



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Wednesday, December 13, 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 6:07 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Slawson.

Invocation was given by President Hoffman.

**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, Slawson, Ramirez, Williams (6:57 p.m.)
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Director of Operations James Bean Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso Finance Manager Bill Clayton Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Engineering Assistant Evan Ward Engineering Assistant Inmar Shihab Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	Steve Flower

Members of the public who registered attendance: Chander Letulle, Larry Smith, and Blair Ball of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency, Nisha Ajmani of CV Strategies, and Sean McReynolds of Townsend Public Affairs.

Public Comment: None.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** General Manager Jagers recommended the President call Item 14, Reorganization of the Board of Directors for Calendar Year 2024, prior to item 11. He also drew attention to a revision of the worksheet for Item 1 and non-substantive amendments to the Announcements section.

2. Reports / Presentations / Information Items

Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso presented the Great Place to Work survey results.

At the request of Director Covington, Nisha Ajmani of CV Strategies presented the Communications & Outreach 2023 Year-end Report.

The Board received and filed the following reports:

- a. *CV Strategies Monthly Report*
- b. *CV Strategies Communications & Outreach 2023 Year-end Report*
- c. *Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. Monthly Update*
- d. *Great Place to Work Award*

by the following roll-call vote:

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

3. Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar items 3a through 3i were approved with one motion by the following roll-call vote:

- a. *Review of the October 2023 Budget Variance Reports*
- b. *Review of the October 31, 2023 Cash/Investment Balance Report*
- c. *Review of Check Register for the Month of November 2023*
- d. *Review of November 2023 Invoices Pending Approval*
- e. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2023*
- f. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2023*
- g. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2023*
- h. *Status of Declared Local Emergencies Related to Fires*
 - i. *Impact of the Apple Fire pursuant to Resolution 2020-17*
 - ii. *Impact of the El Dorado Fire pursuant to Resolution 2020-20*

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

4. 2022-2023 Water Service Lateral Replacement Project Cost Update and Notice of Completion

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson provided background on the project including uncertainties with materials acquisition. He reminded that the service replacements were due to the City of Beaumont's repaving program. There were about 107 services within various streets in the vicinity of Beaumont Avenue, 10th,

11th and 12th, and 6th Street from Pennsylvania to Highland Springs were addressed. The work is complete and staff is satisfied, he reported.

The Capital Improvement Budget of \$652,000 for the project was conservative due to the uncertainties, Swanson continued. Costs came in just over \$391,000 including some unexpected extras, he reported.

General Manager Jagers commented on the Engineering staff and Field staff working together to accomplish the project, along with the contractor. He reminded about pre-purchase of materials and equipment. He noted that it seems there are no longer COVID-related supply chain issues but noted there will still be effort to minimize change orders.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

The Board authorized the General Manager to file the Notice of Completion for the 2022-2023 Water Service Lateral Replacement Project with the Riverside County Assessor – County Clerk – Recorder by the following roll-call vote:

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

5. Selection of Consultant for Design and Engineering Services for the 2850 Pressure Zone Booster Pump Station and Transmission Pipeline Project

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson introduced the project which is included in the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and described the current zones and need for efficiency with a new booster pump, and later phases of the plan.

Three proposals were received and evaluated by staff, Swanson continued. After scoring, Michael Baker International has been recommended by staff, he explained. The proposal includes the building design, the booster station, and the pipeline from the station to Vineland and down to tie into the existing system.

Funds are available as budgeted in the CIP, Swanson stated. General Manager Jagers explained it is time to start this project and stated the proposals came from contractors experienced in this type of work. The intent is to have the Engineering Department participate in design and construction support for potential cost savings.

Director Ramirez asked about the project team and Mr. Jagers pointed to the list in the proposal, noting that staff has no issues.

In response to Director Covington, Mr. Swanson said the engineering firm on the Noble Tank and pipeline was Cozad and Fox.

President Hoffman pointed out this project will install a 24-inch pipeline which can be added onto later for future development and asked if that would be adequate for current and future needs. Staff gave assurance and added that east of Noble, an upgrade will need to be done and that is identified in the RFP.

