



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

*Meeting held in person at 560 Magnolia Ave., Beaumont, CA  
pursuant to California Government Code Section 54950 et. seq.*

**Call to Order:** *President Hoffman opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.*

*Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Covington .*

*Invocation was given by Director Slawson.*

**Announcement and Verification of Remote Meeting Participation Pursuant to  
AB 2449 or GC 54953(b)**

*No Board members were attending via teleconference.*

**Roll Call:**

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez (6:18 p.m.), Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Finance and Administration Kirene Bargas, PhD Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Maintenance Technician Thomas LeMont Engineering Assistant Evan Ward Administrative Assistant Cenica Smith
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: Nyles O'Harra of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA)

**Public Comment:**

General Manager Dan Jagers advised that Water Utility Superintendent Knute Dahlstrom retired at the end of April, and Julian Herrera has been promoted to that position.

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

General Manager Jagers recommended pulling Item 3g from the Consent Calendar and noted a correction to the item title on the agenda to match that on the staff report.

## **2. Reports / Presentations / Information Items**

Dr. Kirene Bargas introduced the following report:

- a. Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. Monthly Update

*The Board received and filed the above report by the following roll-call vote:*

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

## **3. Consent Calendar:**

*Director Covington requested to pull items 3b and 3g for discussion.*

*Consent Calendar items 3a and 3c through 3f were approved with one motion by the following roll-call vote:*

- a. Review of the March 2023 Budget Variance Reports
- c. Review of Check Register for the Month of April 2023
- d. Review of April 2023 Invoices Pending Approval
- e. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2023
- f. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2023

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

- b. Review of the March 31, 2023 Cash/Investment Balance Report

Director Covington pointed to the Investment portfolio pages 20 and 21 and asked for detail on accrued interest, fees, and investment detail. Dr. Bargas identified a new interest column and explained accrual to date. Mr. Jagers indicated that there was discussion between staff and the auditor as to how to best present the information. Dr. Bargas indicated there will be a meeting with Chandler next week, and Chandler will attend the June meeting.

*6:20 p.m. – Director Ramirez joined the meeting in the Board Room.*

President Hoffman noted a change of \$8 million on the general cash line and Dr. Bargas explained that \$7.5 million was moved from cash to the LAIF program. Mr. Jagers assured that with the bank failure news and potential bank cash flow issues, staff will assure that there is a good strategy to present to the Board and

will limit exposure. Dr. Bargas noted that US Bank is the custody holder for the investments.

6:25 p.m. – Director Ramirez left the meeting room.

*Consent Calendar item 3b was approved by the following roll-call vote:*

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

g. Correction of Scrivener's Errors: Resolution 2023-03: Acceptance of an Easement for Public Utility Purposes on behalf of BCVWD for an area located on Champions Drive and Resolution 2023-07: Accepting an Easement for Public Utility Purposes

General Manager Jagers summarized the previous action on the public utility easements and noted that the meeting minutes accurately reflect that Vice President Covington was absent – he was not physically present in the room for the item discussion or vote. Inadvertently, the resolutions were marked with a vote of “abstain.”

Legal Counsel Markman opined that Vice President Covington abstained from the vote, but either designation is acceptable.

Director Covington stated he brought this item to the attention of the general manager after reading the minutes and identified that one of the resolutions had incorrectly stated that he voted on the item. This is cleanup language and is brought to the Board as a receive and file.

*Consent Calendar item 3b was received and filed by order of President Hoffman.*

6:30 p.m. – Director Ramirez re-joined the meeting in the Board Room.

#### **4. Resolution 2023-13: Amending the District Policies and Procedures Manual Adopting Policy 3125 Uniforms and Protective Clothing**

Director of Finance and Administration Kirene Bargas introduced the item and stated that the policy has been reviewed by legal counsel and the employee group. Information has been updated to reflect the MOU agreement, she noted.

Director Covington noted the Personnel Committee provided input and has recommended the policy for review and possible approval.

