



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

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, May 16, 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 6:10 p.m.*

*Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Slawson.*

*Invocation was given by Director Williams.*

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

*At 6:08 p.m., the Board approved the attendance of Director Ramirez via teleconference under the AB 2449 Just Cause provision by the following vote:*

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

**Roll Call:**

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman (6:07 p.m.), Ramirez (6:08 p.m.), Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso Civil Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Development Services Technician Lily Tienda Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Temporary Water Utility Worker Kyle Anders Temporary Administration Assistant Irene Gomez Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: Sanjay Guar and Nancy Phan of Water Resources Economics LLC, Ron Duncan, and Lance Eckhart of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency; Cori Takkinen and Eric O'Donnell of Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

**Public Comment:** None.

*A moment of silence was observed in memory of BCVWD Management Analyst II Jason Shields.*

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

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

*The Board received and filed the following reports:*

- a. Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. Monthly Update*
- b. Chandler Asset Management Quarterly Economic Report*
- c. Electric Cost Analysis Quarterly Update*
- d. California Water Supply Report*
- e. Legislative Action and Issues Report*

*by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**3. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Review of the March 2024 Budget Variance Reports*
- b. Review of the March 31, 2024 Cash/Investment Balance Report*
- c. Review of Check Register for the Month of April 2024*
- d. Review of April 2024 Invoices Pending Approval*
- e. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2024*
- f. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2024*
- g. 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: Williams	SECONDED: Hoffman	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

#### **4. Rate Study Presentation and Work Session with Water Resources Economics, LLC**

Sanjay Guar and Nancy Phan of Water Resources Economics, LLC (WRE) made a presentation on the rate study process and requested input from the Board.

The goal of the study is to project expenses, including capital needs and challenges, on a five- to 10 year basis to determine the District's annual rate revenue requirement, navigate the Proposition 281 process, and create the best rate structure for the community, Mr. Guar explained. The result would be adoption of a five-year, legally defensible rate schedule.

Guar reviewed Prop. 218 requirements and project deliverables and discussed the policy framework based on Board guidance. He emphasized transparency and communication to customers focused on the value of water and the District's challenges. He suggested creating a website dedicated to the rate study and posting this presentation.

Guar outlined an aggressive schedule to achieve the January 1, 2025 effective date:

- June 27 – the WRE representatives will come back to the Board to finalize the policy framework
- August 27 – WRE will present rates
- October 9 – Board to receive the report and authorize the Prop 218 notice
- October 25 – Mailing of public hearing notices
- December 11 – Public Hearing

Mr. Guar reviewed the current tiered rate structure, advised that WRE will be evaluating to determine if tiers or another type of rate structure would make sense in the community, and outlined the process beginning with Board policy determination.

Director Slawson pointed out that the “punishing” the customers who use too much water is unreliable, as they can change their ways and save water, and the District needs to remain covered.

President Covington asked about the prevalence of tiered rate structures, and what type of structure provides more financial stability. Mr. Guar indicated that his last survey showed 67 percent of agencies have tiered rates. There have been concerns with lawsuits over tiered rates, but they are allowable as long as there is a strong nexus and logic. All else being equal, a uniform rate structure would have more revenue stability than an inclining structure, but there can be revenue stability with inclining if the Board were willing to consider drought rates, or higher reserves.

Mr. Guar discussed the water budget rate structure and its pros and cons. In response to Director Williams, Guar said approximately 5 percent of agencies use water budget rates as it is burdensome and complicated.

Director Williams asked about consideration of AB 1668 and SB 606 in the study and punitive rates. Mr. Guar indicated that for those regulations, the water budget works perfectly. As long as there is proportionality and the funds stay within the enterprise, the District is not making money; but the rates cannot artificially penalize customers (the San Juan Capistrano case).

Mr. Jagers pointed to the pass-through charges for Southern California Edison and imported water. Also in the last rate were pass-through costs related to a recycled water agreement with the City of Beaumont, he added. Upcoming expenses include Chromium 6 avoidance strategies, and all will be tied in to assure a good, affordable plan for District customers.

President Covington requested staff provide historical information from the prior rate action, recalling that it had been several years without a rate adjustment prior to 2020. Mr. Jagers reminded about the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) increase to \$399 per acre-foot which caused the goals of the 2019 study to not be fully realized. To mitigate and avoid a substantial rate increase, the capital replacement element of the budget was set to be 75 percent funded, and staff was encouraged to be creative. The Board directed staff to cut costs, two grants were obtained, COVID struck, fires occurred, development slowed, and projects were reordered to get ahead of the City of Beaumont's paving program, so the capital projects are not as developed, he advised.