6:57 p.m. – Director Williams entered the room and joined the meeting.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

The Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate the final project engineering scope of services and to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International for design and engineering services for the 2850 Pressure Zone Booster Pump Station and Transmission Pipeline Project in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 (\$499,676.20 for design and engineering services plus an approximate 10% contingency of \$50,323.80) by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Slawson	SECONDED: Covington	APPROVED 4-0-1
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	Williams	
ABSENT:	None	

6. Resolution 2023-30: Acknowledging the Review, Receipt and Acceptance of the District's Policy 5045: Investment of District Funds

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

Finance Manager Bill Clayton explained the annual policy review and recommended changes. The policy has been reviewed by Chandler Asset Management, a panel of the California Municipal Treasurer's Association, and the District's Finance & Audit Committee. The policy received certification along with some comments for improvement, which are recommended at this time.

Director Covington pointed out the position titles referenced and wondered if there should be one more person in the policy. Mr. Jagers explained that the General Manager and Assistant Director of Finance and Administration (a flex position) are the leaders that serve the Board in conjunction with this policy.

The Board adopted Resolution 2023-30: Acknowledging the Review, Receipt and Acceptance of the District's Policy 5045: Investment of District Funds by the following roll-call vote:

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

7. Revision of District Policies and Procedures Manual

a. Resolution 2023-31 Policy 3110 Jury and Witness Duty

Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso reminded about the ongoing update of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

The current Jury Duty policy states that employees of all classifications are provided a paid leave of absence of up to 40 hours in one year, however employers are not required to provide paid leave, Mr. Berioso explained. The Personnel Committee, to reduce the fiscal impact of the policy, changed the policy to apply only to full time regular employees, he continued. The Personnel Committee also recommended the Board discuss options for paid leave of absence for regular full time employees: 1) Paid leave of up to 24 hours, or 2) Paid leave of up to 40 hours.

There is no fiscal impact to the budget as the employee is budgeted for labor under their home department, Berioso noted.

Director Ramirez advised that the Personnel Committee had looked at various options, and what is being presented is fair and equitable. The Committee tried to provide staff the best understanding while understanding that the District has to operate, he said.

Director Covington agreed and reminded that the two policies had been through the Personnel Committee twice or more. He emphasized that the District is not responsible financially to pay any jury duty or witness service, and currently pays days of service, or 40 hours. The Personnel Committee struggled with the financial impact on the District, and the Committee's recommendation for the Board to consider was to reduce from 40 hours to 24 hours of paid leave.

Director Covington commented on the jury duty obligation and noted that in some cases, the District is overly generous in benefits offered. This is a savings that will not be a huge impact to the District or to the employees, and is the right move to reel back to 24 hours.

President Hoffman commented that those on jury duty should not be held back by financial challenges. This seems to be a compromise as far as fiscal impact, he noted. Director Slawson clarified the options.

The Board adopted Resolution 2023-31: Amending the District's Policies and Procedures Manual Adopting Policy 3110 Jury and Witness Duty including up to 24 hours of paid leave for regular full time employees by the following roll-call vote:

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

b. Resolution 2023-32 Policy 3235 Military Leave

Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso advised that the District currently has no military leave policy in place. The proposed policy has been recommended by the Personnel Committee with two items for Board consideration. He pointed to the outline of state and federal law, and options for discussion. The options represent potential significant impact to the District's budget but also provide substantial support to those in military service, he noted.

Mr. Berioso explained federal law and the option of offering differential pay to employees on military leave. He shared information on potential fiscal impact, dependent on the employee's salary level and the length of military service.

Currently, the District provides health insurance coverage for the entire length of military service for the employee and dependents, Berioso explained. It is proposed to eliminate that coverage or change it to only that required by law, he said. The military provides such coverage beginning on day 1 of active duty service, he explained. The cost of insurance is already factored into the annual budget, but if the benefit is discontinued, the District could save up to \$2,250 per month.

Director Ramirez noted there is no requirement for the District to supplement the salary of an employee called to military duty. There is the potential for their active duty pay to be lower than their District salary, and the Personnel Committee looked at the opportunity for the District to provide that supplement to continue the employee's full salary.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

Director Covington noted that the Personnel Committee debated and was supportive of differential pay, saying he thought the Board could support an employee and family called away on military service.

President Hoffman asked about the military's health coverage, and Berioso confirmed the coverage would be duplicative. Covington explained the Personnel Committee discussion, and the recommendation to continue the coverage.

