



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, March 13, 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 President Covington.*

*Invocation was given by Director Ramirez.*

**Announcement and Verification of Remote Meeting Participation Pursuant to  
AB 2449 or GC 54953(b)**

*Director Ramirez attended via teleconference under the Just Cause provision.*

**Roll Call:**

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Operations James Bean Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso Finance Manager Bill Clayton Engineering Assistant Evan Ward Development Services Technician Lily Tienda Temporary Water Utility Worker Kyle Anders Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	Tilden Kim

Members of the public who registered attendance: Wendy Li, Chris Rivera, and Edwin Viray with IDC consultants; Lee Ann Smith-Trafzer; Dustin Christensen from the City of Beaumont; Kevin Walton, and Larry Smith of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency; and Nyles O’Harra of Yucaipa Valley Water District.

**Public Comment:** None.

**1. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Mr. Jagers requested the President continue Item 10 to a future meeting.  
Director Ramirez requested the President move forward Item 12b.

*President Covington called Item 12b out of order.*

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

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

- Water Education for Latino Leaders Conference in Imperial Beach on February 9-10, 2024 (Ramirez)
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency Meeting on February 26, 2024 (Slawson)
- Water Education for Latino Leaders Training Water Storage and Groundwater on February 29, 2024 (Ramirez)
- Anti-Harassment for Supervisors and Managers Training on March 2, 2024 (Covington, Slawson)
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency Meeting on March 4, 2024 (Slawson)
- CSDA Webinar: Creating a Successful Communications Strategy on March 12, 2024 (Covington)

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

Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina provided an oral report on item 2a.

*The Board received and filed the following reports:*

- a. Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. Monthly Update*
- b. Legislative Action and Issues Report*
- c. California Water Supply Conditions and Water Issues*

*by the following roll-call vote:*

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

## **3. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Review of the January 2024 Budget Variance Reports*
- b. Review of the January 31, 2024 Cash/Investment Balance Report*
- c. Review of Check Register for the Month of February 2024*
- d. Review of February 2024 Invoices Pending Approval*
- e. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2024*
- f. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2024*
- g. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2024*

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

**4. PUBLIC HEARING Resolution 2024-03: Adopting the Updated Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees (Administrative Cost Recoveries) and Superseding Resolution 2022-38**

President Covington introduced the item. Finance Manager Bill Clayton reminded the Board about the identification of the proposed fees at the February 14, 2024 Board meeting and presented the Summary of Proposed Revisions to Miscellaneous Fees for consideration. He discussed the fee calculations based on actual costs to the District and provided highlights.

Public Comment

President Covington opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m. and invited comment. There was none. President Covington closed the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Director Comment / Discussion

Director Ramirez, Director Slawson, and President Covington commented on the increase in additional paving deposits. Covington noted the paving cost now appears to be as much as the cost of installing the service. General Manager Dan Jagers described the currently required work for paving in the City of Beaumont, but also noted potential for cost savings. Clayton noted this is a deposit amount and would be reconciled after completion of the work.

Director Williams advised that the paving cost numbers presented are accurate. She explained that Jagers had been working with the City Manager to come to some kind of arrangement related to paving requirements, but Board support is needed. Mr. Jagers reported that when he requested a reduction of some of the paving requirements, he was advised the City would consider and discuss internally. Staff will put a package of paving needs together and bid it out for economies of scale and overall savings, he stated.

Director Ramirez acknowledged the efforts of staff and asked what successes had been achieved in cost control. Mr. Jagers pointed to the encroachment permit agreement being discussed with the City, and elements of the pavement repair. Director Ramirez asked about the timeline for the agreement, and Jagers explained he is studying it and will consult with legal counsel.

Director Ramirez asked about the comparison of fees in the prior year and Mr. Jagers said the new figures represent the calculated current year average. The City Council is aware of the costs, Jagers added.

General Manager Jagers described the recent ongoing experiences with water theft by subcontractors of developers and explained that more horsepower is needed via larger assessments to combat the problem.

Director Williams voiced support for the increased water theft penalties, noting that it is a big issue for every water retailer. Mr. Clayton confirmed for Director Ramirez that the existing Water Theft penalty would be replaced by the new figures.