*The Board adopted Resolution 2023-13 Amending the District Policies and Procedures Manual and Adopting Policy 3125 Uniforms and Protective Clothing by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**5. Call for Candidates for the Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 Board  
Resolution 2023-14 In Support of Chander Letulle as a Member of the ACWA Region 9 Position**

General Manager Jagers explained the nomination process and advised that the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) Board nominated Mr. Chander Letulle to stand for election to the ACWA Region 9 Board.

Director Covington asked about interest of BCVWD directors in serving and Mr. Jagers provided information on requirements.

Mr. Jagers pointed to the draft resolution of support for Mr. Letulle.

*The Board adopted Resolution 2023-14 In Support of Chander Letulle as a Member of the ACWA Region 9 Position 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	

**6. Call for Candidates for the Association of California Water Agencies for the offices of President and Vice President, and/or Resolution of Support**

General Manager Jagers explained the terms and nomination procedure.

Director Williams noted that some changes had been made the ACWA procedures. She indicated interest in serving.

*The Board nominated Director Lona Williams to stand for election to the position of Vice President of the ACWA Board of Directors by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**7. 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 Dan Jagers reiterated that the SWP allocation is 100 percent this year for the first time since 2006. Recharge is continuing at more than 40 cubic feet per second (cfs), he noted. Anticipated water availability is at least 30,000 to 31,000 af or more this year, although it is uncertain if it is hydraulically possible to get it all. If not, there will be carryover water for next year. It is anticipated that BCVWD and SGPWA will be able to obtain approximately 25,000 af.

Jagers reminded about the 2023 water order quantities of 11,000 af for replenishment plus 7,000 af for storage account restoration. He noted that approximately 18,000 af was used from storage over the last dry period. He advised that it was a good thing that funds were used from reserves to pre-purchase supply for the storage account.

If there are four wet years, there may be a problem of more water than possible to get into storage, Jagers noted.

Production was low in January, February, and March, Jagers continued. He said he suspects April and May will be similar, which will help restore the storage account.

Director Williams asked about obtaining the 25,000 af of supply and Mr. Jagers explained some of the current hydraulic constraints. Director Covington asked for clarification of the 25,000 af expected and Mr. Jagers noted that the City of Banning has asked for 1,000 af, and Yucaipa Valley Water District has asked for 18,500 for direct delivery plus 500 for recharge. In the fall, BCVWD may want to take the opportunity to buy more water, Jagers indicated.

President Hoffman asked about the performance of the recharge ponds. Mr. Jagers explained that it has been a very wet spring and he believes some of the pore space has been taken up, and so much is being recharged that the influence of the adjacent SGPWA ponds is apparent. He assured that staff is trying to get as much water as possible in the ground and miss no opportunities.

President Hoffman noted that members of the public have commented that the drought should be over and feel like things should be back to normal; however, they do not understand the California water supply and SWP that provides a large portion of the area's water.

President Hoffman said he observed the Whitewater Creek into Palm Springs was as robust as he has ever seen and asked about its origin and destination. Mr. Jagers discussed the water flow and the exchange agreement between Metropolitan Water District and Desert Water Agency and Coachella Valley Water District.

People are also commenting that rainfall should help benefit the reservoirs that feed the Colorado River and should relieve drought conditions there, but typically the rain in California does not end up in the reservoirs of the Colorado River, Hoffman said. Jagers noted that those are two different snowpacks. The Colorado River Basin had a larger than normal snowpack but not at the level California had. He detailed a couple of water supply deals made by the SGPWA.

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

General Manager Jagers advised that an invitation was received to join the SGPWA and Riverside County Water Conservation District at a booth at the Cherry Festival, the first weekend in June. Mr. Jagers will communicate interest to SGPWA and this will be addressed at the May 25 Engineering Workshop. Director Ramirez indicated he may be able to attend on Friday, June 2.

