



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

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

*Meeting held in person at 560 Magnolia Ave., Beaumont, CA
and via teleconference pursuant to
California Government Code Section 54950 et. seq. and under the
provisions of Assembly Bill 361 and BCVWD Resolution 2022-36*

Call to Order: *President Williams opened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Slawson.

Invocation was given by Director Covington.

Announcement of Teleconference Participation

Dr. Kirene Bargas, Director of Finance and Administration, 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. Bargas verified that all directors were 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, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	Ramirez
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Finance and Administration Kirene Bargas, PhD Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Operations James Bean Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Finance Manager Bill Clayton Human Resources Administrator Sabrina Foley Senior Management Analyst Sylvia Molina Water Utility Supervisor Julian Herrera Customer Service Supervisor Sandra Delgadillo Administrative Assistant Cenica Smith Administrative Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: R. Provost, Directors Dr. Blair Ball and Mickey Valdivia of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA), John Wright and Cleo Koenig from Raftelis Financial Consultants (Raftelis), and Sean McReynolds of Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

Public Comment:

Mr. Valdivia thanked Mr. Jagers for his presentation to the San Gorgonio Pass Economic Development Alliance.

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

Mr. Jagers advised that the ad hoc Communications Committee has requested inclusion of some upcoming events and there are some corrections on Agenda Item 8.

2. Consent Calendar:

Consent Calendar items 2a through 2j were approved with one motion:

- a. Review of the September 2022 Budget Variance Reports
- b. Review of the September 30, 2022 Cash/Investment Balance Report
- c. Review of Check Register for the Month of October 2022
- d. Review of October 2022 Invoices Pending Approval
- e. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2022
- f. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 29, 2022
- g. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2022
- h. Resolution 2022-36 Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same
- i. Monthly Update from Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (grant writing)
- j. Request for Proposal- Social Media and Public Relations

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

3. Public Hearing:

- a. **Resolution 2022-37: Approving the Miscellaneous Fee Update study and Adopting the Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees, and**
- b. **Resolution 2022-38: Amending the District’s Regulations Governing Water Service: Part 5: Charges**

Continued from the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2022

President Williams reminded that this item was continued for discussion due to the unavailability of materials.

Dr. Kirene Bargas advised that the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Beaumont Record-Gazette on October 14 and 21, and was posted on the District's website, at the City of Beaumont, and at the District office on October 10, 2022.

Finance Manager Bill Clayton introduced the item and provided brief background.

Mr. John Wright of Raftelis explained the Proposition 26 basis for fees and the development of an Excel model and presented the Miscellaneous Fee Update Report.

General Manager Dan Jagers explained cost inputs. Mr. Clayton explained engineering deposits and fees based on costs. Mr. Wright described the penalty fees.

In response to President Williams, Mr. Jagers confirmed that due to changes in costs, some fees do go down. All are based on an average of true, historic costs, he said, and explained examples of the calculations contained in the Raftelis report.

President Williams questioned the GIS charges, and Director of Engineering Mark Swanson described the GIS requirements for developments, fees collected from developers, and calculation of the costs for GIS services based on mapping.

Director Covington said he understood the basis of the numbers, but he would not approve some of the proposed fees, especially those imposed directly on customers, as they are punitive. He asked about application of the results of the report in the amendment of Part 5 and Appendix A and pointed out that there is no change to the section on Cost of Water Supply which has been the same for more than a decade. Mr. Swanson explained that the Cost of Water Supply is not part of this update. Capacity Charges will be coming back in a separate report, Jagers added, and provided detail on the cost items.

Director Covington commented on the Part 5 revision. He directed staff to retain the previous two years of the rate table so the progression was shown. Covington said the text makes sense and clarifies many gray areas. The addition of explanations such as the encroachment permits is very helpful, he added.

Director Covington indicated that he needs more time to review the Raftelis report and reiterated that some of the fees are taking quite a jump, and he is concerned about customers having to pay exorbitant fees. He gave an example of meter testing fees.

