



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2024 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 Covington opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.*

*Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Ramirez.*

*Invocation was given by Director Hoffman.*

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

**Roll Call:**

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Williams (6:17 p.m.)
Directors absent:	Slawson
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Civil Engineering Assistant Evan Ward Development Services Technician Lilian Tienda Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered their attendance: Nyles O'Harra of the Yucaipa Valley Water District, Jennifer Yates, Richard Yates, and Lee Ann Smith Trafzer.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Lee Ann Smith Trafzer requested the Board agendaize the issue with subsurface water rights at her property on Oak Glen Road, APN 401-020-009. She said she planned to create a small wedding venue and plant grape vines, and the water use would not be tremendous. She said she would work with the District to find a solution.

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

**2. Request for Will-Serve Letter for Improvements to 1680 E. 6th Street, Suite A (APN 419-150-006) – East of Allegheny Avenue, and West of Highland Springs Avenue**

Civil Engineering Assistant Evan Ward explained that the site has been in use as a pharmacy, and fees for one Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) had been previously paid. As a change of use, the laundromat must pay fees for an additional 2 EDUs.

Director Ramirez asked if any facilities upgrades would be needed. Mr. Ward said no, but the applicant may want to upsize the meter at their discretion.

Mr. Richard Yates, husband of the applicant, pointed out an error on the address on the agenda and staff report: the business is located at 1680 E. 6th Street, not 1380.

*The Board approved the request for a continuation of water service for the proposed improvements to 1680 E 6th Street Suite A, located at Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 419-150-006 subject to payment of all deposits and fees to the District and securing all approvals from the City of Beaumont, and approved furnishing of a Continuation of Service Letter per conditions as enumerated by the following roll-call vote:*

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

6:17 p.m. – Director Williams joined the meeting.

**3. Review of District Contract Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2023**

General Manager Dan Jagers presented the tables listing outstanding vendor contracts, both non-Capital Improvement Budget contracts, and Capital Improvement Budget contracts.

Director Ramirez noted that these lists would typically include 2023 to 2024. He said he appreciated the thorough review and the information on contract amounts remaining. He suggested incorporation of this information into future CIP presentations.

Director Williams pointed to the Mejorando Group contract, and Mr. Jagers assured that the District is not moving forward with that vendor. There is more work to be done on the project, and he has discussed a path forward with President Covington to bring a solution back to the Board. Director Williams expressed concern and recommended putting the brakes on that project.

Director Hoffman noted that the contracts are tracked and reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee.

In response to President Covington, Mr. Jagers confirmed that some listed contracts had been closed out. This report is a look back, and sums up the year 2023, he stated. On the next report, staff will add a column to indicate contracts ongoing or complete.

President Covington would also like to see percent of completion and contract cost remaining.

President Covington noted that this is a robust list and declared the report received and filed.

#### **4. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action**

a. Directors' Reports:

- i. Water Education for Latino Leaders Conference in Indio, California on January 19-21, 2024 (Ramirez)
- ii. CSDA Webinar: Form 700 Filers, A Guide to SEI Disclosure on February 15, 2024 (Hoffman, Williams)

b. Directors' General Comments: None.

c. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers reported:

- Working toward a monthly meeting with the Board President to keep things moving forward
- Took a tour of Desert Water Agency facilities with President Covington
- Attended a groundbreaking event at South Mesa Water Company
- Approximately 9,688 acre-feet (af) of supply was added to storage last year, and the account balance may be up to 32,811
- The State Water Project allocation has been increased to 15 percent, and he expects 18,000 af to come for replenishment
- Water production in Edgar Canyon has been up to 1,700 af and could reach 2,000 af this year, resulting in need to buy less imported water
- Reminders: turn in Form 700, orders for logo wear
- A routine communication from the auditors has been distributed to all Board members
- Video interviews with CV Strategies are scheduled on Feb. 29 and Mar. 1

d. Legal Counsel Report: None.

#### **5. 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
- Engineering and Operations Center

#### **6. Announcements**

*President Covington called attention to the following announcements:*

- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Mar. 6 at 11 a.m.

- Collaborative Agencies Committee: Wednesday, Mar. 6 at 5 p.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, Mar. 7 at 3 p.m.
- Regular Board meeting: Wednesday, Mar. 13 at 6 p.m.
- Personnel Committee meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
- San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, Mar. 27 at 5 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Mar. 28 at 6 p.m.

## 7. Recess to Closed Session

- a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: APNs 408-080-009, 408-080-010, 408-080,011, 480-080-012  
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jaggars, General Manager  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 851 E. 6th Street  
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jaggars, General Manager  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

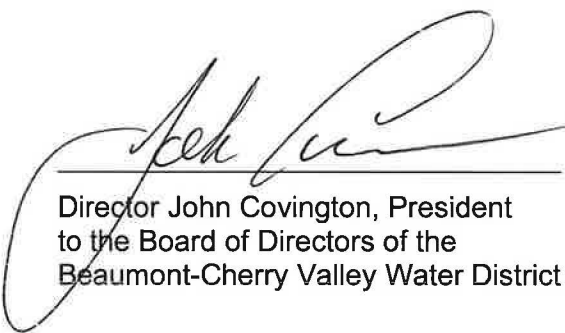
**Reconvened in Open Session at 8:15 p.m.**

## 8. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

President Covington announced that no reportable action was taken.

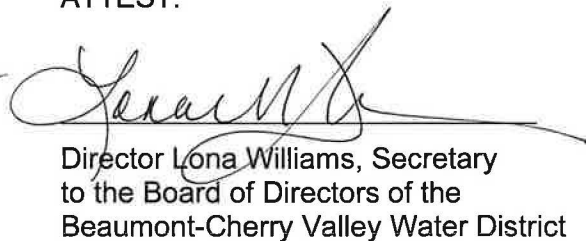
## 9. Adjournment

*President Covington adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.*



Director John Covington, President  
to the Board of Directors of the  
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

ATTEST:



Director Lona Williams, Secretary  
to the Board of Directors of the  
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District