Jagers reviewed the listed events. Directors indicated interest in the following events:

- ACWA Region 2 Program & Tour – Sites Reservoir, a Resilient Water Supply for California's Future in Maxwell, Ca. on June 1 – Slawson, Ramirez
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on June 9 – Slawson, Hoffman, Williams, Ramirez
- ACWA Region 10 Program & Tour: Flowing Forward: Water Infrastructure for the 21st Century in Oceanside, Ca. on June 29
- Building Industry Association 17th Annual Southern California Water Conference in Ontario, Ca. on Aug. 11 – Slawson, Williams

*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:*

- *ACWA Region 2 Program & Tour – Sites Reservoir, a Resilient Water Supply for California's Future in Maxwell, Ca. on June 1*

*by the following roll-call vote:*

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

*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:*

- *ACWA Region 10 Program & Tour: Flowing Forward: Water Infrastructure for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in Oceanside, Ca. on June 29*

*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	

Director Covington advised that he is delaying his registration for the Urban Water Institute until the agenda is available and the program can be determined as a best use of District funds.

## 9. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

### a. Ad Hoc Committees:

Communications Committee: No report.

Sites Reservoir Committee: No report.

Water Re-Use 3x2: President Hoffman noted there is a meeting scheduled.

### b. Directors' Reports:

President Hoffman reported on the following:

- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfasts on April 14 and May 5

Director Williams reported on the following:

- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfasts on April 14 and May 5
- CSDA Webinar: Virtual Workshop: Overview of Special District Laws on May 3-4, 2023

Director Slawson reported on the following:

- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfasts on April 14 and May 5
- San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board meeting

### c. Directors' General Comments: None.

### d. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers reported:

- Promotion of Julian Herrera to Water Utility Superintendent
- Tom LeMont and Andrew Becerra are new representatives of the Employee Association
- Recharging as fast as possible
- Grand Avenue has been repaved and Mr. Jagers has identified some issues to Flood Control
- Working on Apple Tree Lane pipeline replacement – a line failed today causing an outage in upper Chery Valley
- City of Beaumont desires to complete a grade separation at Pennsylvania by December; City staff spent four to five days in Washington, D.C. seeking funding opportunities
- BCVWD has a 24-inch and a 12-inch line that would be adversely affected and would need to be deepened; work is not in the CIP
- Requested City staff make a presentation to the BCVWD Board
- Legal Counsel Markman confirmed that the deepening project is a prior rights issue – cost of moving the pipeline would be the City's responsibility
- Attended the Collaborative Agencies Committee meeting with Director Ramirez



- Internal promotions are being made when reasonable as part of the succession planning effort (eight moving and a few new hires)
- Field staff is doing an excellent job of holding things together given the retirement of Mr. Dahlstrom

e. Legal Counsel Report: No report.

#### **10. Action List for Future Meetings:**

- Update / Presentation on the AMR/AMI project
- Presentation on the San Bernardino Valley Resource Conservation District
- Presentation on solar power opportunities
- Sites Reservoir update
- Maximization of groundwater supplies

#### **11. Announcements**

*President Hoffman pointed out the announcements:*

- Personnel Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m.
- San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, May 24 at 5 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, May 25 at 6 p.m.
- District offices closed in observance of Memorial Day: Monday, May 29
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, **June 1 at 10 a.m.** (note time change due to conflicting meeting)
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 7 at 11 a.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 14 at 6 p.m.

*7:32 p.m. – Director Ramirez left the meeting prior to Closed Session.*

#### **12. Closed Session**

*The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:32 p.m.*

##### **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

**Reconvened in Open Session at 8:36 p.m.**

#### **13. Report on Closed Session**

President Hoffman announced that no reportable action was taken.



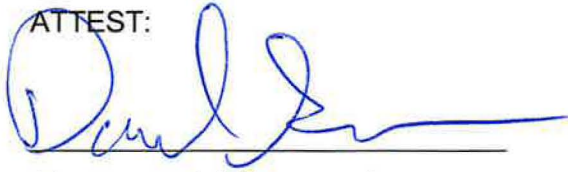
#### 14. Adjournment

*President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.*

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

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Slawson", written over a horizontal line.

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