Mr. Clayton acknowledged that some of the fees had substantially increased and pointed out that some of them had not been updated since 2012 or before. He recommended keeping in mind Propositions 218 and 26, which dictate the setting of fees, and that costs not charged to the customer are being absorbed and passed to everyone else.

Director Covington noted that Prop. 26 prohibits charging a fee which is more than the cost of the service and asked if the District could charge less. Legal Counsel Markman confirmed that the Board can charge less as long as the cost is not picked up in some other rate, i.e., all rates uniformly can charge the maximum cost recovery, but any can be charged less by Board policy.

Director Covington indicated that the Engineering deposits are in line with what he sees in his own work. He requested this agenda item be tabled to allow more time.

In response to President Williams, Mr. Markman confirmed that the Board can set any fee for each individual service as long as it does not exceed the cost of the service. The proposed fees are the maximum because they are based on total cost recovery, he advised.

President Williams asked if there was an option for low-income customers to have a fee waived. Customer Service Supervisor Sandra Delgadillo said there was no District program, but there is a grant program through the County of Riverside, and if a customer cannot pay their bill, they can be put on a payment plan.

Ms. Delgadillo also explained the occurrence of the meter test fee. If the test shows the meter is reading correctly, the customer pays for the test. Requests for testing are uncommon (two to four per year), she continued, but the current \$30 fee does not cover the technician's time. Fees can be added to the customer's payment plan, she noted.

President Williams acknowledged that the District is losing a lot of money, but agreed that more time is needed to review the information. Directors Slawson and Hoffman concurred.

Director Slawson noted that he assumed the figures in the report were accurate, and said he appreciated the expertise, experience, and attention to detail of Director Covington.

General Manager Jagers pointed out the potential economic exposure attached to each fee reduction.

In response to Director Covington, Mr. Jagers stated that the rates as shown in the Raftelis study are reflected in the 2023 Budget Draft. Dr. Bargas explained an example of the credit card processing fee. The amount not recovered is coming out of the operations budget, she noted. The District is losing money, meaning all customers are absorbing a piece of that cost, she said. Every fee has a methodology behind it and has been validated by Raftelis. Some of the fees are attached to employees, so it had to wait for completion of the classification and compensation study, she added.

President Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m. by inviting public comment. There was none.

President Williams directed staff to add further discussion of this item to the agenda of the regular meeting of November 17, 2022.

The Board continued the Public Hearing to the regular meeting of December 14, 2022 at 6 p.m. and directed staff to add further discussion to the agenda of the regular meeting of November 17, 2022 by the following roll-call vote:

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

4. Consider an Amendment to the Budget for the Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for Production of a Report on Miscellaneous Fees (Administrative Cost Recoveries)

Dr. Kirene Bargas provided background on the contract and advised that in 2020 the study and report were to be finalized. Raftelis has requested a revision of costs to close out the final report, mainly because of the cost of living and the additional reports the District is requesting. The final cost will not be determined until the final report is approved by the Board, but is not anticipated to exceed another \$2,500.

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

The Board approved an amendment in budget allocation not to exceed \$2,500 to cover the increased costs for production of a Report on Miscellaneous Fees by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. by the following roll-call vote:

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

5. Presentation of Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget & 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Budget

Dr. Kirene Bargas directed attention to the budget documents and advised that the Finance and Audit Committee has reviewed the budget line-by-line at a couple of meetings. She provided an overview:

- The proposed operating budget includes proposed gross revenues of \$22,093,000 and gross expenses of \$22,776,500
- Net unrestricted revenues are \$20,609,000 and do not include restricted capacity charges (facilities fees)
- Net or cash basis expenses are \$19,529,000 and do not include non-cash items such as depreciation expenses and GASB pension expenses
- Net position (net revenues less net expenses) is an expected increase of \$1,079,500

Dr. Bargas advised that items raised over the past year are now included in the budget. She pointed out some additions to the budget document and reviewed the District profile, which reflects total connections on 20,691 as of September 2022, an increase of 696 from the previous year. Production totaled 14,149 acre-feet, she noted.

