



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, January 11, 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 6:06 p.m.*

*Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Williams.*

*Invocation was given by Director Covington.*

**Announcement of Teleconference Availability**

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.

**Roll Call:**

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	Ramirez
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jaggars 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 Senior Management Analyst Sylvia Molina Water Utility Supervisor Julian Herrera Administrative Assistant Cenica Smith Administrative Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: Alayne Sampson and Mia Corral Brown of Chandler Asset Management; General Manager Lance Eckhart and Directors Larry Smith and Kevin Walton of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA), Eric O'Donnell of Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.; Nisha Ajmani of CV Strategies; M. Berlin, Karen Woodward of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and Janet Zimmerman.

**Moment of Silence in Memory of Frances Vega Mendoza** was led by Director Covington. Members of her family spoke to the Board.

**Public Comment:** None.

**1. Adjustments to the Agenda:**

Mr. Jagers advised that the agenda had been updated, noted some staff report anomalies, and pointed to available handouts.

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

**a. Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. Monthly Update**

Dr. Kirene Bargas presented the report. Mr. O'Donnell of Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. added that the Governor's January \$297 billion budget announcement was made, including a \$22.5 billion budget shortfall. He noted that the wildfire, drought, and flood section of the budget was largely untouched from last year (96% funded).

**b. 2023 Monthly Maintenance Fee Calculation for District Residences**

Dr. Kirene Bargas presented the report.

*6:35 p.m. – Director Andy Ramirez joined the meeting via telephone and requested Board approval to attend via teleconference under the AB2449 Just Cause provision. Following confirmation by Legal Counsel James Markman that video feed was required under AB2449, Director Ramirez indicated he was unable to join by video and excused himself from the meeting.*

**c. President's Establishment of and Appointment to Ad Hoc Committees and Assignment of Representatives for Calendar Year 2023**

President Hoffman determined that the ad hoc Communications Committee shall meet bi-monthly (next meeting in March 2023), and he requested the Committee investigate cutting costs. Director Williams acknowledged. Director Covington recommended additional fiscal bookends.

General Manager Jagers recommended retaining the Sites Reservoir committee. Director Covington requested an update on the Sites project and suggested meeting(s) with the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA). SGPWA General Manager Lance Eckhart invited Board members to a meeting featuring Sites Executive Director Jerry Brown on January 23.

President Hoffman made the following appointments:

Internal Ad Hoc Committees	2023
Bogart Park Ad Hoc Committee member	Hoffman
Bogart Park Ad Hoc Committee member	Covington
Bogart Park Ad Hoc Committee (alternate)	Williams
Ad Hoc Communications Committee member	Ramirez
Ad Hoc Communications Committee member	Williams
Ad Hoc Communications Committee (alternate)	Hoffman

Ad Hoc Sites Reservoir member	Covington
Ad Hoc Sites Reservoir member	Hoffman
Ad Hoc Sites Reservoir (alternate)	Williams

External Representative Appointments	2023
Ad Hoc 3x2 Water Re-use member	Hoffman
Ad Hoc 3x2 Water Re-use member	Covington
Ad Hoc 3x2 Water Re-use (alternate)	Ramirez
San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance	Slawson
San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance (alternate)	Williams
Collaborative Agencies Committee	Ramirez
Collaborative Agencies Committee (alternate)	Williams
San Geronio Pass Water Agency	Slawson
San Geronio Pass Water Agency (alternate)	Covington

### 3. Consent Calendar:

*Consent Calendar items 3a through 3i, and item 3k were approved with one motion:*

