



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Thursday, July 27, 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 6:09 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Covington.

Invocation was given by Director Slawson.

Announcement and Verification of Remote Meeting Participation
No Board members were attending via teleconference.

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	Ramirez
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Operations James Bean Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Engineering Assistant Inmar Shihab Civil Engineering Assistant Evan Ward Administrative Assistant Cenica Smith
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered their attendance: Larry Smith, Kevin Walton and Chander Letulle of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency; Nyles O'Harra, Yucaipa Valley Water District; Andy Minor, James Krausz, Fred Perez, and Steve Matthews.

Public Comment: Nyles O'Harra announced his attendance and commented on the July 26, 2023 meeting of the San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance.

1. Adjustments to the Agenda

President Hoffman made the following adjustments:

- Item 6 was pulled from the agenda at the request of the developer
- Items 7, 8, and 9 were tabled

2. PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 2023-21: National Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Noble Water Storage Tank No. 2 and Transmission Pipeline Project

General Manager Dan Jagers advised that this project has been in progress since winter of 2018 and is related to the American Rescue Plan Act funding via the County of Riverside that will be received for the Noble Tank and Pipeline. This is work related to the National Environmental Policy Act, he stated. He noted that the pipeline is located within a paved existing roadway.

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson explained the NEPA action which is due to the federal funding for the project.

The Secretary's Report noted that the hearing was published, and no comments were received. President Hoffman noted the determination of no significant impact and opened the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:26 p.m.

Director Slawson noted that the project was supposed to be finished two years ago and asked about expected completion. Mr. Swanson indicated that the ARPA funding requires meeting a timeline and reports are made every month. It will go out to bid in the next 30 to 45 days. There will be a period of time for purchasing of materials, he explained. It may be under construction in October 2024 and probably complete in early 2025, he indicated.

Director Covington acknowledged the technical reports and the delay due to COVID-19 and grant application process. This is an amazing project, bringing additional capacity and storage to that pressure zone, and upsizing of the pipeline, he noted.

President Hoffman commented on the detailed environmental report, project funding, and need to increase capacity due to growth. He noted that the District's portion of the funding is coming from developer fees. Mr. Jagers added that the project is half funded by capacity charges to handle new growth. He acknowledged the work of environmental consultant Andy Minor.

Mr. Minor said he was pleased to see the project funded.

Mr. Jagers added that the Board will be asked to consider award of two separate projects due to the way it was set up with the County to simplify reporting.

The Board closed the Public Hearing by following roll-call vote:

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

The Board adopted Resolution 2023-21: Adopting the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Noble Water Storage Tank No. 2 and Transmission Pipeline Project by following roll-call vote:

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

3. Authorization of Additional Funds for the 2017 Water Pipeline Replacement Project – Pipeline 2 for Additional Paving and Surveying Activities

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson reminded of previous discussion and noted a cost adjustment to Option B, the 1.5 inch asphalt overlay. Shortly after the July 12, 2023 Board meeting, there was an anonymous dust complaint to the Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Beginning Friday morning, staff began applying water twice a day for dust control which will be done until the project is finished. There are some costs associated with the dust mitigation effort that have been added, he noted.

The outstanding item on the project is the pavement of the roadway, Swanson continued. He pointed to photos in the staff report and reminded that the road had been in poor condition to start, but the construction did not help. The intent is to determine a path forward and get the contractor to complete the work, he noted. He provided some further detail on the work and presented options.

Legal Counsel Jim Markman commented regarding Option B and said bettering the situation could result in others asking for the District to do so for them. Mr. Jagers reiterated the staff recommendation for replacement in kind.

President Hoffman invited public comment.

James Krausz, Appletree Lane resident, spoke on behalf of neighbors, saying that the District Engineer had done an admirable job of trying to make the neighbors whole after the unfortunate situation. He explained that the road which was previously functional was destroyed. The current plan will be marginal and will not last as long as the previous road would have lasted, had these events not occurred. He noted that Director Slawson acknowledged this at the last meeting. This is a fair restoration, and there is no rational reason to delay, he said. He expressed concern for monitoring the quality of the actual work being done by the contractor.

In response to Director Covington, Mr. Swanson and Mr. Jagers discussed the road base, current conditions, and the paving. Director Covington expressed concern about paving over substandard road and acknowledged it would cost more to do it right. He said he could not sign on to Option B and said he believed that laying 1.5 inches over dirt would fall apart over time. Further detail was discussed, and Covington advocated for laying 2 inches of asphalt.

President Hoffman pointed out the legal counsel direction regarding increased exposure, contracted with the proposal that what was there would not be adequate. Mr. Markman acknowledged Director Covington's new statement and noted that if the fix proposed by staff will not work, and will just fall apart earlier and the District may be

returning to do something over; then it would be most prudent and not overspending to fix it per Option C, doing more now that will last by spending another \$20,000 to protect the District against doing it over.

