



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

*Meeting held in person and via teleconference pursuant to California Government Code Section 54950 et. seq. and under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 and BCVWD Resolution 2022-04 and in person at 560 Magnolia Ave., Beaumont, CA*

**Call to Order:** *President Williams opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.*

*Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Ramirez.*

*Invocation was given by President Williams.*

**Announcement of Teleconference Participation**

Dr. Kirene Manini, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, clarified that this meeting is conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953 and AB 361.

The teleconference capabilities of this meeting have been identified in the Notice and Agenda. Due to the danger of COVID-19, the teleconference locations are not publicly accessible.

Dr. Manini verified that Director Ramirez was able to hear the other directors clearly. 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.

**Roll Call:**

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Finance and Administrative Services Kirene Manini, PhD Senior Finance and Administrative Analyst Bill Clayton Director of Operations James Bean Human Resources Coordinator Sabrina Foley Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Accounting Technician Erica Gonzales Civil Engineering Assistant Evan Ward Administrative Assistant Cenica Smith Administrative Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: Fabian Valdez of Redistricting Insights, Larry Smith, Helen Williams, Dr. Blair Ball.

**Public Comment:** None.

**1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.

**2. Consent Calendar:**

*The following Consent Calendar items were approved with one motion:*

- a. Review of the January 2022 Budget Variance Reports
- b. Review of the January 31, 2022 Cash/Investment Balance Report
- c. Review of Check Register for the Month of February 2022
- d. Review of February 2022 Invoices Pending Approval
- e. Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 7, 2022
- f. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2022
- g. Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 23, 2022
- h. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2022
- i. Resolution 2022-04 Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same
- j. Resolution 2022-05 Amending Resolution 2020-07 Ratifying and Proclaiming District Local Emergency in Response to the Impact of the Respiratory Illness Pandemic COVID-19
- k. Affirm nomination of Director David Hoffman for Election to the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

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

**3. Acknowledge Receipt of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for BCVWD's 2020 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

Mr. William Clayton introduced the award. Directors commended staff on their work.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2 - U.S. Census 2020 / Redistricting Possible Realignment of Director Division Boundaries per Water Code 21605 and Elections Code 22000**

General Manager Jagers reminded the Board of previous discussion and shared the District's website tools available to the public. He gave a brief overview of the maps and adoption process.

Director Covington asked about the true benefit of the website tool. Mr. Jagers indicated that use of the tool could provide an understanding of the demographics. In response to President Williams, he noted that the website offers detail on the process. The goal is to be transparent and allow the public to leverage into the process, he said.

President Williams opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. Dr. Kirene Manini presented the Secretary's Report, noting that the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Beaumont Record-Gazette and was posted at the District office and on the District's website. As of 6 p.m. this evening, zero written comments have been received.

Fabian Valdez of Redistricting Insights reiterated the opportunity for public input via the Dave's Redistricting website tool. He reviewed the revised draft maps and pointed out changes made in response to comments of the Board from the originals presented at the last meeting.

Jagers refreshed the Board on the reason for the redistricting exercise and enumerated the public outreach efforts.

President Williams called for public comment. There was no public comment.

President Williams declared the public hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

Directors reviewed the maps. Director Slawson reminded that the law and the numbers matter first.

Director Covington acknowledged that Redistricting Insights had incorporated directors' comments while keeping the spirit of the law intact. He compared the maps presented on February 9 with the new versions and acknowledged the work done to bring a fresh review.

Vice President Ramirez also acknowledged the work and noted that the dialogue has been beneficial, balanced, and fair.

President Williams acknowledged the work of Redistricting Insights. She announced that the last public hearing on this item will be on March 24, 2022.

*The Board directed staff to prepare Map 5 for adoption at the March 24, 2022 meeting by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**5. Resolution 2022-06: Amending the District Policies and Procedures Manual: Part 1 – Personnel: Policy 1010.6**

General Manager Jagers advised that the Personnel Committee has recommended the Board consider the current policy on pronoun use within the District's policy manual.