- a. Review of the November 2022 Budget Variance Reports
- b. Review of the November 30, 2022 Cash/Investment Balance Report
- c. Review of Check Register for the Month of December 2022
- d. Review of December 2022 Invoices Pending Approval
- e. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2022
- f. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2022
- g. Receive and File Resolution 2022-38 Accepting the Miscellaneous Fees Update Report dated October 27, 2022 and Adopting a Revised Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees (Administrative Cost Recoveries) Effective December 14, 2022 and Superseding Resolutions 2010-09, 2012-08, 2015-06, and 2018-04
- h. Receive and File Resolution 2022-39 Establishing a Cost Recovery Policy 5031: User Fee Cost Recovery
- i. Receive and File Resolution 2022-40 Amending the District Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service Part 5: Charges Effective December 14, 2022 and Superseding Resolution 2010-09
- k. Receive and File Annual List of Preapproved Events

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

Director Slawson requested to pull item 3j from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

- j. Director Per Diem Request for Approval

Director Slawson stated that directors should be going to meetings that help improve the directors and the information should be pertinent to the business of BCVWD. The solar development in San Joaquin Valley does not seem

pertinent, he said. The Orange County Water District topics would be pertinent and may include information to apply to business at BCVWD, he noted. He advocated for being more selective. Staff has looked into solar, he noted.

General Manager Jagers reminded the Board of previous clarification regarding ACWA and preapproved events designated by a water drop icon. He suggested sending a clarifying memo and noted that it had been requested to bring back the policy to the Board.

Director Williams concurred with Director Slawson and indicated she had no problem approving the requested events since they had been attended. She stated that directors should stick to what is deemed appropriate and approved by the Board at the beginning of the year. If there is a question, it needs to come to the Board for discussion prior to attendance, not after, she said. Jagers noted that current policy allows request after attendance.

Director Covington noted that Policy 4065 had been followed. Staff is bringing the item to the Board to determine whether the two meetings should be paid a director stipend, as they are not on the preapproved list and were not brought up prior to the event. He agreed with Director Slawson regarding some events that may not be supported, and the Board did not do so. He pointed out that the director was interested in solar power for District facilities and indicated support for approval of both events.

*The Board approved Consent Calendar Item 2j, approving the following events for per diem payment:*

1. *Public Policy Institute of California – “Solar Development in the San Joaquin Valley” virtual event on November 1, 2022*
2. *Orange County Water District – “Investing in Local Projects: Groundwater, Water Supplies, and Infrastructure” virtual event on December 13, 2022*

*by the following vote:*

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

#### **4. Public Hearing:**

##### **Resolution 2023-01: Adopting Miscellaneous Fees (Administrative Cost Recoveries) Effective January 12, 2023**

*Continued from the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2022*

President Hoffman reminded that this item was continued from the December 14, 2022 meeting for discussion. General Manager Jagers reviewed the remaining fees to be determined and presented the fees averages as garnered from other comparable, nearby agencies as had been requested by the Board. He explained the meter test costs. He advised that it may be inappropriate for staff to recommend anything other than full cost recovery.

Director Covington suggested consistency of the meter outside testing fees with the cost of in-house meter testing at \$100. Finance Manager Bill Clayton added that backflow administration fees were found by the Raftelis study to be lower than other agencies at \$50.

President Hoffman opened the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

Director Williams moved to establish fees at the following amounts:

	Description of Fee		Amount
A	After Hours Call Out		\$100.00
B	After Hours Call Out (SB 998)		\$100.00
C	Bench Test Credit		\$100.00
D	Backflow Administration		\$50.00
E	Meter Testing done in-house	5/8" to 1" meters	\$100.00
F	Meter Testing done in-house	1.5" to 2" meters	\$100.00
G	Testing done by outside contractor	5/8" to 1" meters	\$100.00
H	Testing done by outside contractor	1.5" to 2" meters	\$100.00

*The Board adopted Resolution 2023-01 Adopting Miscellaneous Fees (Administrative Cost Recoveries) Effective January 12, 2023 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

Director Covington moved include the following amounts in Resolution 2023-01:

	Description of Fee		Amount
A	After Hours Call Out		\$100.00
B	After Hours Call Out (SB 998)		\$100.00
C	Bench Test Credit		\$100.00
D	Backflow Administration		\$50.00
E	Meter Testing done in-house	5/8" to 1" meters	\$100.00
F	Meter Testing done in-house	1.5" to 2" meters	\$100.00
G	Testing done by outside contractor	5/8" to 1" meters	\$100.00
H	Testing done by outside contractor	1.5" to 2" meters	\$100.00