The Board adopted Resolution 2023-32: Amending the District's Policies and Procedures Manual adding Policy 3235 - Military Leave including provision of differential pay and continuation of District-provided health insurance coverage 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	

8. Chandler Asset Management – Authorization of Contract Extension

Finance Manager Bill Clayton introduced the recommendation by the Finance & Audit Committee to continue the professional investment advisory services relationship with Chandler Asset Management (CAM). Staff has been pleased with the consultant's performance and service delivery, he noted.

The original contract was approved in December 2021, and a one year extension was approved by the Board in December 2022, Clayton reported.

Director Slawson recommended due diligence to assure that the District is not using the same company forever, pointing to guidelines for requests to other companies. Mr. Clayton indicated it would be examined every three to five years to assure the District is receiving the best service for the ratepayers. General Manager Jagers reiterated the success with CAM and pointed out the monthly reports are found in the Board agenda packet, and the Finance & Audit Committee has made note of the interest received.

As District monies are moved into investment vehicles, the expertise brought by CAM provides benefit and guidance though this uncertain economic time, Jagers continued. The District is receiving extra benefit such as policy review, and the cost of service is less than that previously paid to CalTrust, he added.

Staff confirmed for Director Covington there is satisfaction with the consultant. Covington added that it comes down to the relationship between CAM and District staff, and if that is comfortable and worthy of another 12 months, then he is supportive.

President Hoffman noted that CAM has been good about providing reports, clarity, and transparency.

Ms. Molina added that CAM also provides an economic update, is receptive to questions, had provided training to staff, and makes on-site visits. The working relationship, and the assistance provided with financial investments has been good, she stated.

President Hoffman noted that the Finance and Audit Committee had been advised that CAM is easy to work with, which is not the case with some others.

The Board authorized the contract extension with Chandler Asset Management for Investment Advisory Services for one year by the following roll-call vote:

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

9. Adoption of 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Staff referenced Policy 4025.1 which sets regular meeting dates and acknowledged the Board's stated preference to minimize meetings in December. After discussion, the Board eliminated the December 26 Engineering Workshop and December 17 Personnel Committee from the proposed schedule.

The Board adopted the 2024 Meeting Schedule with the elimination of the December 26 Engineering Workshop and December 17 Personnel Committee meeting by the following roll-call vote:

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

10. Director Request for Approval for Attendance at Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) Training

General Manager Jagers introduced the request from Director Ramirez, who has been accepted into the WELL training program which begins in January. A cost estimate was prepared and an update was provided. Tuition for water district directors is \$4,000 and total cost is estimated at \$11,500, he explained, and emphasized education, networking, and the value of the program.

There is increased budget in 2024 for Travel, Education and Training, and a budget amendment can be made later if needed, Jagers noted.

The calendar shows a few conflicts between District events and the WELL training schedule, Jagers pointed out.

San Geronio Pass Water Agency Director Chander Letulle spoke in support of the program as a 2023 graduate.

Director Williams congratulated Director Ramirez on acceptance to the program. She noted value in hearing the perspectives of others on water issues, rather than only the water community, and the opportunity to educate them, as well. Education makes directors better, the information is brought back and distributed, and it will benefit all for Director Ramirez to attend, she said.

Director Slawson pointed out the program sounds similar to the CSDA events. Mr. Letulle said it is similar in variety of types of participating organizations, it is different in level of engagement with presenters, speakers, and attendees and the intent of the program to teach elected officials how to ask better questions.

In response to a query from Slawson, Mr. Letulle explained that WELL defines a Latino leader as anyone who represents a Latino population. Director Slawson indicated satisfaction that the program was not exclusionary.

Director Covington indicated support, congratulated Director Ramirez on his interest in the program, and noted it is a great opportunity but is a rigorous schedule.

President Hoffman concurred with the discussion and invited public comment. There was none.

The Board approved the request for District payment of registration, per diem, travel, and other related expenses for training: Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) program by the following roll-call vote:

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

President Hoffman called a 5-minute recess at 8:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Per the request of staff, President Hoffman called Item 14 out of order.

14. Reorganization of the Board of Directors for Calendar Year 2024

President Hoffman explained the reaffirmation procedure per Policy 4025.