President Hoffman said he still felt it would be worth doing the 2-inch asphalt overlay, and said it would be beneficial that District staff would supervise the work.

Director Williams asked if the paving contractor was asked how long each option would last under normal circumstances. Mr. Swanson indicated he had conversation with the contractor and described varying estimates. The contractor's recommendation was the 1.5 inch overlay over the existing asphalt due to drainage considerations, he explained. Mr. Jagers provided more detail on conditions and noted that flood remediation may be needed later.

Director Williams indicated support for the contractor's recommendation. Director Covington opined that it will not work but asked if the contractor was confident that overlaying the asphalt would result in a decent project. Mr. Swanson said his understanding was that laying over the existing asphalt would be better than laying over dirt. Covington suggested approval of up to 2 inches and leaving it up to the contractor to make the call as to where it may not work. He pointed out the cost difference is just \$17,000 and said he did not want to take the cheap route.

Steve Matthews, an Appletree Lane resident, said the Board had been respectful and had listened. He stated that the preexisting road was 2 inches, and although not perfect, it no longer exists. It should not be based on the criteria of the contractor with the cheapest bid, he said. Residents want something that will last for a while, not something significantly more than was there – 2 inches plus a proper base.

Ron Duncan advised that he installed 600 feet of 1.5 inch asphalt two years ago and it has been completely destroyed by the trash truck. He recommended making the residents whole by spending another \$20,000 to do the job right.

Another speaker advocated for obtaining an expert opinion on what would be the best solution.

Fred Perez, an Appletree Lane resident, noted that all work starts with a good foundation, and wondered about the method to be used by the contractor, and said he hoped for a supervisor or inspector present to monitor the job. He noted that BCVWD would have to alert the trash hauler to the road closure.

Mr. Jagers recapped the discussion.

The Board authorized the expenditure of an amount Not to Exceed \$74,000 (Option C) for additional paving, surveying, and dust control activities within Appletree Lane to complete the construction of Pipeline 2 – P-3620-0015 (Oak Glen Road and Appletree Lane) by following roll-call vote:

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

4. Selection of Consultant for Design and Engineering Services for the 2023 Water Pipelines Project for an Amount Not to Exceed \$115,269.00

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson provided detail on the three pipeline segments in the project as identified in the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB):

- 11th Street from the west end at Elm to west of Beaumont Avenue (replacement)
- American Avenue from 6th to 8th Street (replacement)
- Elm Avenue from 4th Street south to the road terminus (new pipeline)

An RFP was released for design and engineering services in June and July, and four proposals were received, Swanson continued. He reviewed the scoring of the proposals and costs, and recommendation for Ludwig Engineering Associates, Inc. for \$104,790. The recommendation includes a 10 percent contingency of \$10,479, he added. He explained the vetting of the firm.

Staff intends to begin the project as soon as possible, with the priority being Elm, as the City has identified a portion to be paved by their own project, and to the south there is a developer fronting Velie which has been conditioned by the City to improve Elm, triggering the five-year pavement cut moratorium, Swanson explained.

Swanson noted that approval for prepurchase of pipeline materials for 11th Street and American Avenue had been done.

Director Slawson expressed concern about the price differences but said he is familiar with Ludwig which has been around for a while. He said he appreciated the vetting efforts.

Director Covington pointed out the scope of work for almost a mile of pipe for \$104,000 is a good deal. He said he suspected staff would be coming back to the Board.

The Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate the final project engineering scope of services and subsequent execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Ludwig Engineering Associates, Inc., for design and engineering services for the 2023 Water Pipelines Project in an amount not to exceed \$115,269.00 (\$104,790.00 for design and engineering services plus a 10% contingency of \$10,479.00) by following roll-call vote:

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

5. Resolution 2023-22: Adjustment to the BCVWD Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget for Additional Water Supply Purchase

Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina introduced the budget amendment and reminded the Board of the submittal of the 2023 water order to the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) for 18,800 acre-feet (af), which was included in the 2023 operating budget. At budget presentation, staff noted that there was 7,000 af that was uncertain due to the drought and if that water became available, it would come back to the Board for approval of additional funds. It is available and staff recommends purchase of that water for \$2,793,000 to replenish that removed from the District's storage account in 2021 and 2022.

The funds will come from capital replacement reserves, Molina explained, some of which is funded by the 72 cents importation charge billed on every unit of water sold.

Mr. Jagers added that there is more water available but due to hydraulic constraints, the 7,000 af is conservative as other agencies are consuming the capacity in the East Branch Extension. In the unlikely event that more water can be delivered, staff will come back again to the Board for additional funds.

President Hoffman noted that in the past, the approach had been to buy water when available and to buy as much as can be delivered, which is consistent with this presentation. He said he was in favor of this action.