Director Ramirez pointed out that standard pronouns (he/she) are used in conversation and there is no law mandating use of gender-neutral pronouns. He recommended retaining use of standard pronouns.

A vote in favor of Resolution 2022-06 would amend the policy manual to eliminate the section requiring use of gender-neutral pronouns (the “singular they”), Jagers explained. District legal counsel advised of minor concern that moving back to standard pronouns could result in some exposure. Discussion ensued.

*The Board adopted Resolution 2022-06 Amending the District Policies and Procedures Manual: Part 1 – Personnel: Policy 1010.6 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**6. Resolution 2022-07: Authorizing Workers’ Compensation Insurance for Volunteer Personnel**

Human Resources Coordinator Sabrina Foley advised the Board that this update to existing Resolution 1997-12 is recommended by the ACWA JPIA insurance carrier. It is advantageous for individuals to be covered under workers compensation rather than general liability, she explained.

There are no current volunteer workers with the District; however, in the event of a large-scale emergency or other situation the District would like to have this provision in place to be able to enact volunteer staff, Foley explained.

General Manager Jagers pointed out that during the Apple and Eldorado fires two former employees had reached out and offered assistance to the District.

In response to a question from Director Covington, Ms. Foley noted that a volunteer would be covered depending on how the volunteer was onboarded and the work authorized. The volunteer would, by law, have a certain amount of time in which to present a claim. It would not be applicable to consultants, she added.

Director Hoffman asked about financial impact with added coverage. Counsel Markman said he had never represented a municipality that did not cover volunteers for worker’s compensation. It provides protection for the agency and is prudent to do, he noted. Foley added that this resolution is to reaffirm the existing volunteer coverage.

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

*The Board adopted Resolution 2022-07 Authorizing Workers’ Compensation Insurance for Volunteer Personnel by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**7. Nominations for California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network Seat B**

General Manager Jagers explained the call for nominations. Director Covington pointed out that Mr. Jagers had been considered by the Board for this in the past. Jagers reminded the Board that due to workload, the consideration had been dropped.

If the Board chooses not to make a nomination, it may vote for other candidates on the June ballot, Jagers explained.

Director Covington nominated General Manager Jagers. The nomination failed due to lack of a second.

Director Covington asked if there were any managerial staff members interested and suggested the opportunity be circulated. Mr. Jagers said he would poll the staff, but cautioned about the District's workload.

Director Slawson indicated interest, and Dr. Manini advised General Manager Jagers that she would consider.

President Williams continued this item to the March 24, 2022 meeting.

**8. Award a Contract to Legend Pump and Well Services, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$158,835 for Well 10 and Well 18 – Well and Well Pumping Unit Rehabilitation and Repair**

General Manager Jagers advised that the wells have been recently worked on, but the pumps have experienced failure. There have been fires, line drops and other adverse activity in the region of the well sites, he advised, and voltage difficulties have been experienced due to their location at the end of the service line and aging Southern California Edison (SCE) infrastructure.

Director of Operations James Bean detailed issues with the wells. He advised that SCE is replacing infrastructure in the area and explained tolerance levels of electric motors.

Bids were solicited in the newspaper, on the District's website, and via email notification to pump companies on the list, Bean explained. He noted a response from Layne Christianson explaining the situation in the market including reduced staff, and advised that the bid from Legend Pump and Well was the only bid received.

Mr. Bean and Mr. Jagers reviewed the base bid items, options, and costs. Bean assured the Board that staff has been satisfied with the quality of prior work performed by Legend Pump and Well and Jagers added that they have generally

been the lowest responsive bidder. He warned that there are just a few such contractors in the area and noted the proactive effort to obtain bids.

Director Hoffman acknowledged the past work of Legend Pump and Well. Director Covington asked about bid detail and Mr. Bean explained.