The Board affirmed the following officers for Calendar Year 2024 pursuant to Policy 4025:

- *President John Covington*
- *Vice President Daniel Slawson*
- *Secretary Lona Williams*
- *Treasurer Andy Ramirez*

by the following vote:

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

The Board appointed Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney as the Recording Secretary for Calendar Year 2024 by the following vote:

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

General Manager Jagers pointed to the revised appointments worksheet.

Director Covington said it has been a challenging year and explained he would make all appointments at this meeting rather than leave some until January. The committees are important, he stated, and each adds to the success of the District.

President-elect John Covington made the following appointments for Calendar Year 2024:

	Member	Member	Alternate
Personnel Committee	Covington	Ramirez	Williams
Finance & Audit Committee	Hoffman	Williams	Covington
Bogart Park Ad Hoc Committee	Hoffman	Covington	Williams
Ad Hoc Communications Committee	Ramirez	Williams	Hoffman
Ad Hoc 3x2 Water Re-use	Hoffman	Slawson	Ramirez
Ad Hoc Sites Reservoir	Covington	Hoffman	Williams
		Delegate	Alternate
San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance		Slawson	Williams
Collaborative Agencies Committee		Ramirez	Williams
San Geronio Pass Water Agency		Slawson	Covington

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

General Manager Jagers pointed to the current list of events for which all directors are preapproved for attendance or must seek preapproval. He explained a request for clarification on ACWA-sponsored events and the Board's approval of all events on the ACWA calendar. He recommended striking the line related to non-approval of attendance at ACWA Region 1 through 8, and Region 10 events and Directors Ramirez and Williams concurred.

Jagers further recommended removing the presidential appointments from the Preapproved List. Director Williams concurred and clarified.

Director Covington concurred with the staff recommendation to include the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce State of the City event as preapproved. Director Ramirez suggested removing the water drop icon identifying ACWA sponsored events, which is supporting the Board's August 9 approval stating that all water-related events on the ACWA events calendar are approved for attendance by the Board. Jagers recommended changing the terminology to ACWA and ACWA-sponsored for clarification.

General Manager Jagers noted additional clarifications in the staff report: The line related to non-approval of attendance at ACWA Region 1 through 8, and Region 10 events will be removed as all events on the ACWA Calendar are preapproved per the Board, and webinars are compensable regardless of whether they are attended live or by recording.

The Board directed staff to bring back the revised list on the Consent Calendar.

There was no vote by the Board.

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

Directors indicated interest in the following events:

- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on Jan. 12 – Hoffman, Slawson, Williams
- CSDA webinar: Keeping up with the Brown Act on Jan. 23 – Slawson (maybe), Ramirez, Williams
- CSDA virtual workshop: Board Member Best Practices on Jan. 23 – Slawson (maybe), Ramirez, Williams (maybe)
- CSDA virtual workshop: Chat GPT Mastering the Basics and Beyond on Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 – Ramirez (maybe), Williams (maybe), Slawson
- Riverside County Water Task Force Diamond Valley Lake Tour – Slawson
- Pass Area Veterans Expo on Jan. 20 – Ramirez, Slawson, Williams

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

- *Pass Area Veterans Expo on Jan. 20*
- by the following roll-call vote:*

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

13. Resolution 2023-33: Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget and 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Budget

Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina reviewed the budget document and noted the budget is considered balanced. She reported budgeted net revenue of \$21,482,500 and a net positive of \$875,600.

Ms. Molina drew attention to the budget draft document, described the budget process, and noted it has been reviewed several times by the Finance & Audit Committee. She described the content of each budget section.

Director Ramirez asked about the inclusion of pension and insurance liabilities. Ms. Molina indicated that the labor section reflected the fully burdened rates for staff. She pointed out that full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) were the same as part time and temporary employees were absorbed into full time positions. Savings is expected related to training costs with less turnover in Operations, she explained.

New water rates are effective January 1, 2024 and a Request For Proposals for new rate study is expected to go out in early to mid-January, Molina continued.

Ms. Molina reviewed the budget summary and highlights of revenue and expenses. She emphasized the collaboration of all departments and noted no further edits had been requested by the Board members or the Finance & Audit Committee.