Dr. Bargas provided comparison of the 2022 adopted amended budget to the proposed 2023 figures. She pointed out that revenue projections will change if the Board makes any type of change with the adoption of updated Miscellaneous Fees.

General Manager Jagers added that a number of budget scenarios were taken to the Finance and Audit Committee. He reminded that a letter was authorized to be sent to the SGPWA to purchase 11,000 acre-feet (af) and more if 7,000 af were

to become available in a wet year; this is not reflected in this budget and would come back to the Board for authorization to purchase those additional water supplies from reserves to replenish the Beaumont Basin storage account.

Dr. Bargas continued. Total gross operating expenses for 2023 are budgeted at \$22,776,500. She noted that there is detail for each department in the budget book. She explained the following:

- Although the District is in Stage 3 water restrictions, water sales continue to increase
- There is currently no drought surcharge imposed or budgeted for 2023, which may be changed by the Board during the year
- The budget used 2022 actual water sales for the 2023 budget projection
- Fixed meter charges and consumption charges are increasing per the rate study schedule
- Charges for service are dependent on the Board's adoption of the Miscellaneous Fee schedule
- The economic downturn represents a potential decrease in collection of capacity fees
- The budget includes purchase of 11,000 af for replenishment, AMR/AMI recurring costs of \$183,000, and personnel expenses including the 5 percent COLA for all employees except the General Manager (4 percent)
- Board per diem compensation is included remaining at \$260 per meeting

General Manager Jagers added detail on personnel expenses. Dr. Bargas noted that three significant new expenses involve the City of Beaumont's paving moratorium, personnel, and the new AMR/AMI expense. The purchase of water supply was approved by the Board and will be funded from the importation charges collected from 2021 and 2022, she said. Jagers clarified that 11,000 af is in the budget, and the 7,000 af additional would come to the Board for separate approval and is not in the budget. Net increases result in a \$1,079,500 change in budget from 2022, Bargas concluded.

Director Covington noted that no drought surcharges have been included and asked if such charges would be discussed based on drought-related implementation that comes down from Sacramento or some other separate trigger. Mr. Jagers reminded that the State has mandated enactment of portions of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) but has not actually mandated the conservation be achieved. The SGPWA continues to work to secure access to another 10,000 af of supply, he added. At this point, it does not make sense to put that burden on ratepayers, but drought surcharges may be appropriate in the future and may come to the Board in late February / early March if the drought is continuing, he stated.

Director Covington pointed out that water demand and sales continue to increase while the WSCP is in place, and said he was curious as to when the drought surcharges might be enacted. Mr. Jagers pointed to the addition of 600 houses in the last year and suggested that residents establishing landscaping, although told to conserve, may be watering more.

President Williams noted the Finance and Audit Committee discussed the drought surcharges and felt that instead of being punitive to the ratepayers, it should wait until the State set the trigger.

Dr. Bargas highlighted the year-over-year changes and reminded that the Board had asked to include any amounts changed during the year. The Finance and Audit Committee reviewed all changes, she noted.

Director Covington asked about fixed meter charges, and Mr. Jagers explained that the Raftelis Rate Study adopted in March 2020 included those charges; it is not impacted by the Miscellaneous Fees study. He pointed to the charges for service that will be affected by the Miscellaneous Fee study and asked the Board to pay particular attention to that budget area.

Director Covington asked about the Southern California Edison power charges pass-through and reminded that the item budget had to be amended in a previous year. Jagers explained the basis on which the surcharge is collected and noted that the number will vary based on volumetric sales. Staff is tracking the number but there is not a large enough recovery variance to bring it back to the Board, he advised.

Dr. Bargas detailed the water importation pass through charges totaling \$5,604,926 available for imported water purchases. Jagers discussed the balancing of the pass-through and noted that the total would allow for replenishment of 14,000 af, but more than that has been pulled out of storage. Water that was purchased in wet years has now been sold during the dry years, he noted.