Covington recommended that in looking at enhancing the SCADA system, if considering putting those wells on transducers, this is an opportunity to put a filler tube down the well shaft in preparation.

Director Hoffman asked about the availability of supplies to complete the work. Mr. Bean assured that lead time is about three weeks for acquisition of materials.

Director Hoffman clarified that water pumped from these wells in Edgar Canyon are not part of the adjudication of the Beaumont Basin. Mr. Jagers confirmed and said there is no replenishment costs for these wells. He did note that with the fire, more of the water is running off rather than soaking in, and anticipated lingering effects and the continuation of drought.

Director Ramirez noted the importance of having a strategic partner to achieve efficiency. He asked about progress on use of an online forum that might further assist with broadcasting bid opportunities. Jagers said that staff had reached out to Planet Bid as suggested and determined there is a cost to it. Research indicated that the most appropriate venue might be Bid Board, he said. The intent is to post the next large project while still communicating to local vendors.

Director Covington commented on the consistent low bids and awards to Legend Pump & Well.

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

*The Board approved the award of a contract to Legend Pump and Well Services, Inc. in an amount Not to Exceed \$158,835 for Well 10 and Well 18 – Well and Well Pumping Unit Rehabilitation and Repair by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**9. Approval of Purchase of One (1) ¾ Yard Dump Truck in an Amount Not to Exceed \$90,000.00**

Director of Operations James Bean advised that the dump truck purchase is included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Quotes were solicited and only one entity had trucks available, he explained. After the quote process, both available trucks had been sold, Bean advised. It does not appear that any 2022 models are currently available, he said, but assured that he would continue looking.

He explained that if the truck were to be ordered from a dealership, the 2023 pricing will not be out for another two to three months, and delivery would take up to 15 months.

Bean requested approval to make the purchase if a vehicle is located. If the purchase is approved, other trucks would be considered, and the search expanded, Bean noted. He also advised that vehicles may become even more difficult to find.

Jaggers added that long-term rental of such a truck would be approximately \$3,300 per month, which is a robust price but may be a short-term solution.

Director Hoffman suggested not compromising on the purchase of a vehicle just because it becomes available, and urged optimizing use of the existing vehicle. He noted that there are ¾ yard dump trailers available. Bean noted that the District utilizes a dump trailer and a larger Class A dump truck. Jaggers added that the existing dump truck is somewhere near the end of its service life and will need to be replaced for the long term. Hoffman also cautioned not to underestimate the value of the used equipment.

Covington indicated similar experience and supported the request to purchase. Ramirez and Williams concurred.

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

*The Board approved the purchase of one (1) ¾ Yard Dump Truck in an amount Not to Exceed \$90,000 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**10. Consideration of Attendance at Upcoming Events and Authorization of Reimbursement and Per Diem**

General Manager Jaggers reviewed the listed events. Directors indicated interest in the following:

- Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event March 25 - Slawson and Williams
- Water 101 Workshop from the Water Education Foundation April 8 - Covington and Williams
- Water Education Foundation Bay-Delta Water Tour May 18-20 – Williams, Covington, and Slawson
- CSDA webinar: Board Member and District Liability Issues March 14 – Ramirez
- CSDA Special District Leadership Academy April 3-6 - Williams

*The Board pre-approved attendance of all directors at the following events for purpose of per diem and reimbursement of associated reasonable and necessary expenses per District policy:*

- *Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day on March 25, 2022*

*by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**11. 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 the Board of activity related to drought response and opportunities to bolster water supply. He noted that there will be a special meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster (BBWM) Committee on March 10. The agenda includes a report by legal counsel on the issue and motion from Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD) regarding overlie rights activities and BBWM rules, and memorialization of the 500 acre-feet water transfer from the San Geronio Pass Water Agency storage account to BCVWD.

Jagers advised that at the March 24 Engineering Workshop, the Board will need to discuss local movement on drought issues. It is looking like the drought is continuing and it will not be a great water year, he cautioned.

