He indicated interest and said he would review the documentation.

Legal Counsel Markman informed the Board that Richards, Watson and Gershon (RWG) has attended CSDA events and finds them as valuable as ACWA and very professional.

Mr. Jagers supplied information on the required volunteer commitments and will send additional information to interested directors.

10. Continued Review of Anticipated California Drought Conditions, District Urban Water Management Plan Drought Restrictions and BCVWD Resolution 2014-05 Regarding Issuance of Will-Serve Letters and Other Drought Response

General Manager Jagers advised that the current California drought continues to worsen. The District’s new Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) offers a revised look on how to address the drought conditions, he noted. He advised that the drought outlook and response may change in the near future with further understanding. He advised the Board that the District must be ready to react. Jagers said he will discuss the new WSCP adopted by the Board earlier tonight, and how to plan for water shortage activities at the next Board meeting.

Jagers noted that the Governor has declared drought in 51 counties and called for a voluntary 15 percent reduction in water use.

11. Status of Local Emergency regarding the Impact of the Respiratory Illness Pandemic COVID-19 pursuant to Resolution 2020-07

Mr. Jagers reported that COVID-19 cases are continuing to drift upward and assessments are made on a day to day basis as to how to protect staff. He said he is concerned that the numbers are climbing and hospital loads are increasing.

There is benefit for staff working in the office, he noted, and explained that it is a balance to keep staff safe. He said if cases continue to increase, staffing will need to be reduced to 50 percent, splitting the four-day workweek. He noted that there is a new phone system that provides remote access and offers a better situation than last year. New OSHA directives are late coming, he advised.

The solution is to keep staff healthy while providing service to ratepayers, he noted. He emphasized being fair and healthy to staff.

12. 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 advised there is still risk with fires and monsoonal threats. Director of Operations James Bean attends meetings with the weather service and response agencies, Jagers noted. Agencies are cautious, he explained.

Jagers reported that he will be making a presentation at the Riverside County Water Task Force meeting tomorrow on lessons learned from the Apple and Eldorado Fires.

13. Reports for Discussion

a. Directors' Reports

Director Ramirez reported on the Tri-State Seminar from August 9 to 12, 2021.

Director Williams, Director Ramirez, and President Slawson reported on the Building Industry Association Southern California Water Conference on August 13.

Director Hoffman and Director Williams reported on the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce State of the City Luncheon on August 25.

b. Director General Comments: None.

c. General Manager's Report

Mr. Jagers advised that he and staff attended the State of the City luncheon. He noted the City's projects of interest to the District as related to impact on District facilities and need to accommodate the designs: widening of Pennsylvania Avenue, a project near Highland Springs in conjunction with the City of Banning and an extension on Second Street. Jagers noted that the District will be more proactive related to utility coordination. He expressed concern about the City's pavement moratorium and its extension on Second Street that may create a condition where the developer may not be able to put in the water improvements as they build their properties.

From a water supply planning perspective, Jagers commented on the State's mandate for the City of Beaumont to create 4,000 low income / affordable houses by 2028.

He updated the Board on Well 29 and Well 14 repairs. A planned maintenance cycle will be coming up, he advised.

Jagers stated that staff is still struggling with encroachment permit issues with the City. Data suggests that the cost of pavement patches is now running \$9,000 per patch. Averaging 15 patches per year, the cost runs into six figures, Jagers warned. He said staff is working to resolve this in more detail and will advise staff of findings. There are still inconsistencies in permit requirements, he added.

Mr. Markman is prepared to make some of the requested legal reports and Jagers said he is working to schedule them.

d. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Markman indicated he would have a report on the Delta Conveyance Project litigation at the next meeting. He commented on current water issues.

14. Topics for Future Meetings:

- Water supply for BCVWD and the region
- Matrix for delivery of recycled water
- Update and legal perspective on the Delta Conveyance Project
- Legal Counsel report on changes in Proposition 218
- Legal update on drought conditions in the west
- Maintenance costs at 800-hp well sites
- Policy on rotation of Board President

15. Announcements

Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order N-08-21, BCVWD Board and Committee meetings may be held via Teleconference only. Meetings listed below will be held both in-person at the BCVWD Administrative Office AND via Zoom teleconference unless otherwise indicated below. President Slawson read the following announcements:

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 at 3 p.m.
- District offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- Personnel Committee Meeting: Monday, Sept. 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021 at 10
- Collaborative Agencies Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

General Manager Jagers pointed out there is Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5 p.m.

16. Adjournment

President Slawson adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.



Director Daniel Slawson, President
to the Board of Directors of the
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

ATTEST:



Director Andy Ramirez, Secretary
to the Board of Directors of the
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District