*The Board adopted the above-listed fees for inclusion in Resolution 2023-01 Adopting Miscellaneous Fees (Administrative Cost Recoveries) Effective January 12, 2023 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**5. Resolution 2023-02: Amending Policy 4025 Board Meetings: Annual Organization Meeting: Election of Officers and Rotation of Board President**

General Manager Jagers reminded the Board of policy nuances discussed during the reorganization meeting on December 17, 2022. He presented proposed revisions to clarify the policy items.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

Directors provided modifications to the proposed document for further clarity: Sections 4025.4 (b) and (c) shall specify "effective January 1 of the following year."

*The Board adopted Resolution 2023-02 Amending the District's Policies and Procedures Manual Part II: Policy 4025: Board Meetings by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**6. Resolution 2023-03: Acceptance of an Easement for Public Utility Purposes on behalf of BCVWD for an area located on Champions Boulevard**

*7:56 p.m. - Director John Covington recused himself from the discussion and left the meeting room.*

General Manager Jagers acknowledged the attendance of Karen Woodward of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson reminded the Board of previous approval at the June 23, 2022 meeting of the emergency potable water service connection to the Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon. The large, above-ground facilities will be placed in the parking lot avoiding the monuments at the golf course entry, he noted. It is located on private property, therefore access via easement is required, he explained.

The grantor will be the Morongo Band, but this has not yet gone to the Tribal Council, Swanson continued. Approval now will mean the action will not have to wait once the Tribe provides approval and the easement document is obtained. If there are changes, it will come back to the Board, Swanson stated.



General Manager Jagers noted that policy requires the acceptance of easements for administrative record purposes. The agreement will go to legal counsel for review, he said.

Ms. Woodward commented on the process for the Morongo Band. She said it is hoped to go to the Tribal Council on January 24.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

In response to Director Williams, Ms. Woodward explained that the tribe owns the golf course property in fee. The easement is the right for BCVWD to install infrastructure and have rights to maintain, improve, or upgrade it in perpetuity.

President Hoffman asked about payment for the infrastructure; Mr. Swanson and Mr. Jagers confirmed that the facilities will not be paid for by the District. Deposits for inspections and other work will be made to the District, Swanson added.

*The Board adopted Resolution 2023-03 Accepting an Easement for Public Utility Purposes (APN 413-790-023) by the following roll-call vote:*

MOVED: Williams	SECONDED: Slawson	APPROVED 3-0
AYES:	Hoffman, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Ramirez, Covington	

*8:12 p.m. - Director Covington returned to the meeting room.*

#### **7. Resolution 2023-04: Adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget for Electricity – Wells**

Director of Finance and Administration Dr. Kirene Bargas reported an increase in well pumping costs above the budgeted amount. General Manager Jagers explained that actual cost recovery for the Southern California Edison (SCE) component is tracked, and the pass-through fee was raised by 10 cents. Staff believes the funds have been accurately collected, and a budget adjustment is needed, per policy.

In response to Director Covington, Mr. Jagers explained that an estimate has been made as a not-to-exceed. The intent is to make the adjustment as appropriate to pay the 2022 bill, which will be received in the future.

Director Covington recalled that the SCE budget for 2023 was reduced due to expectations of less water sales during the drought. Mr. Jagers indicated that this activity will be needed again if a reduction in drought restrictions comes from the State. He confirmed that staff believes the current pass-through rate is within a half cent of actual cost and there is no current need to raise it; however, SCE may change rates.