Director Slawson pointed to the tiered water theft penalties and staff assured the Board that legal counsel had not indicated a problem with the figures. Director Slawson and Director Hoffman asked how identification and collection of the penalties would be accomplished, and Mr. Jagers provided examples, emphasizing the need to protect the water system. Director Hoffman asked for a report in the next year.

In response to Director Slawson, Mr. Jagers explained that there are certified backflow testers on staff, but the backflow devices are typically owned by individuals and District prefers the owners service and test them. The District has a list of certified backflow testers, but there have been rare times in which the testing has been performed by staff and the owner back charged for the service.

President Covington stated that the adoption of Resolution 2024-03 shall not diminish or negate the active resolutions 2022-38 and 2023-01. Staff assured that only the identified fees were being superseded. The following fees supersede the corresponding fees in Resolution 2022-38 and 2023-01:

	Fee Description	Reso 22-38	New
1	Backflow Administration Fee	\$50	<b>\$75</b>
2	Service Connection (meter assembly only) 5/8" In-Tract	\$1,120	<b>\$1,530</b>
3	Service Connection (meter assembly only) 3/4" In-Tract	\$1,140	<b>\$1,560</b>
4	Service Connection (meter assembly only) 1.0" In-Tract	\$1,210	<b>\$1,630</b>
5	Service Connection (meter assembly only) 1.5" In-Tract	\$730	<b>\$740</b>
6	Service Connection (meter assembly only) 2.0" In-Tract	\$980	<b>\$990</b>
7	Encroachment Permit Fee (City of Beaumont non-moratorium area)	\$510	<b>\$640</b>
8	Encroachment Permit Fee (City of Beaumont moratorium area)	\$650	<b>\$660</b>
9	Fire Flow Deposit	\$700	<b>\$800</b>
10	GIS Deposit – Commercial / Institutional / Industrial	\$710	<b>\$940</b>
11	GIS Deposit – Residential	\$210	<b>\$520</b>
12	City of Beaumont Moratorium Area additional paving deposit (short side)	\$6,560	<b>\$10,030</b>
13	City of Beaumont Moratorium Area additional paving deposit (long side)	\$12,500	<b>\$19,430</b>
14	Water Theft Prevention – illegal jumper and/or connection (unauthorized connection charge) - 1st CY offense	\$1,150	<b>\$1,500</b>
15	Water Theft Prevention – illegal jumper and/or connection (unauthorized connection charge) - 2nd CY offense		<b>\$3,000</b>
16	Water Theft Prevention – illegal jumper and/or connection (unauthorized connection charge) – 3rd CY offense		<b>\$4,500</b>
17	Water Theft Prevention – illegal jumper and/or connection (unauthorized connection charge) – 4th+ CY offense		<b>\$7,500</b>

*The Board adopted Resolution 2024-03 Revisions to the Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees identified in the Summary of Proposed Revisions to Miscellaneous Fees for 2024 applicable March 14, 2024 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**5. Update: Status of Water Reuse Plans and Recycled Water Partnership with the City of Beaumont**

General Manager Jagers reminded that the City had hired a consultant to represent them as an expert in the room, there was to be a meeting at staff level, followed by a meeting including the elected officials in order to move the project forward. The meeting did not take place. He noted that District staff had prepared a draft purchase agreement in 2020 which had been conveyed to the City.

The City’s consultant reached out to Mr. Jagers and advised they had been retained to provide an evaluation of options for utilization of the recycled water generated by the City, intended to build upon and develop more fully the work performed by facilitator TR Holliman and Associates (at a cost to each agency of approximately \$34,000). Options presented to the City in the Holliman study were:

1. Wholesale of recycled water to BCVWD
2. City to design, construct and operate a recycled water system in order to recharge groundwater, allowing the City to utilize its existing 30,000 acre-foot storage account agreement with the Beaumont Basin Watermaster
3. Design and build a pump station and pipeline to local golf courses, e.g., Tukwet Canyon, in exchange for water rights, which would be made available to others by the City

The Holliman report made a recommendation to work toward distribution through BCVWD. This direction has not been ratified by the Water Reuse 3x2 Committee, Jagers continued. He advised that he made his observations known to City Manager Elizabeth Gibbs at a meeting last week: At staff level, the project has not been able to get over the line even after an investment of more than \$100,000 for the facilitator. He suggested a meeting that includes elected officials, but it appears the City is still contemplating what to do with the recycled water.