President Williams pointed out that the articles related to what is happening in Northern California may not take into account what is happening locally. Jagers advised that the State Water Project allocation may be reduced, and that latest snowpack survey indicated conditions were not as good as they should be. Because things continue to trend dry, it is all the more reason for projects like Sites Reservoir.

With the continuation of drought, the Board will need to make some decisions coming up quickly, Jagers advised.

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

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

Mr. Jagers reported that the numbers are very low and the community is re-opening. He drew attention to Resolution 2022-05, adopted earlier, that changes the report out for this declared local emergency in an effort to meet the Board's request to not report out so frequently.

The District is fully open to the public, is paralleling state requirements, and is trying to promote personnel safety while conducting business, Jagers advised.

**13. 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**



No report.

#### 14. Reports For Discussion

a. Ad Hoc Committees:

Communications Committee: Director Ramirez reported:

- There are long-term successes with communications from the District to constituents via Facebook
- Work continues on op-ed pieces and ratepayer education with one publication in the Record-Gazette
- The Committee has a good handle on overseeing communications
- The a la carte administration of CV Strategies continues in collaboration with staff
- Discussion has been held regarding changing the ad hoc committee to a standing committee

Sites Reservoir Committee: Mr. Jagers referred to the presentation by Lance Eckhart and said discussions will resume in earnest as the project moves forward.

Water Re-Use 2x2: Mr. Jagers reminded the Board of his conversation with Beaumont City Manager Todd Parton, who said the item would be taken to the City Council in mid-March, and there is desire to finalize.

b. Directors' Reports:

President Williams reported attending the following:

- CSDA Board Member Best Practices on 2/2 and 2/3

Director Ramirez reported attending the following:

- CSDA Board Member Best Practices on 2/2 and 2/3
- CSDA Crisis Communications
- ACWA training on Fixing the Bay-Delta

Director Slawson reported attending the following:

- San Geronio Pass Water Agency Board meeting on 2/14
- Urban Water Institute Spring Water Conference on 2/16 and 2/17
- Riverside County Water Task Force on 2/25
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency Board meeting on 2/28

c. Directors' General Comments: None.

d. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers reported:

- There is an out of water service condition in upper Cherry Valley for a few services. Crews are working on the issue at Cherry

Avenue and International Park Road, replacing a valve at the Noble Tank.

- Water deliveries have begun at the Noble Creek Recharge Facility Phase 1 at 12 cfs
- The MDP Line 16 Stormwater Project was covered in the Patch, Stormwater Magazine, Water World, MSN, El Informador, ACWA, and California Water Daily News. Posting on PR Newswire resulted in 370 pickups, 4,370 views and 27 click-throughs
- The MDP Line 16 project continues to move forward and related replacement pipelines are underway
- A request for ARPA grant funding has been made

e. Legal Counsel Report: None.

#### 15. Action List for Future Meetings:

- Water supply for BCVWD and the region
- Matrix for delivery of recycled water
- Legal Counsel report on changes in Proposition 218
- Legal update on drought conditions in the west
- Maintenance costs at 800-hp well sites

#### 16. Announcements

*President Williams read the following announcements:*

- Personnel Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
- San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, Mar. 23, 2022 at 5 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Mar. 24, 2022 at 6 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Apr. 6, 2022 at 11 a.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, Apr. 7, 2022 at 3 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 13, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Mr. Jagers added the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee Special Meeting: Thursday, March 10 at 11 a.m.

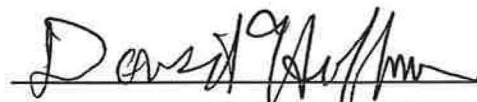
#### 17. Adjournment

*President Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.*

ATTEST:



Director Lena Williams, President  
to the Board of Directors of the  
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District



Director David Hoffmann, Secretary  
to the Board of Directors of the  
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District