President Hoffman requested a report back in April on this item for the Board or the Finance and Audit Committee.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

*The Board adopted Resolution 2023-04: Adjustment to the Fiscal Year Operating Budget for Electricity - Wells in the amount of \$167,000 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**8. Award of Contract to Audit Firm for Professional Audit and Single Audit Services in an amount not to exceed \$102,695 for three years**

Director of Finance and Administration Dr. Kirene Bargas recommended hiring Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott (RAMS) for external financial statement audit services and single audit services for a three-year term commencing with calendar year ending December 31, 2022. There is an option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods in an amount not to exceed \$35,025 and \$36,275 at the District's sole discretion.

Dr. Bargas explained the RFP process conducted and scoring of proposals. Mr. Jagers added that RAMS is the District's current auditor. Although the firm is not the least expensive, some new reporting has been done and value added with RAMS assistance, he said. He pointed out that the firm will rotate the managing partner to assure consistency and transparency in governmental accounting.

Director Covington asked about the standard for rotation of accountants. Mr. Clayton responded that if not changing the audit firm, the audit partner should be changed every six years. He added that there is no consensus about whether audits are more effective with firm rotation at a set number of years, but explained further nuance. Jagers noted that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommendation is to put the services out to RFP every five years.

President Hoffman noted that the January 5, 2023 meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee was canceled, therefore has not gone into depth on the audit firm. He asked if it was critical to approve this item. Jagers recommended approval tonight. Mr. Clayton noted that staff intends to have the auditor observe the inventory count as District materials are moved to a new storage facility.

President Hoffman emphasized the importance of transparency, accuracy, and availability to the public of the District's information. He said he believe the audits have turned out well and hopes to continue that progress. His concern is not the least cost, he added, and acknowledged the scoring of RAMS as the first choice.

Mr. Clayton added that the single audit included this year had not been done before, but is required when \$750,000 in federal funds (grants) have been spent.

Legal Counsel Markman confirmed that the Board would have to authorize the options for extension.



*The Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott for external finance statement audit services and the optional task of single audit services for a three-year term commencing with calendar year ending December 31, 2022 at an amount not to exceed \$33,835, \$33,835, and \$35, 025 for each year, respectively, with the option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods in an amount not to exceed \$35,025 and \$36,275, respectively, at the District's sole discretion by the following roll-call vote:*

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

8:35 p.m. – The Board recessed for a short break

8:48 p.m. – The Board returned to open session

**9. Award of Contract to MCC Equipment Rentals, Inc. for Construction of the 2017 Water Pipeline Replacement Project (Pipeline 2 – P-3620-0015) Located on Oak Glen Road and Apple Tree Lane in Cherry Valley for an Amount Not to Exceed \$258,300.00**

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson provided background on the replacement program and reminded about presentation of budget numbers in June 2022.

Bids were solicited and in December 2022 received 10 bids, Swanson continued. The low bidder was MCC Equipment Rentals and is a contractor currently wrapping up work on some of the Grand Avenue pipelines, he said.

Swanson noted that the bids are lower due to Apple Tree Lane being a private road and the neighbors will do their own paving; the District will provide the appropriate base. On Oak Glen Road, the plan is to stay outside of the pavement. He reviewed the Pipeline 2 estimated project costs and budget, indicating an expectation of completion at \$170,275 under budget.

General Manager Jaggars pointed out that the budget does not include contingency and suggested adding 10 percent (\$25,830).

Director Covington said he was pleased with the project budget numbers but warned about change orders. Mr. Swanson confirmed for Covington that the water lines and services are located in the front of the houses. There is one tree to navigate around, and the old line will be abandoned. Director Slawson echoed the concerns.

*The Board authorized the General Manager to enter a contract with MCC Equipment Rentals, Inc. to provide all labor, equipment and testing necessary to complete construction of Pipeline 2 – P-3620-0015 (Oak Glen Road, Apple Tree Lane) for the 2017 Water Pipeline Replacement Project in the amount of \$284,130 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**10. Request for “Will Serve Letter” for Riverside County Assessor’s Parcel No. 402-110-003 located on Jonathan Avenue north of High Street in the Community of Cherry Valley**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson explained the project is a single-family residence which was previously before the Board in 2020. The project has a new owner, he noted. This is returning to the Board as it is outside of the General Manager’s ability to renew, per District policy.