Per City ordinance, developers continue to install the required facilities to implement recycled water and the project needs to continue to move forward, Jagers stated. He confirmed the Board’s direction to bring the Water Reuse 3x2 Committee together and said he would write a request letter to do so.

President Covington asked about the date of signature on the Memorandum of Understanding, and Jagers indicated it was June 2019.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

President Covington recalled potential funding and the advent of the recycled water system in 2008. Jagers provided a brief history of the State Revolving Fund loan and grant and ARRA funding, and work that had been completed on the system. After the loss of those funding sources, legal counsel advised that the District should follow through on the existing contracts, absorbing the costs, and the District took out a \$5 million loan. The process of a Change of Use Permit for the water discharged to the creek was begun, and was recently revived by the City with an Adaptive Management Plan.

Covington reiterated that developers are conditioned to put in recycled water pipelines; Jagers confirmed this is per City ordinance, and ratepayers are paying for the non-potable system maintenance.

President Covington observed that the project merely limps along and said he would be interested in options for a Plan B water source, with recycled water put on the back burner. Jagers expressed interest in moving forward, but Covington voiced concern about potential State Water Resources Control Board dissatisfaction with the District's Urban Water Management Plan.

Director Williams concurred, but said she hoped the project could come to fruition. She asked about the effects of the new conservation regulations. Mr. Jagers indicated it is important as the regulations provide credit for the use of recycled water. Jagers detailed salt implications and further permitting and review. He noted that the District must build a booster station along with three years' of other work which has been scheduled and shown to the 2x2 and 3x2 committee and consultants. He advocated moving forward and working to find a solution.

Director Williams voiced concern about the District absorbing costs with nothing to show for it. It needs to be completed, she stated.

Director Ramirez concurred with President Covington and Director Williams, saying without a response from the City within the next 30 to 60 days, a Plan B option that makes sense for the District should be investigated. He said he is looking for some good steps forward and a joint effort to figure it out.

Director Slawson said he would be looking forward to resuming the 3x2 meetings and would do his best to get this accomplished.

Director Hoffman, a member of the 3x2 Committee, said he would be looking forward to meeting and concurred that elected officials should be involved. If no progress is made there, options should be evaluated.

Mr. Jagers added that if the members of the 3x2 Committee were unsuccessful, then a joint meeting of all three agencies (City, BCVWD, and San Geronio Pass Water Agency) should be held to find common ground.

*7:21 p.m. – Director Ramirez exited the meeting.*

## **6. Update: Status of Construction Activities on Well 1A and Well 2A**

General Manager Jagers advised that work is underway on redrilling the wells. In communications with the City, a project schedule was provided including

information that the District will need to discharge to the City's storm drain system, which moves water to Stewart Park and on to other facilities. An encroachment permit has been twice denied by the City due to potential interference with a park project. The City hopes to be under construction in June-July and the District's 9 cfs (4,000 gpm) discharge is scheduled at that time.

Mr. Jagers explained that he has communicated with legal counsel Kim, and the District has confirmed its easements overlying the properties, which will allow the District to lay some temporary pipes but could add a cost of about \$25,000 to the project. He said he would continue to work with City Manager Gibbs but requested the Board members address City Council members when possible.

The District would prefer to route the water to a storm drain rather than to the street to avoid impacting ratepayers, he stated.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

In response to President Covington, Mr. Jagers explained that he will be scheduling a meeting with City Manager Gibbs to examine the issue. Covington said he looked forward to working this out naturally with the executive team at the City. This is not a one-way street; it is important that both recognize that all have needs and activities in progress. Jagers pointed to the District's cooperation with the City and Board approval of funding for pipeline replacements in conjunction with the City's paving projects.

