



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Thursday, August 24, 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 Williams.

Invocation was given by President Hoffman.

Announcement and Verification of Remote Meeting Participation

Pursuant to the provisions of AB 2449, Director Ramirez joined the meeting via Zoom video teleconference under the Just Cause provision.

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Williams
Directors absent:	Slawson
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Engineering Assistant Inmar Shihab Civil Engineering Assistant Evan Ward Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered their attendance: Mickey Valdivia, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District; Mike Masterson,

Public Comment: None.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.
- 2. Capital Improvement Program presentation**

General Manager Dan Jagers advised there is a lot of activity ongoing at the District and things are being done that are not regularly reported at the meetings, along with developer processes.

Director Andy Ramirez joined the meeting via Zoom video teleconference at 6:12 p.m. under the AB 2449 allowance for Just Cause.

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson provided a thorough report to the Board on District activities. He and Mr. Jagers discussed recently completed projects and ongoing projects, and responded to questions from the directors. Swanson briefed the Board on several projects upcoming, and several planned for the future. Mr. Swanson also advised that local developers have recently completed several projects that included infrastructure dedicated to the District, and General Manager Jagers pointed out the benefit and value of these facilities.

President Hoffman requested a quarterly CIP update; directors concurred. Director Ramirez suggested limiting the presentation to new information.

Director Ramirez requested Mr. Jagers approach the City of Beaumont regarding the pavement cut moratorium, looking at the work done in the streets, and further streamlining the encroachment permit process. He also suggested assessment of the City's fees at a later time. Mr. Jagers assured that he has presented costs during meetings with the City, and staff is working on an approach.

Director Covington reminded that the Finance and Audit Committee receives quarterly reports on other projects with consultants that are not related to construction and those should also come to the Board.

3. BCVWD 2024 Imported Water Order from the San Geronio Pass Water Agency

General Manager Jagers presented the annual order for replenishment of the water supply. He explained the District would like to order 11,200 acre-feet (\$4,468,800) of State Project Water (SPW) for replenishment this year; a little more than last year. Also, if available, order 7,000 af (\$2,793,000) for water banking to restore the District's storage account in the Beaumont Basin to the target of 39,000 af, and more SPW to be decided if available and cost effective.

Jagers reported the prepurchased water stored in the Beaumont Basin was depleted during the drought years of 2021 and 2022 to 23,192 af. At the end of the year, 6,000 to 9,000 af may be returned to the storage account depending on available hydraulic capacity, he advised. The strategy is to bring the storage account back to the prior 39,000 af with more for growth in the future, he stated.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

Director Ramirez noted that he is teleconferencing from the Urban Water Conference in San Diego and commented on the partnership with SGPWA. He noted the proposal is in line with the District's needs.

Director Covington noted the likelihood of water availability next year will be similar to this wet year, and reminded that in the past two years water supply was limited due to what SGPWA could actually get here. With all the innovation by the SGPWA general manager to go find water and negotiate water transfers and deals, Covington continued, the vision of the SGPWA is aligned with what this agency has been asking for decades. He highlighted the work of staff behind the scenes at SGPWA staff, along with buy-in from the agency's directors.

There is likely a lot of water available, Director Covington added. He acknowledged Mr. Jagers' strategy to have an extra 7,000 af on the table, and said if anyone can get that here, it will be the great work of the SGPWA. Ramirez concurred.

The Board authorized the:

1. *Order of 18,200 acre-feet water of imported water from the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) for Calendar Year 2024*
2. *Purchase of up to 11,200 acre-feet of imported water in the amount of \$4,468,800.00 from the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) for delivery to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Noble Creek Recharge Facility for Calendar Year 2024*
3. *General Manager to execute the letter addressed to the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency regarding the Supplemental Water Order Form for 2024*

by following roll-call vote:

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

At the request of Director Ramirez, President Hoffman moved forward Item 6b.

6. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

b. Directors' Reports:

- Director Ramirez reported attendance at the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) award ceremony for MDP Line 16 project on August 17

Director Ramirez exited the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

4. Association of California Water Agencies Elections for President and Vice President, and Region 9 Board for the 2024-2025 Term

The Board cast votes for the following candidates:

<i>ACWA President</i>	<i>Cathy Green, Orange Couty Water District</i>
<i>ACWA Vice President</i>	<i>Ernest "Ernie" A. Avila, Contra Costa Water District</i>
<i>Region 9 Chair</i>	<i>G. Patrick O'Dowd, Salton Sea Authority</i>
<i>Region 9 Vice Chair</i>	<i>Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady, Rancho California WD</i>
<i>Region 9 member</i>	<i>Amber Duff, Mission Springs Water District</i>
<i>Region 9 member</i>	<i>Chander Letulle, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency</i>
<i>Region 9 member</i>	<i>Gina Dockstader, Imperial Irrigation District</i>
<i>Region 9 member</i>	<i>James Morales, Jr., East Valley Water District</i>
<i>Region 9 member</i>	<i>Paul Ortega, Desert Water Agency</i>

by the following roll-call vote:

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

5. Request for Extension of Will-Serve Letter for Previously Approved Development – Beaumont Pointe (formerly Jack Rabbit Trail) Project located south of State Highway 60 and west of Potrero Boulevard

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson introduced the commercial project of 540 acres which has been actively moving forward. The project performed a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) and received an initial Will-Serve Letter in April 2021, and an extension in 2022. An amendment to the WSA reflects the update to the Urban Water Management Plan, Swanson advised. Another extension is now needed, to June of 2024.