This is a flag lot and there is a waterline available along Jonathan, from which the property would be required to take service. Should the applicant have a later requirement for fire flow, the 6-inch line does not have that capacity, Swanson noted, and the applicant would be responsible for any upgrades required.

Mr. Jagers added that the property appears to reside in a flood plain management zone and development of the lot will be limited.

Director Covington pointed out that the County of Riverside recently completed paving work on Jonathan.

President Hoffman asked about consumption. Swanson indicated the plan is for a 2,700 square foot home, and the consumption is expected to be 1 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU).

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

*The Board approved the request for water service Will Serve Letter for a property located at Riverside County Assessor’s Parcel No. (APN) 402-110-003 within the community of Cherry Valley, subject to payment of all fees to the District and securing all approvals from the County of Riverside by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**11. Request for “Will Serve Letter” for proposed cell tower for APN 400-010-001 (Rancho Citrus Corporation) located on Desert Lawn Drive, west of Desert Lawn Cemetery (Further Identified as 11239 Desert Lawn Drive) located in the City of Calimesa**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson explained the proximity of this cell tower to a larger development, the Rancho Citrus project. The request is for a non-potable service, he noted, and provided background information. Because this is a leased

piece of land (approximately 2,400 square feet), a letter of authorization from the property owner was required acknowledging responsibility for the water bill, which was received in December.

Swanson continued. There is a 24-inch line in Desert Lawn to serve the property. A plan has been submitted with drought-tolerant planting, and the expected use is 11 gallons per day, or 1 EDU. If there is need for fire flow, the developer would be required to do a mainline extension as there are no potable facilities nearby.

Mr. Jagers added that the original Rancho Citrus Corporation plan for the property was for a business park and RV storage; but this is a standalone project. Due to the demand amount, it does not trigger the Resolution 2014-05 provisions.

President Hoffman advised that the City requires water supply for minimal landscaping, but the landscaping deteriorates after about 1 to 1.5 years since there is no follow up.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

*The Board approved the request for water service Will Serve Letter for a property located at Riverside County Assessor's Parcel No. (APN) 400-010-001 within the City of Calimesa, subject to payment of all fees to the District and securing all approvals from the City of Calimesa by the following roll-call vote:*

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

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

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

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

- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on February 10 – Williams, Slawson, Hoffman
- Water Education Foundation Lower Colorado River Tour March 8 - 10 (conflicts with March Regular Board Meeting) – Covington, Slawson, Williams
- ACWA Region 9 Salton Sea Tour on March 27 – Covington, Slawson, Williams
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and Installation of Officers Dinner on February 23 (conflicts with Engineering Workshop) - Covington

*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:*

- *Water Education Foundation Lower Colorado River Tour March 8 - 10*

*by the following roll-call vote:*

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

*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:*

- *Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and Installation of Officers Dinner on February 23*

*by the following roll-call vote:*

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

Staff will work to reschedule the March 8, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board. President Hoffman requested reminders. Director Covington requested to cancel his reservation for the CSDA webinar on February 14.

### **13. 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 emphasized that the landscape has changed in California. He described activities at the State Water Contractors and the request to California Governor Gavin Newsom to maximize extractions from the Colorado River. He reminded the Board about recent significant storms and above-average precipitation, and noted that the long-range forecast shows moisture continuing across California. This has been likely good for California's water supply.

Jagers described snowpack and runoff into major water supply reservoirs feeding the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project. Due to the rainfall events, Lake Oroville has risen approximately 700,000 acre-feet since a low point in early December, he noted. Rainfall is getting close to attaining average for this time, he advised, and said he suspects it will rise above average which usually translates to 60 percent SWP allocations. Lake Shasta is rising more slowly, but is heading the right direction.