General Manager Jaggars reiterated that the budgetary process has been completely changed and acknowledged the work of staff.

Director Ramirez asked if the high budget for the Engineering and Operations Center (EOC) had been removed from this budget. Mr. Jaggars noted that expense for the EOC had been programmed into rates at 75 percent of a \$1.7 million activity and it still resides in the Capital Improvement Budget as the first component of a future project. In response to further question by Director Ramirez, Mr. Jaggars detailed the funding over time through rates to service an analysis and the purchase of land. The idea is to look at it as the rate study prepared in 2024 – 2025 and have discussion on further action, he said.

Director Ramirez recalled a previous push for building and said it seems that things have smoothed out operationally and structurally. He asked that the Board look again at the EOC in entirety, as it is no longer the case.

Director Ramirez asked about an increase in cost liability related to moving part time staff into full time. For the 2024 budget, it is the \$7,500 difference, Ms. Molina explained. Long term, she said, there will be retirement, health insurance, vacation time, and costs dependent on longevity. Director Ramirez stated he wanted the Board to be aware, as the District is continuing to grow.

Director Williams said she is pleased with the document and acknowledged the work of staff. Director Slawson also acknowledged the work of staff.

President Hoffman added that some budget adjustments were made in 2023 but overall, it seems expenditures are close to or under budget on many items. He noted that revenue was down, but things have been managed well. Hopefully 2024 will follow the same path, although adjustments may be needed along the way with Board approval, he said.

President Hoffman invited public comment. There was none.

The Board approved Resolution 2023-331 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget and 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 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	

14. Reorganization of the Board of Directors for Calendar Year 2024

Item 14 was heard earlier in the meeting.

15. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

a. Ad Hoc Committees:

Communications Committee: Director Ramirez noted that the earlier report given was excellent.

Sites Reservoir Committee: Mr. Jagers reported meeting with the SGPWA and asked about their interest in having an ad hoc group, also, to confer about next steps. It is hoped this would be established and meetings begin in January or February.

Water Re-Use 3x2: Mr. Jagers said he met with SGPWA General Manager Lance Eckhart and City Manager Elizabeth Gibbs and were assured there would be another staff meeting in December. He identified that the BCVWD Board wanted to have a 3x2 meeting at elected level in January. He reminded that each agency has contributed about \$33,000 for facilitation to move the project forward and the electeds need to hear about progress with that investment.

b. Directors' Reports:

Directors provided reports on the following meetings and events:

- Association of California Water Agencies Fall Conference Nov. 28 to 30, 2023 (Williams)
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on December 8, 2023 (Hoffman, Slawson)
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency meeting on December 4, 2023 (Slawson)

c. Directors' General Comments:

Director Covington recognized the service of President Hoffman over the last 12 months.

Director Williams offered holiday wishes.

d. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers reported:

- Thanked the Board and team for 2023 and highlighted some activities
- Staff Christmas luncheon on Monday at noon
- After two years of drought, this was an incredible water supply year. He shared the SGPWA water portfolio information totaling 37, 601 acre-feet available; locally 20,080 af delivered; 4,000 in storage with Antelope Valley-East Kern; 13,321 af to carry over into next year but some risk to spillage

- State Water Project: Next year is currently a 10 percent year
- There could be available 18,450 af next year even with the current status
- High highs and low lows will be the norm for the future, and through partnerships will do the best possible water supply management
- Withdrew 8,000 af from the storage account for two years in a row, but will likely put back 8,000 af this year, may be able to catch up the other 8,000 af next year
- Governor Newsom has moved forward the Bay-Delta tunnel project to modernize the State Water Project.

e. Legal Counsel Report: No report.

16. Topic 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
- Policy 5095 – District Residences and Facility Emergency Policy
- Revision of policies related to expenses and travel

17. Announcements

President Hoffman pointed out the announcements:

- District Offices will be closed on the following holidays:
 - Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 – Christmas Day
 - Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 – New Year's Day
- Collaborative Agencies Committee: Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 5 p.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, Jan. 4 at 3 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.

Director Covington advised that he will not be attending the January Personnel Committee meeting (asked alternate to attend) or the January Engineering Workshop.

18. Adjournment

President Hoffman thanked all for their work in 2023 and adjourned the meeting at 9:40 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