Director Slawson asked for clarification of the permit denial. Mr. Jagers indicated that the District's work was perceived as potential conflict with the City's grading of the park and the park construction project; however, the park project has not yet been bid or a contract let.

#### **7. Pennsylvania Avenue Widening Project Update and Presentation on the Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation Design and BCVWD Waterline Relocation Project**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson explained that the City of Beaumont recently widened the Pennsylvania Avenue undercrossing at Interstate 10 and reminded of a train blocking traffic for several hours in June 2022. The City has notified the District they are proposing a grade separation project (roadway routed underneath the train tracks) and has identified District pipelines in the roadway

Swanson advised there is a critical 24-inch ductile iron transmission main through the entire corridor, and a 12-inch asbestos concrete (AC) pipe in the northern portion of the project area, and the City has requested relocation of those lines to accommodate the project. This is not in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Swanson advised.

City of Beaumont Principal Engineer Dustin Christensen introduced IDC Consultant Project Engineer Chris Rivera who presented the grade separation project. Rivera shared the history of the project beginning in the 1950s with design in anticipation of the bridge. Project funding incorporates a combination of state, federal, and local funds for a total of \$60 million.

The catalyst for the project is safety concern, Rivera continued. Pennsylvania is a major arterial and crossing, and the proposed bridge and underpass will be constructed at the current Union Pacific Railroad at-grade crossing. He described the project scope including relocation of some 1,100 feet of the 24-inch water line and 12-inch line starting just north of the westbound offramp to termination just south of 3rd Street with the road being lowered 24 feet. The lines will need to be replaced / lowered (7.75 percent slope with the roadway) before the start of the project.

Project responsibilities have been divided between the City and the District, Rivera continued. The waterline design will be included in the City's complete grade separation project package with review and approval by the District. BCVWD would be responsible for construction with the District's own contractor in coordination with the City.

The target date for completion of environmental work is December 2024, Rivera advised. The preliminary construction start date would be September 2025 and target end date in September 2027. Mr. Christensen added that the City is still working on funding and other details; this is not a final design.

General Manager Jagers stated that the District wants to support the City's endeavors needed by the community. There are elements of this project that will affect staff time and unidentified costs, and staff will need to consult with legal counsel. The District's master plan indicates no upsizing of the 24-inch line; it and the AC line are in good shape.

Jagers asked about payment for the work and a reimbursement clause in the City's funding strategy. He reminded that the District has been a good partner to the City regarding the paving project and moratorium at \$1 to \$2 million over the last two years. The Beaumont Land and Water Company subdivided the city, recording a map in 1887, and retained easements for water lines, Jagers noted, and title reports are being ordered at a cost of \$7,500 to understand the conveyances. The District may have a position of prior rights, and will work with the City to gain understanding, he said.

The District reprogrammed its CIP over the last two years to get head of the City's paving project and avoid the pavement cut moratorium at a cost of \$6.4 million, Jagers reminded. The grade separation project is not in the CIP, Jagers reiterated, but the plan is to work with the City staff to understand the position and appropriate funding.

Director Williams asked about the project cost and funding; Mr. Rivera indicated the entire project estimate is \$60 million, and federal funding is being sought. Director Williams asked if the funding request included a line item for water line relocation; Mr. Christensen said it did not include the specific relocation of the water line as the City knew it would be coming to the District to work those out.

Director Slawson asked for clarification on the construction costs. Mr. Christensen said it was their anticipation that there would be some sharing of costs for the movement of the water line, similar to projects in the past. The City does not typically take the lead in doing work on the District's water lines without coordination with the District.



Director Slawson said he would be curious about project funding. He pointed out that the City had not been working cooperatively with the District on other projects, but now requests assistance.

President Covington expressed hope for the City to obtain as much grant funding as possible as the agencies serve the same citizens. He said he would hope that the \$60 million would incorporate any impact of moving the water lines. He noted that the project budget should include the line relocation. If it were an old line and was in the CIP for replacement, it would be a different conversation, he explained.