The development will have a total water consumption of 360 EDUs: 204 domestic, and 156 irrigation served from the nonpotable system, Swanson continued. The project will need to be annexed, which requires an active WSL. A required Plan of Service is almost complete and a later update to the WSA based on the recent Ventura water deal will be required, Swanson indicated.

The developer is proposing a Community Facilities District (CFD), Swanson reported. General Manager Jaggars further detailed the maintenance and operations CFD request. He noted that staff has worked with legal counsel on this. The project represents large facilities (fire flow) at the end of the service area that serve only this project, and it is the position of the District that it is not fair to the ratepayers to recover the cost of those lines that are project specific. A financing activity has been proposed through an agreement between the District and the land. The CFD would not fund construction but would recover money over time to replace the pipe at the end of its service life and provide ongoing maintenance of the facilities, Jaggars explained. The CFD component will be discussed at a future Board meeting, Swanson added.

Director Covington pointed to a different CFD involving construction of facilities that was not well received by the Board, and noted this is a different, specific item. He recalled that Beaumont Pointe had been before the Board a couple of times previously.

In response to a question from Director Covington, Swanson confirmed that water use is anticipated to be 197 af per year. It is a large project and likely a daunting process, given the plans indicate carving off hillsides.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

The Board approved the request for Extension of Will-Serve Letter (WSL) for an ongoing development located south of State Highway 60 and west of Potrero Boulevard, identified as Beaumont Pointe Development Project within the City of Beaumont, subject to payment of all fees to the District and securing all approvals from the City of Beaumont by following roll-call vote:

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

6. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

a. Engineering Department Updates

Recycled Water: No further update

Elm Avenue pipeline project

General Manager Jagers reported:

- There is a developer conditioned to improve some of the street along Elm, and staff is working to get the pipeline done in front of that activity
- The City is paving in that area in the next year

Cherry Valley Boulevard temporary services

Director of Engineering Swanson reported:

- Staff worked with the homeowners and meters were set and water has been turned on for one, the other is being finalized
- Next step: Meeting to talk about Plan of Service, as they need to move into LAFCO
- A backflow is needed as there is a tank on the property

b. Directors' Reports:

- Director Covington reported attendance at the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on July 14, 2023
- Director Covington and President Hoffman reported attendance at the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on August 11, 2023
- Director Williams reported on the Building Industry Association 17th Annual Southern California Water Conference on August 11, 2023
- Directors Hoffman and Williams reported on the American Society of Civil Engineers Awards on August 17, 2023

b. Directors' General Comments:

Director Hoffman recommended publicity on the award received for the MDP Line 16 project.

c. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers reported:

- Ms. Kerney has accepted the position of Executive Assistant
- Received the ASCE Riverside / San Bernardino division award for MDP Line 16
- The paving issue is finding some footholds
- Preparation is ongoing for the MDP Line 16 ribbon cutting event
- Tropical Storm Hilary was not as bad as could have been, there were minor impacts (Edgar Canyon and Noble Creek recharge facility) but no significant damage
- SGPWA water portfolio
- Recharge facilities were conservatively managed through Tropical Storm Hilary
- Working through turnover at the City and the pavement issues

d. Legal Counsel Report: None.

7. 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 – ad hoc committee to meet and discuss
- ~~Maximization of groundwater supplies – removed from list~~

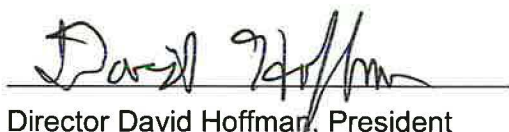
8. Announcements

President Hoffman called attention to the following announcements:

- 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. (By invitation only)
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, Sept. 7 at 3:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.
- Personnel Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
- San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 5 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Tue., Sept. 26 or Wed., Sept. 27 (staff to reach out)
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m.

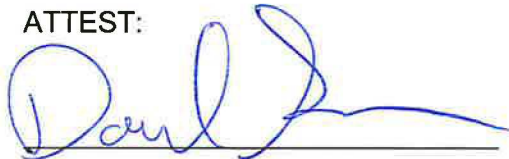
9. Adjournment

President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 8:26 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