Dr. Bargas continued the presentation and detailed departmental items and changes.

In response to Director Covington, Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha explained that the recurring expenses for the AMR/AMI project include the collectors, repeaters, antennas, and individual components that make up primarily the AMI component of the system, plus annual hosting fees. Mr. Jagers said it also includes the programming for the customer interface. Mr. Rasha added that some of that work will be done in-house. Jagers described the technology will reduce burden on labor costs. Mr. Jagers provided an update on project status and Ms. Molina indicated it is at 93 percent completion. Director Covington requested a presentation on the project.

Dr. Bargas highlighted the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Budget. This information was represented in the Raftelis 2020 Rate Study, she noted.

Formal Board action to approve the budget will be at the December 14 regular meeting, Bargas noted, and the budget would be effective January 1 – December 31, 2023.

President Williams asked about the impact of changes made to the Miscellaneous Fees as recommended in the Raftelis report. Bargas noted that the budget draft presented on December 14 will affect some tables in the budget and will give some indication of impact, but it will be difficult as both items would need to be addressed at once.

In response to President Williams, Jagers noted that the public hearing for potential increase in the director per diem compensation would be coming before the Board at the November 17 meeting.

If necessary, final budget numbers and an amendment would come to the Board in January, Bargas added. Discussion is also agendaized for November 17 in case there is further change, she said.

Directors acknowledged the work of staff.

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

6. Update: Revenues and Expenses Related to District Residences

Director of Finance and Administration Dr. Kirene Bargas reminded the Board of the adoption of Policy 5095 District Residences and Facility Emergency Policy on October 28, 2021 providing for a Monthly Maintenance Fee for the four District residences and presented the summary for fiscal year-to-date 2022, through September 30, 2022. A total of \$20,146.40 has been collected in monthly maintenance fees while \$69,353.54 has been spent. She provided additional annual figures and noted the current balance remaining is \$44,026. The fiscal impact should be net zero over time, she noted.

Director Covington noted that the remaining balance of \$44,026 moving forward is concerning; it is not a lot for four residences.

In response to President Williams, Dr. Bargas and Mr. Jagers confirmed that the balance is low due to the expenses for roofing and septic repairs.

7. Review of Teleconferencing Regulations Pursuant to AB 2449 and Consideration of Adoption of New Meeting Procedures

Director of Finance and Administration Dr. Kirene Bargas requested Board direction regarding continued teleconferencing of regular, special, and standing committee meetings. Mr. Jagers noted that the Board may continue teleconferencing under AB 361 until the State of Emergency is terminated by Governor Newsom in February. He reminded the Board of stated interest in resuming normal procedures under the Brown Act.

Legal Counsel Markman confirmed that procedures under AB 361 will end after February and advised that the Board had two choices: revert to the Brown Act or AB 2449 which allows remote meetings without going through the necessary posting and theoretically having people join the remote location; or procedures under AB 2449. Markman explained the terms of AB 2449 and opined that it may not be any better than the original circumstances of the Brown Act. It is a Board choice as to what appears more convenient, he noted, and a decision would be effective March 1, 2023.

Director Slawson indicated favor for AB 2449 as it offers the freedom to stay home due to childcare and still attend the meetings twice per month.

Director Hoffman said it is more beneficial to attend in person.

In response to Director Covington, Mr. Markman stated that the AB 2449 procedures may be applied in January if desired. Covington favored moving toward AB 2449 effective January 1, 2023. He reminded the Board of discussion

at the October meeting and the conclusion that it is time for all to get back into the office and quit playing the COVID card.

President Williams concurred with in-person meetings, which help in focusing more on the task at hand.

Counsel Markman said he would work with staff to bring a document to the Board for the first meeting in January to move to AB 2449.

The Board approved the adoption of AB 2449 teleconferencing procedures beginning January 1, 2023 by the following roll-call vote:

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

8. Approval of Purchase of Two (2) Ford F-450 (or Equivalent) Crew Trucks in an Amount Not to Exceed \$170,000.00

Director of Operations James Bean presented the information and requested approval for a sole source vendor if necessary. The Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) sets forth a schedule for replacement of vehicles and heavy equipment with a funding source.