This is a project that the City is bringing forward for the benefit of the citizens, Covington stated; but if other agencies were continually asking for line relocation it could not be done. When a proponent creates a project, they should encumber the costs to complete the project, he said.

Mr. Christensen assured this is an effort to keep the District informed to have the time to stay ahead of it.

Director Hoffman asked if there would be a need to upsize the 24-inch line. Mr. Jagers explained it was not believed to be necessary.

Director Hoffman asked if the line could be located elsewhere to avoid having to go so deep. The Railroad was here first, Jagers noted. A position regarding easements will be established with legal counsel and staff will work forward from there.

In response to President Covington, Mr. Christensen explained the railroad bridge will include four tracks plus one access road, which will be paid for by the City.

Director Williams recalled prior discussion of the project and concern about traffic, asked about why the on / offramps were not included. Mr. Christensen said that the City would prefer to include them, but the underpass must be completed and operational first at the direction of CalTrans: the ramps cannot be done concurrently.

Director Williams asked how many times the residents would have to pay for paving. Mr. Christensen indicated three phases, much of which is reliant on the stages of funding. Director Williams pointed out that the City taxpayers are paying twice for paving due to the City's requirements. The District has been a good partner, but has spent \$35,000 to accommodate the Pennsylvania widening project, and the City now wants \$1.3 million to accommodate again, followed by further costs when the ramps come back online, she noted.

Mr. Jagers noted that the District understands the importance and wants to be a good partner but does not want to reprogram the CIP to accommodate the City's schedule. Spending \$6.4 million amid other issues such as Chromium 6, recycled water, and more is a big ask, he advised. The District will work on establishing a position, he stated.

*8:09 p.m.: President Covington called a recess. The meeting was reconvened at 8:20 p.m.*

**8. Consideration of Vote for Special District Members for the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission**

General Manager Jagers reminded the Board about an unsuccessful request of LAFCO to reject a de-annexation and the importance of good representation to minimize those exposures in the future.

*The Board approved a vote for the following ranking for the nominees:*

<i>Regular Special District Member</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>Castulo Estrada</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Bruce Underwood</i>
<i>Alternate Member</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>Richard Lawhead</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Steve Pastor</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Harvey Ryan</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Bernard Murphy</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Angela Little</i>

*by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Well Drilling Activities at Assessor’s Parcel Number 401-020-009 located west of Oak Glen Road in the Community of Cherry Valley**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson clarified the parcel location on the west side of Oak Glen Road just below Wildwood Canyon Road, above Appletree Lane. The parcel lies just outside the District’s service boundary and has never taken service from the District.

On February 8, 2024, a drilling rig was observed mobilizing on the property and staff wrote a letter advising the property owner that BCVWD believes the District owns the water rights. A title report was obtained which identified Beaumont Land and Water Company reserved rights including a blanket easement and water rights on the parcel which did not transfer with the grant deed.

The well driller and property owner have a well permit and have been cooperative and when asked to stop, the property owner requested the item be agendized as it is the purview of the Board to consider the well. In the past, such wells have been routinely denied, Swanson stated, and described two potential solutions.

The property owner is establishing a grape vineyard, currently on half acre (400 vines) to potentially grow to up to one acre (1,000 vines), Swanson explained, and discussed irrigation techniques and needs, which can be satisfied with one Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) of water. There is no structure on the site which would require a fire flow element, he noted. If a structure were built, the Fire

Department would step in, and fire flow would change how the system would need to serve the property. Staff believes the property could be served with a one-inch service or so; the property owner will advise as to what size line they need. Field staff is working to verify approximate pressures and identify the exact location of the old Line A pipeline. The property would need to be annexed, he added. Final costs have not been determined.

General Manager Jagers reminded the Board about the property owner's intent to host wedding activities. He noted that staff is still working on service determinations.

Property owner Lee Ann Smith-Trafzer acknowledged that the well permit from the County did not mean they had the right to dig the well. The intent for the property is to produce about one acre of grapes. She noted the watering needs. The level area of the property could serve as a venue with tents, portable restrooms, but no real water demand for wedding or other events.