Director Ramirez stated that it is a tough economic world, and suggested the consultant work with staff to determine areas in which the District can conserve and pass on savings to benefit the ratepayers. He said he was not a fan of a large number of tiers, or the water budget-based rates. He advocated for simplicity and creativity in options.

San Geronio Pass Water Agency General Manager Lance Eckhart advised that the SGPWA was also working with WRE on financial models, rates, and internal policies. He noted that he communicates with Mr. Jagers regarding rates and planning for the future and emphasized the transparency with no surprises related to the rates. The SGPWA is also looking at long-term investments in projects such as the Delta Conveyance Project, Sites Reservoir, and more as a holistic, big picture look to marry with the District's more local view.

Mr. Eckhart noted that the objectives are a collaborative approach with purveyors, smooth transition to new rates, mechanism for regular, gentle rate increases, and minimization of impact to ratepayers. He acknowledged the concerns of Director Ramirez and said the intent is to keep imported water costs as affordable and at the highest value possible. There will be a brief presentation at the May 20 SGPWA meeting.

Director Ramirez reiterated keeping things affordable and finding opportunities to show the customers who have conserved that they will not be penalized. There has been a lot of conservation by the ratepayers and a balanced approach is needed, assuring that the District is doing everything on its part to keep rates as affordable as possible. He recommended a hard look at the District to understand and readjust.

Mr. Jagers assured that the District is working toward the best solutions for the community and said he is grateful for the relationships that have been built. The 2019 rate study.

President Covington requested a presentation providing a rearview mirror look and recommendations from staff as to what should be the focus of the next rate study, i.e., unfunded mandates such as the Advanced Clean Fleets rule.



**5. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement for Grant Writing Consulting Services with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. Extending the Term of Performance through April 30, 2025 (one year)**

Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina provided background. Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. was selected in 2019 and was successful in procuring the \$1.5 million AMR/AMI grant. Townsend has been proactive and responsive, and has provided services above and beyond grant writing, including legislative work, she explained. She pointed to the reports provided and presentation of BCVWD projects at the state and federal levels.

Ms. Molina alerted the Board to H.R. 7575, the Special District Grant Accessibility Act, which would define a special district and require their eligibility for all grants. The District has many CIP projects and mandates for which funding would be welcome but is currently unavailable. A consultant like Townsend may help with those opportunities, she noted, as the District does not have the staffing to pursue.

The proposed agreement includes legislative work, which Townsend has been providing outside their scope of services, and they would like to make sure it is in writing to continue, Molina noted.

Mr. Jagers added that with many tasks and limited staff, Townsend would be helpful while the District is facing challenges such recycled water facilities, Chromium 6, and Making Conservation a California Way of Life.

In response to President Covington's question about term, Ms. Molina explained the District had a two-year agreement with extensions; this is the final one-year extension. The \$60,000 (\$4,000 per month) is the same rate as last year (which was an increase over the previous year).

Director Williams asked about grant assistance related to the American Rescue Plan Act. Ms. Molina confirmed that was obtained by staff. There have been at least eight other applications submitted that were unsuccessful, she noted. Submittals via legislators' offices have made the District more visible and garnered letters of support, she added. Townsend casts a wider net for opportunities.

In response to Director Williams, Ms. Molina confirmed that staff is learning from the exposure to Townsend. Director Williams suggested staff might find opportunities for the District independently. Ms. Molina pointed to the guidance provided by Townsend on the application processes. She advised that there is not staff available identify available grants or other avenues (e.g., earmarks) to pursue.

President Covington pointed out that Townsend also assist with administering the grant once received. In response to Director Slawson, Ms. Molina provided more detail on the implications of H.R. 7575. Slawson indicated concern that BCVWD's enabling legislation as an irrigation district had excluded it from some grants. Mr. Jagers noted that all special districts had been subject to exclusion.

Cori Takkinen of Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. advised the Board that the consultants had enjoyed their relationship with the District, and they are excited

about some upcoming opportunities this year, including a water efficiency grant and funding for a SCADA project.

President Covington said he appreciated the work, noting the District had not before pursued grant funding.

*The Board approved the term extension and scope addition and authorized the General Manager to execute the contract Amendment #2 for legislative advocacy and grant writing consulting services with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for a one-year term in an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**6. Renewal of Lease Agreement with A-1 Properties for Engineering Office located at 851 E. 6th Street, Beaumont**

Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina reminded the Board of the lease of the office in 2019 due to limitations on space at the Administrative building. The lease renewal was up to May 2024 and since the space meets the needs, a request for a six-month extension to October 31, 2024 was made.