These two vehicles are scheduled for replacement in 2022, Bean continued; however, staff has had ongoing issues with obtaining three quotes from vendors. He explained that when a vehicle becomes available by the time three quotes are obtained, one or two of the trucks has already been sold, which is why staff seeks a sole source opportunity.

Bean noted that an initial budget of \$60,000 per truck was identified in the CIB, but with the current economic climate and historic inflation rates, the cost is greater than approved.

This requisition meets the spirit of the District's sole source policy, Bean continued. He further explained the short window for ordering Ford factory build vehicles at the local and state government rate. Delivery would be in eight months.

Additional quotes, and other manufacturers were investigated along with Sourcewell, Bean noted. Staff will pursue the one most favorable to the District, he assured. He described the vehicle specifications and cost of \$84,366 for each truck. He said he would report back to the Board on the transaction.

In response to Director Hoffman, Mr. Bean said these two vehicles are additions to the fleet until the existing trucks become unserviceable. There is currently a shortage of trucks, he noted. "Crew trucks" refers to those with a utility bed that are the District's workhorses, he noted.

Director Covington recalled discussion of vehicle purchases at a previous meeting and his reference to the Enterprise fleet leasing program utilized by the City of Banning for their service trucks, police cars and other vehicles. He wondered if staff reached out to determine if the program would work for BCVWD. He asked

how many vehicles the District owns. Mr. Jagers said he discussed the fleet management with Banning Public Works Director Art Vela and with Darren Yamamoto from Fleet Enterprise. At this time, staff believes the purchase of vehicles is better from the serviceability and cost perspective, he stated. Mr. Bean counted 17 trucks including the large dump truck.

Director Covington acknowledged that all agencies are having the same procurement issues and said he is not satisfied that the District could not be doing better with a leasing program. He provided some detail on the leasing program and his employer's experience.

Mr. Bean responded to questions from President Williams. Bean stated the District is short of trucks and provided detail on the truck that had recently reached the end of its service life at 162,000 miles. He assured that staff had reached out to Chevy and Dodge. These two trucks, plus the large vacuum / excavation truck are scheduled to be replaced in the next 18 months, he noted.

Mr. Jagers indicated that staff could look further into the leasing program.

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

The Board approved a budget appropriation of \$170,000.00 and authorized the General Manager to purchase two Ford F-450 (or equivalent) Crew Trucks as listed in the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget from a sole-source vendor to be identified in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00, including emergency lights and contingencies by the following roll-call vote:

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

9. Approval of Additional Funds Not-to-Exceed \$18,500.00 for the Noble Tank No. 2 and Transmission Pipeline Project (T-3040-0001)

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson explained that as part of the requirements for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant contract is to address the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance due to the federal funding component. The project consultant provided a proposal to complete the NEPA work, and staff requests a budget of \$18,500 (\$16,500 quote plus \$2,000 contingency) for the work.

The design of the project is at a point where the \$6,200 remaining in the budget is for design support services for bidding and contractor bid package preparation, Swanson advised.

General Manager Jagers added detail on the requirements for NEPA compliance. He advised that the project must be split to bid part of it as a non-ARPA activity.

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

The Board authorized additional funds for the Noble Tank No. 2 and Transmission Pipeline Project (T-3040-0001) in an amount not-to-exceed \$18,500.00 for the preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Documentation by the following roll-call vote:

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

10. Approval of Additional Project Funds Not-to-Exceed \$11,500.00 for the “B” Line Pipeline Replacement Project (P-3620-0001)

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson explained this is a similar situation to Agenda Item 9 with ARPA funding and the requirement for NEPA compliance. He described the location of the critical B line requiring replacement, reminding the Board that during the Apple Fire, the Fire Department hit the line. It was repaired, but it does experience leaks.

The original contract was \$132,000, Swanson continued. Although there is enough money in the contingency budget, using it would leave nothing for addressing other potential issues, he noted.