Jagers warned that service may be low pressure and a distribution system might be needed. Swanson responded to system questions from President Covington. Jagers reminded about the deannexation of lands in this area to Yucaipa Valley Water District and indicated this service could be accommodated.

President Covington noted the other option was costly and there had been another property in a worse position in the area. This land has remained vacant and will probably be vacant for a long time, as it is a tough area to serve, he noted. He discussed similar situations that had been in front of the Board, and explained that the Board must apply its rules and fees universally. He said he supported staff trying to find a solution.

President Covington asserted the District's rules and regulations and its ownership of the water rights.

Ms. Trafzer indicated they were not requesting any financial variance and said she appreciated the cooperation.

Mr. Swanson said he would work with the property owner and will bring back to the Board a Will-Serve Letter and LAFCO action.

**10. Resolution 2024-\_\_ : Authorizing an Amendment to the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Budget for the 5th Street and Michigan Avenue Replacement Pipeline**

*At the request of staff, President Covington continued this item to a future meeting.*

**11. 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 Apr. 12 – Hoffman, Slawson, Williams

- California Special Districts Association / USC Price Executive Education: Special Districts Resilience Summit on Apr. 12 – Williams (maybe)
- Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 Board Meeting and Tour: Inland Empire Utilities Agency on Apr. 12 – Williams
- Building Industry Association of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties – Inland Empire Economic Update on May 16, 2024
- CSDA Virtual Workshop: Overview of Special District Las on June 5 and 6 – Williams (maybe)

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

- *Building Industry Association of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties – Inland Empire Economic Update on May 16, 2024 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

## 12. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

### a. Ad Hoc Committees:

Communications Committee: Director Williams reported that the committee met March 11 and discussed:

- Promotional video – the GM and two directors have participated, the other three will be interviewed on March 28
- The next meeting is May 6
- CV Strategies representative Nisha Ajmani has accepted a job with a local water agency; Tara Bravo is the new contact

Sites Reservoir Committee: Mr. Jagers advised that the SGPWA will coordinate a meeting of the District's ad hoc committee and the Sites Reservoir Committee.

Bogart Park: Mr. Jagers said he will be meeting with the Bogart Park GM to discuss park elements that have been recently constructed, and on coordination for work at the Noble Tank site.

Water Re-Use 3x2: Nothing further

*b. This item was heard earlier in the meeting.*

c. Directors' General Comments:

Director Williams reported the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Groundwater Committee is very busy and will meet tomorrow. At the Engineering Workshop on March 28, she will have a report out on implementation, the Department of Water Resources well permitting report, and the subbasin staff report.

d. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers reported:

- Staff is looking at perfecting District operations and is looking to local area partners to find paths forward
- The District's Facebook presence includes an area for comment that will be tuned off. Although there are not many followers, Facebook will still be used for outreach purposes
- Input has been received from SGPWA and the 5th District Supervisor's office regarding possibly supporting some heli-hydrant activities to provide wildfire interface areas. A proposed location may be the District's 3900 tank site. It would be funded via ARPA funds
- A comment letter on the Chromium 6 regulations was sent. It does not look good and could create some financial burden on the District for treatment
- There is hope to be good partners and find positive movement with the City on the various elements, including conversation with Mr. Christensen on timing the Stewart Park project with the needs of the well facility

e. Legal Counsel Report: Mr. Kim acknowledged discussion about the prior rights issues and said he would get back to the Board with conclusions following the factual and legal research.

**13. 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
- Engineering and Operations Center

**14. Announcements**

*President Covington pointed out the announcements:*

- Regular Board meeting: Wednesday, Mar. 13 at 6 p.m.
- Personnel Committee meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
- San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, Mar. 27 at 5 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Mar. 28 at 6 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Apr. 3 at 11 a.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, Apr. 4 at 3 p.m.

**15. Recess to Closed Session**

*President Covington announced the following item and adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 9:06 p.m.*

- 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 Jagers, General Manager  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment


**Reconvened in Open Session at 9:22 p.m.**

**16. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session**

*President Covington announced that no reportable action was taken.*

**17. Adjournment**


*President Covington adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.*



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

ATTEST:



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