Snowpack in the Sierras, overall, at 226 percent of average, if it does not melt off, is good news for water supply, Jagers continued.

On December 29, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) signed the Ventura deal for San Geronio Pass Water Agency, securing a 20-year agreement for

access to a percentage of the Ventura Table A water supply, (about 10,000 acre-feet) Jagers reported. This is very helpful to the region, he noted. He described the formulas for, and recent history of, allocation.

Drought changes quickly with the atmospheric rivers, Jagers noted, and any State action will be known in a month or two, such as adjusting the allocation. He pointed to a letter (handout) from Senator Melissa Hurtado to Governor Newsom and said staff will continue to monitor. The District had ordered 11,000 acre-feet for replenishment and 6,000 additional if available to replenish the Beaumont Basin storage account, he reminded, and is to come back to the Board with a future amendment to the budget if the water became available.

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

General Manager Jagers noted that there had been an uptick in COVID activities around the District, but it has not been slowing down the office. Staff continues to struggle with spikes in COVID.

#### **15. 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**

Mud and debris flows are still occurring, Jagers reported, but none have created any adverse impacts. This continues to be of concern, and if there is a significant rainstorm, impacts will be expected, he noted.

#### **16. Reports For Discussion**

##### **a. Ad Hoc Committees:**

Communications Committee: Director Williams reported that the RFP process for public relations and social media was discussed. Three firms submitted proposals including CV Strategies, the current consultant, and the committee reviewed pros and cons of each. The intent is to review again and make a recommendation to the Board. Staff will work with the Committee to bring this to the Board at the January 26 Engineering Workshop, Jagers added.

Sites Reservoir Committee: No report.

Water Re-Use 3x2: Mr. Jagers said staff level meetings are continuing and clarity is needed from one of the entities regarding permitting. He will later be meeting with the 3x2 representatives to assure they understand the challenges.

##### **b. Directors' Reports:**

Director Slawson reported attending the meeting of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency.

Director Covington requested an update on the Sites Reservoir.

- c. Directors' General Comments: None.
- d. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers:

Described ongoing work with stormwater capture and management and shared photos. A fair amount of water is coming into the ponds and staff looks forward to the future when the Master Drainage Plan Line 16 is completed.

Reiterated that the SGPWA will hold an update on the Sites Reservoir with Sites Executive Director Jerry Brown.

Advised that the Grand Avenue pipelines are predominantly done. The paving is not complete. The County paved the north side when it was colder than ideal, and the District will not do its side until it is above 55 degrees. The project will come back to the Board for approval as a contractor bid.

Noted that other capital improvement projects are moving forward.

- e. Legal Counsel Report: No report.

#### **17. 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
- Water supply for BCVWD and the region
- Matrix for delivery of recycled water
- Sites Reservoir update

#### **18. Announcements**

- Collaborative Agencies Committee: Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 5 p.m.
- District Offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Personnel Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 11 a.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 2 at 3 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.
- San Geronio Regional Water Alliance: Jan. 25 at 5 p.m.

#### **19. Closed Session**

*9:52 p.m. – President David Hoffman recused himself from the closed session item and left the meeting room. Vice President Covington presided during closed session.*



*The Board recessed to Closed Session at 9:52 p.m.*

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of  
Subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9  
One case: Well drilling at 9154 Lilac Lane, Cherry Valley, CA


**Reconvened in Open Session at 10:11 p.m.**

**20. Report on Closed Session**

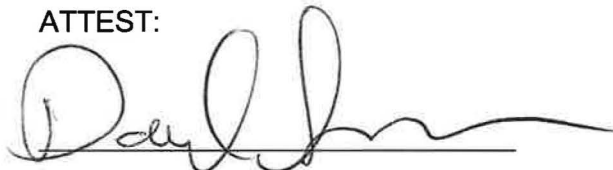
Vice President Covington announced that no reportable action was taken.

**21. Adjournment in Memory of Frances Vega Mendoza**

*President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 10:13 p.m.*

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

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