Jaggers noted that this project was begun in January of 2022 and this activity is to be added.

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

The Board authorized additional funds for the “B” Line Pipeline Replacement Project (P-3620-0001) in an amount not-to-exceed \$11,500.00 for the preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Documentation by the following roll-call vote:

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

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

Dr. Kirene Bargas advised of events requested by the ad hoc Communications Committee:

- City of Beaumont Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony on November 11 (no vote required, per President Williams)
- City of Beaumont Holiday Light Parade on December 10

The Board **declined** approval for attendance at the following event for purposes of per diem and reimbursement of associated reasonable and necessary expenses per District policy:

- City of Beaumont Holiday Light Parade on December 10

by the following roll-call vote:

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

Dr. Bargas reviewed the listed events. Directors indicated interest in the following events:

- County of Riverside 2022 State of the County on December 8 – Slawson
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on December 9 – Williams, Hoffman, Slawson
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on November 10 – Williams, Hoffman, Slawson
- California Special Districts Association Virtual Workshop: Special Districts Leadership Academy Module 1 Governance Foundations on Dec. 6 and 7 – Williams
- ACWA Fall Conference Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 – Williams, Slawson

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

- County of Riverside 2022 State of the County on December 8

by the following roll-call vote:

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

President Williams invited public comment. There was none.

12. Continued Review of California Drought Conditions, District Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, BCVWD Resolution 2022-12 Implementing Water Use Restrictions (as amended), and Other Drought Response

General Manager Jagers said it will be interesting to see how the next two months affect water supply in California. Drought messaging to ratepayers and constituents will continue, he noted.

13. Reports For Discussion

a. Ad Hoc Committees:

Communications Committee: President Williams advised that at the November 8 meeting the budget and the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new vendor next year were discussed. She pointed to Agenda Item 2j. Director Ramirez had indicated he would like to have oral interviews of the consultants before a decision is made. The need to continue the committee for another year to continue with drought messaging was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for January to go over the final budget analysis.

Dr. Bargas added that three responses to the RFP were received, and evaluation will begin next week. Mr. Jagers added that the budget includes a line item for a communications consultant at \$100,000.

Sites Reservoir Committee: A meeting will be warranted in early 2023, Jagers advised.

Water Re-Use 2x2: Mr. Jagers advised that staff level meetings have been held with the facilitator to share information. It is moving forward. The City had been waiting to see if their committee member was re-elected.

b. Directors' Reports:

President Hoffman reported that he will be providing a vehicle for the Mayor in the Veterans Day Parade.

c. Directors' General Comments: None.

d. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers reported the following:

- Modifications have begun to the warehouse project
- Rain events were experienced this week but mud and debris flow were not impactful to District operations. Repairs to Noble Creek and Noble Street held up well. Staff continued to monitor and prepare for the winter months

e. Legal Counsel Report: No report.

14. Action List for Future Meetings:

- Update / Presentation on the AMR/AMI project
- Presentation on the San Bernardino Valley Resource Conservation District
- Water supply for BCVWD and the region
- Matrix for delivery of recycled water

15. Announcements

- District offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022 in observance of Veterans Day
- Personnel Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022 at 6 p.m. (date change due to holiday)
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022 at 3 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022 at 11 a.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 at 6 p.m.

16. Closed Session

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:07 p.m.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 37.46 acres at southwest corner of Brookside and Highland Springs in Cherry Valley, CA [APNs 408-080-009, 408-080-010, 408-080-011 and 408-080-012]
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jagers, General Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (2) (d)
One Case: BCVWD vs. Merlin Properties

Reconvened in Open Session at 10:43 p.m.


17. Report on Closed Session

President Williams announced that no reportable action was taken.

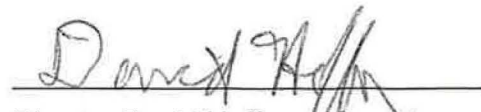
18. Adjournment

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

ATTEST:



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



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