

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

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTICE AND AGENDA

This meeting is hereby noticed pursuant to California Government Code Section 54950 et. seq. and under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 and BCVWD Resolution 2021-23

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

COVID-19 NOTICE This meeting of the Board of Directors will be held via teleconference only due to the spread of COVID-19

TELECONFERENCE NOTICE

The BCVWD Board of Directors will attend via Zoom Video Conference To access the Zoom conference, use the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84318559070?pwd=SXIzMFZCMGh0YTFIL2tnUGlpU3h0UT09

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For Public Comment, use the "**Raise Hand**" feature if on the video call when prompted, if dialing in, please **dial** *9 to "**Raise Hand**" when prompted

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Call to Order: President Williams

Roll Call

Teleconference Verification

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT: RAISE HAND OR PRESS *9 to request to speak when prompted At this time, any person may address the Board of Directors on matters within its jurisdiction. However, state law prohibits the Board from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the agenda. Any non-agenda matters that require action will be referred to Staff for a report and possible action at a subsequent meeting. **Please limit your comments to three minutes.** Sharing or passing time to another speaker is not permitted.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda
- Resolution 2022-__: Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same
- 3. Recess to Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Agency designated representatives: Dan Jaggers, General Manager and Kirene Manini, PhD, Director of Finance and Administrative Services Employee Organization: BCVWD Employee Association and Contract Positions

- 4. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session
- 5. Adjournment

NOTICES

AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA MATERIALS - Agenda exhibits and other writings that are disclosable public records distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Board of Directors in connection with a matter subject to discussion or consideration at an open meeting of the Board of Directors are available for public inspection in the District's office, at 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, California ("District Office"). If such writings are distributed to members of the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, they will be available from the District Office at the same time as they are distributed to Board Members, except that if such writings are distributed one hour prior

to, or during the meeting, they can be made available from the District Office in the Board Room of the District's Office.

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA - In accordance with §54954.2(a) of the Government Code (Brown Act), revisions to this Agenda may be made up to 72 hours before the Board Meeting, if necessary, after mailings are completed. Interested persons wishing to receive a copy of the set Agenda may pick one up at the District's Main Office, located at 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, California, up to 72 hours prior to the Board Meeting.

REQUIREMENTS RE: DISABLED ACCESS - In accordance with §54954.2(a), requests for a disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in a meeting, should be made to the District Office, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to ensure availability of the requested service or accommodation. The District Office may be contacted by telephone at (951) 845-9581, email at info@bcvwd.org or in writing at the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

A copy of the foregoing notice was posted near the regular meeting place of the Board of Directors of Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and to its website at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting (Government Code §54954.2(a)).



Item 2

STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Jaggers, General Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution 2022-__: Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board:

Make the following findings so that meetings of the Board will be subject to the special Brown Act requirements for teleconference meetings: (1) the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency; and (2) state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and

Adopt Resolution 2022-__: Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same.

<u>Summary</u>

Staff has placed this item on the agenda so that the Board can continue to meet virtually pursuant to AB 361's special Brown Act requirements for teleconference meetings. These requirements give local public agencies greater flexibility to conduct teleconference meetings when there is a declared state of emergency and either social distancing is mandated or recommended, or an inperson meeting would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

The Board must make these findings every 30 days to continue the teleconferencing options. The previous Resolution 2021-23 was adopted on December 8, 2021.

The declared emergency is still in effect. Furthermore, the State of California and local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing. The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health still requires that employers provide training on the effectiveness of physical distancing in the workplace.

Attachments

 Resolution 2022-__: Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

RESOLUTION 2022-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) AND MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE SAME

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to public access and participation in its meetings while balancing the need to conduct public meetings in a manner that reduces the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19 and to support physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Board conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, signed by Governor Newsom and effective on September 16, 2021, legislative bodies of local agencies may hold public meetings via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), without complying with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), if the legislative body complies with certain enumerated requirements in any of the following circumstances:

- 1. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
- 2. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- 3. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (the "Emergency"); and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continue to advise that COVID-19 spreads more easily indoors than outdoors and that people are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 when they are closer than six feet apart from others for longer periods of time; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the need to promote social distancing to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, the Board of Directors intends to hold public meetings via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Recitals provided above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. This Board hereby determines that, as a result of the Emergency, meeting in person presents imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Section 3. This Board shall conduct its meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

Section 4. Staff is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. The District has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that: (i) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and (ii) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

ADOPTED this	day of	, 2022, by the following vote:
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		
		ATTEST:
Director Lona Williams, F Board of Directors of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley		Director David Hoffman, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District