The Board adopted Resolution 2023-22 authorizing a mid-year adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget for State Water Project additional water supply purchases in an amount not to exceed \$2,793,000 by following roll-call vote:

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

6. Request for *Will-Serve Letter* for Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Nos. 404-190-001 and 404-190-003 located on the northwest corner of Oak Valley Parkway and Beaumont Avenue

President Hoffman pulled this item from the agenda at the request of the developer.

7. Review of Annual List of Preapproved Events and Director Appointments

President Hoffman tabled this item due to the absence of Director Ramirez.

8. Request from Ad Hoc Communications Committee re: meeting frequency

President Hoffman tabled this item due to the absence of Director Ramirez.

9. Update: Streamlining of the Board Meeting Agenda

President Hoffman tabled this item due to the absence of Director Ramirez.

- District staff noticed the inclusion of Elm Street in the City's paving plan and did the due diligence to contact the City and find out there was more to it
- Jagers advised City Manager Gibbs there is need to meet to discuss paving, Elm Avenue, and the need to assure communication and sharing of information

Cherry Valley Boulevard temporary services

Director of Engineering Swanson reported:

- Service lines have been pulled
- Field crews installed
- A few details to wrap up for service to be provided
- Next step is a meeting between the parties to discuss LAFCO process for permanent service
- Discussed with LAFCO regarding a single document (Plan of Service) for both parties for cost savings

b. Directors' Reports:

- Director Williams, Director Hoffman, Director Slawson, and Director Covington reported attendance at the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on July 14
- Director Williams reported on the ACWA Candidates Town Hall on July 19
- Director Slawson reported attendance at the Cal Water Commission Drought Strategy Session on July 25 and the San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance (SGPRWA) on July 26

b. Directors' General Comments: None.

c. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers reported:

- There is a current fire in the Banning area at Sunset and Wilson, traveling both west and east
- Arden Wallum of Mission Springs Water District is retiring, there is an event on August 30, 2023
- MDP Line 6 Ribbon Cutting on Sept. 7
- Proposed moving the Ad Hoc Communications Committee from September to August (Hoffman concurred)
- Acknowledged Engineering staff in the audience; along with Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina, and Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
- Monthly analysis of production through the end of June shows it is below last year's by 1,200 af

d. Legal Counsel Report: None.

10. Legislative Action and Issues Affecting BCVWD

General Manager Jagers pointed out items coming forth including:

- Lead testing
- PFAS
- Chromium 6

He noted there was a recent alert from ACWA regarding power conservation.

11. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

a. Engineering Department Updates

Recycled Water

General Manager Jagers provided the following updates:

- The Recycled Water Managers meeting with SGPWA and City staff took place today and discussion was held regarding where things need to go
- The recycled water facilitator suggested the City produce recycled water and give it to the District to distribute with SGPWA offering recharge opportunities and support
- A draft agreement is to be prepared and the version created in 2019-2020 was sent to City Manager Elizabeth Gibbs as a starting point
- The City sent out an RFP for a change of use permit for extracting recycled water from the creek, and the consultant identified a four year project schedule
- City vacation of the maintenance yard to the northwest of the treatment plant for the booster station was discussed as a property exchange or low cost lease for the space including the metal building
- The facilitator has accomplished getting to the point where the District wanted to be regarding use of the existing distribution system
- Strategies were presented for running the system like a non-potable water system and practicing for a few years to assure site supervisors are trained

Elm Avenue pipeline project

Director of Engineering Swanson reported:

- The contract for the consultant will get out to them
- A kickoff meeting will be held as soon as possible
- It will be communicated that Elm is the priority
- Issues with Elm Avenue:
 - City work impacting the timeline
 - City conditioned the developer to the west to do the Elm improvements, and contact has been established with that developer (battery storage), but that project has not yet come to the District for a Will-Serve Letter
- Meeting scheduled next week with the developer
- The developer needs service from the District, and it appears a couple of hydrants will be needed, and a piece of land needs to be annexed into the service area so the Board will have a chance to weigh in

12. 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

13. Announcements

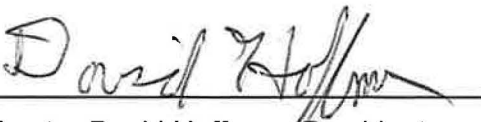
President Hoffman called attention to the following announcements:

- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 11 a.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 3 at 3 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m.
- Personnel Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 5:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m.
- District offices closed Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day
- MDP Line 16 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Thursday, Sept. 7 at 1:00 p.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m.

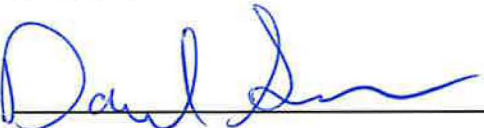
Director Slawson noted potential discussion on rescheduling the August 24 Engineering Workshop. Director Williams indicated she was no longer planning to attend the conference in San Diego and would be at the meeting; therefore, there will be a quorum.

14. Adjournment

President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



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

ATTEST:


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