On the Capital Improvement Program, the District has plans for a permanent solution, but it is not yet available, and the leased space has worked out well for Engineering staff, Molina noted. Since the renewal is under the purview of the General Manger, this is a receive and file item, she stated.

Mr. Jagers stated that the landlord indicated there is additional office space available in the adjacent suite if the District has a need. This may be brought back to the Board as an interim solution, he advised.

*The Board received and filed the six-month lease agreement for 851 E. 6th Street, Suite A-3, Beaumont, CA for the BCVWD Engineering Office by the following roll-call vote:*

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

7:16 p.m. - President Covington declared a short recess

7:27 p.m. - The Board resumed proceedings

- 7. Resolution 2024-07 Amending the District’s Policies and Procedures Manual**
- a. Policy 3150 District Vehicle Usage**
  - b. Policy 3085 Sick Leave**
  - c. Policy 3060 Continuity of Service**
  - d. Policy 3215 Personnel Action Form**
  - e. Policy 3240 Dress Code and Personal Standards**

In response to Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso, the Board indicated satisfaction with the format of the staff report.

Mr. Berioso presented the policy revisions as reviewed by legal counsel and recommended by the Personnel Committee:

	<b>Replace or Revise Policy:</b>	<b>With the New or Revised Policy:</b>
1	Section 37 District Vehicle Usage	3150 District Vehicle Usage
2	3085 Sick Leave	3085 Sick Leave
3	Section 20 Continuity of Service	3060 Continuity of Service
4	Section 50 Personnel Action Form (PAF)	3215 Personnel Action Form (PAF) Policy
5	Section 32, Section A Uniforms and Protective Clothing	3240 Dress Code and Personal Standards

**a. Policy 3150 District Vehicle Usage**

Mr. Berioso explained that changes are proposed to ensure staff understand the value and responsibility of being assigned a District vehicle. It addresses use to/from work and use during work hours, responsibility for tickets and parking, and safety. Employee insurability is a condition of employment.

President Covington advised there was significant discussion of Section 3150.7, and the presentation is consistent with the recommendations of the Personnel Committee.

**b. Policy 3085 Sick Leave**

This is a policy revision with the objectives of legal compliance with AB 1041, and SB 616. Sections related to risk management were added including requirement for a doctor’s note after three days of absence, definition of excused and unexcused absences, change of accrual of sick leave, and consistency with Policy 3060.

**c. Policy 3060 Continuity of Service**

This replaces Section 20, Berioso noted. Changes include modernization of language and addition of language in compliance with protected leave. President Covington advised that the Personnel Committee removed the provision allowing reestablishment of an employee’s seniority upon rehire.

**d. Policy 3215 Personnel Action Form**

Mr. Berioso identified the replacement of Section 50 with the revised policy, which aligns with a new HR process.

e. Policy 3240 Dress Code and Personal Standards

Mr. Berioso reviewed in detail the proposed new policy replacing Section 32A. He emphasized the appearance of professionalism and the need to provide guidance to staff to ensure appropriate dress. The policy was scrutinized by legal counsel, the Personnel Committee, and was a collaboration with staff feedback.

Significant differences include the treatment of tattoos and piercings, Berioso explained. Reasonable accommodation was also addressed.

Director Slawson noted that gauges are not mentioned but it appears obvious they are now allowed. Non-conforming piercings would have to be removed or covered, Berioso stated. Slawson also noted that long-sleeved shirts to cover tattoos would be acceptable.

President Covington commented on the collaborative efforts and agreement on the dress code policy.

President Covington invited public comment. There was none.

*The Board adopted Resolution 2024-07: Amending the District's Policies and Procedures Manual Revising Section 37 District Vehicle Usage with Policy 3150, Policy 3085 Sick Leave, Section 20 Continuity of Service with Policy 3060, Section 50 Personnel Action Form with Policy 3215, and Replacing Section 32 Part A Uniforms and Protective Clothing with Policy 3240 Dress Code and Personal Standards 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. Approval of Expenditures for Procurement of Materials and District Staff Labor for District Facility Relocation Activities on 6th Street in the City of Beaumont**

Director of Engineering Mark Slawson introduced the request from the City related to installation of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) sidewalk at 6th Street near Cornerstone and reminded the Board of prior discussion at the April 25, 2024 Engineering Workshop. There is a District water blowoff in the project area footprint. Staff has met with City staff, he explained, and presented the two concepts (options 1 and 2) discussed.

Swanson requested authorization for expenditure up to \$21,000 for option 2 based on the potential situation underground. The encroachment permit has already been obtained and staff is ready to mobilize.

General Manager Jagers added that there is another item regarding the City's ADA sidewalk improvement activities. The City sent a significant list of eight to 10 streets with probably hundreds of thousands of dollars in impact to the District, as



the City's work would land a number of meters in the middle of the sidewalk, he said.

A decision needs to be made as to how to minimize District exposure on this activity. It exacerbates the impact of the City's pavement moratorium, he noted. He reminded the Board that \$6.4 million was reprogrammed to get ahead of the City's paving program, there are a couple more projects coming up, and President Covington had suggested to Principal Engineer Dustin Christensen about the District doing the labor with a City cost share.

President Covington noted that when a Capital Improvement Project is created that encounters other utilities, typically those relocations become part of the project and are funded by the lead agency that created it, or there is a cost share. The District should not set a precedent that with any project that comes forward that the District is 100 percent financially responsible.

The District wants to work with the City, Covington emphasized, but the way in which the City's request is being made appears to be risky for the District. There will have to be some type of agreement, or policy to deal equitably with these issues. He referred to the request for \$1.5 million in facilities relocation for the Pennsylvania grade separation. These things are out of balance and warrant more staff investigation and discussion with the City, he stated.

Director Slawson said he would like to know what the industry norm on relocations is. He agreed with President Covington about the City's creation of the job – it is their project. The project proponent is responsible for the project costs, Covington reiterated.

Director Williams agreed and asked whether the City might continue to return every other month with a new request, or if they might approach it as a City-wide project. Mr. Swanson explained that staff is trying to foster a relationship with the City and met last week with Public Works Director Robert Vestal and Dustin Christensen to discuss the bigger projects and try to understand projects early on in order to partner. The goal is to figure out project phases and how to get it done collectively, together, meeting everyone's needs and putting out a product of which all agencies could be proud.

Director Williams stated that she did not appreciate the consumption of District staff time to analyze the City's projects and figure out the impacts. Their inability to properly plan does not constitute an emergency on the part of the District, she posited. She agreed with Covington that the project proponent is the one that pays; every time the District performs, it is the ratepayers unfairly footing the bill, and paying again if the City goes back over it. She encouraged working together and better planning, but pointed out that it is not the responsibility of District staff to assist City staff with City projects. She said she hoped the City Council would understand it would be the expectation moving forward that City staff needs to plan and identify projects appropriately, and Council should direct staff to work together with the partner agency for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Jagers noted this is a staff level ask. He acknowledged the Board's comments and pointed out these projects are likely grant funded and not coming out of the City coffers, but the District's costs come out of its rate structure. The projects create a burden that the District must pass along to the ratepayers. He suggested

the City submit a request in writing to be analyzed by legal counsel to determine if the District has any exposure to relocate based on current law, and to ask for a cost share during the process.

President Covington directed staff to create a policy to ensure that all requestors be treated the same and cautioned against setting a precedent.

Director Williams indicated support for ADA improvements but reiterated that there should be a share in costs; the District should not be burdened 100 percent.

Director Slawson requested comparables to other water districts' procedures.

*The Board tabled this item to a future meeting by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**9. Request for Will-Serve Letter for a Single-Family Residence located on Pennsylvania Avenue (APN 415-091-011) North of Antonell Court and South of Thirteenth Street**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson introduced this infill project for a single-family home on a vacant parcel at 1 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) taking service from the exiting 10-inch main in Pennsylvania Avenue. Project conditions are standard, including subject to the turf conversion prohibition.

*The Board approved the request for the Will-Serve Letter for the proposed single-family residence at Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 415-091-011 within the City of Beaumont, subject to payment of all deposits and fees to the District and securing all approvals from the City of Beaumont and directed staff to furnish a Will-Serve Letter with conditions as enumerated by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**10. Acknowledge Receipt of the Operating Budget Excellence Award from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers for BCVWD's FY 2024 Operating Budget and 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Budget**

Ms. Molina announced the receipt of the CSMFO award for the fourth year. She commented on the collaboration between departments, added training sessions, and input of the Finance & Audit Committee. Mr. Jagers and Board members recognized the efforts of staff.

*The Board received and filed the Operating Budget Excellence Award from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) for BCVWD's FY 2024 Operating Budget and 2024 – 2028 Capital Improvement Budget by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**11. Consideration of Vote for Special District Member for the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission**

The Board reviewed the runoff election materials and reaffirmed their prior vote.

*The Board cast a vote for candidate Cástulo Estrada by the following vote:*

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

**12. Award and Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Contract with MCC Equipment Rentals, Inc. for the 3040 Pressure Zone Cherry Avenue / International Park Road Transmission Pipeline Project**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson provided background on the project originally initiated together as tank and pipeline. In 2022, ARPA funding was awarded for the pipeline component which allowed the pipeline to be built now, but the tank at a later time.

The Capital Improvement Budget included \$2.4 million. All-in costs total approximately \$2.16 million for these 3,000 feet of 24-inch pipe and a couple hundred feet of 30-inch pipe from Dutton / Cherry up toward Bogart Park to the exiting Noble Tank and future tank location.

Swanson described the bid process, some detailed costs, and recommended award of contract not to exceed \$1,905,000 plus soft costs of roughly \$172,000. He advised that a consultant may need to be engaged to assist with APA funding tracking and administration, as workload will exceed staff's capabilities.

President Covington noted that the net impact to the District after ARPA finding would be \$815,287.64 and asked if the County would require prevailing wage. Mr. Swanson said it would, and Mr. Jagers added that Irrigation law required that upon receipt of public funds or grant money, those elements must be met. This contract also comports with the preference for contracting with a minority business enterprise.

The total ask is \$2,083,000, Covington confirmed. Mr. Swanson clarified costs associated with the separation of the tank element.

*The Board:*

1. *Authorized the General Manger to execute a contract with MCC Equipment Rentals, Inc. to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and testing necessary to complete construction of the 3040 Pressure Zone Cherry Avenue / International Park Road Transmission Pipeline Project in the amount of \$1,729,776.70 and authorized \$175,223.30 (~10% contingencies) for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,905,000.00, and*
2. *Authorized the General Manager to expend additional funds for current and future anticipated soft costs associated with the Project in an amount not to exceed \$172,000.00*

*for a total cost of \$2,083,000 by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**13. Approval of Expenditures for Procurement of Materials and District Staff Labor for District Facility Relocation Activities on Massachusetts Avenue**

*The Board tabled this item to a future 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	

Mr. Jagers noted that this item will be brought back based on the same comments made on Item 8.

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

Directors indicated interest in the following events:



- Water Infrastructure Networking Summit on May 31 – Ramirez
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on June 14 – Hoffman, Slawson, Williams
- Urban Water Institute Annual Water Conference Aug. 21 – 23 – Ramirez (tentative), Slawson (tentative), Williams (tentative)

*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:*

- *Water Infrastructure Networking Summit on May 31 at the Westin South Coast Plaza*

*by the following roll-call vote:*

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

## 15. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

### a. Ad Hoc Committees:

Communications Committee: Ms. Molina reviewed the written Committee report.

Sites Reservoir: Strategies for participation will be reported in the future

Bogart Park: An updated binder has been prepared for the committee members. A meeting is scheduled in early June.

Water Re-Use 3x2: Director Slawson reported that there was good outcome from the Monday, May 13 and slow progress is being made. It will be at least four years before the City sees progress on the environmental permitting and change of use permit. Mr. Jagers added that the City is undergoing an Adaptive Management Plan study then will make an application to the State for a Change of Use permit. Following that, a salt debt will be addressed. The District will then need to understand the opportunities and work out a number of elements including the booster station. The City expressed concern about some liability issues and wants to understand the cost of service and how their costs might be recovered.

### b. Directors' Reports:

- ACWA California Data Collaborative Budget Based Water Rates Virtual Event on April 25, 2024 (Ramirez)
- ACWA 2024 Spring Conference & Expo on May 7-9, 2024 (Covington, Slawson)

- Beaumont Chamber Breakfast on May 10, 2024 (Hoffman)
- Building Industrial Association of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties on May 16, 2024 (Williams)
- San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency meeting on May 6 (Slawson)

c. Directors' General Comments: None

d. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Jagers reported:

- Will bring back the Chromium 6 discussion and strategies for Board consideration
- Treatment facilities would be very costly

e. Legal Counsel Report: Mr. Markman reported success in significant litigation regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

President Covington requested information on a Prop. 218-related case. Mr. Markman will investigate and send the information.

#### **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
- Revision of policies related to expenses and travel
- Operations Center
- Chromium 6

#### **17. Announcements**

*President Covington pointed out the announcements:*

- ~~Personnel Committee meeting: Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. - Cancelled~~
- San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, May 22 at 5 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, May 23 at 6 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, June 5 at 11 a.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, June 6 at 3 p.m.
- Regular Board meeting: Wednesday, June 12 at 6 p.m.

#### **18. Recess to Closed Session**

*President Covington announced the following item and adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 9:10 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 9:35 p.m.**

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


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

**20. Adjournment**

*President Covington adjourned the meeting at 9:36 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