

BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223

# NOTICE AND AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

*This meeting is hereby noticed pursuant to California Government Code Section 54950 et. seq.* 

# Thursday, September 26, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223

# **TELECONFERENCE NOTICE**

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# **BCVWD ENGINEERING WORKSHOP – SEPT. 26, 2024**

**Call to Order: President Covington** 

Pledge of Allegiance: Director Ramirez

**Invocation: Director Hoffman** 

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

Roll Call and Introduction of Staff Members Present Roll Call - Board of Directors

President John Covington
Vice President Daniel Slawson
Secretary Lona Williams
Treasurer Andy Ramirez
Member David Hoffman

# **Public Comment**

PUBLIC COMMENT: RAISE HAND OR PRESS \*9 to request to speak when prompted. If you are present in the Board Room, please fill out a Request to Speak card and deliver it to the Recording Secretary.

At this time, any person may address the Board of Directors on matters within its jurisdiction. However, state law prohibits the Board from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the agenda. Any non-agenda matters that require action will be referred to Staff for a report and possible action at a subsequent meeting. **Please limit your comments to three minutes.** Sharing or passing time to another speaker is not permitted.

# ACTION ITEMS

Action may be taken on any item on the agenda. Information on the following items is included in the full Agenda Packet.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda: In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2, additions to the agenda require a 2/3 vote of the legislative body, or if less than 2/3 of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, which makes the determination that there is a need to take action, and the need to take action arose after the posting of the agenda.
  - a. Item(s) to be removed or continued from the Agenda
  - b. Emergency Item(s) to be added to the Agenda
  - c. Changes to the order of the agenda

# 2. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

a. Directors' Reports

*In compliance with Government Code § 53232.3(d), Water Code § 20201, and BCVWD Policies and Procedures Manual Part II Policies 4060 and 4065, directors* 

claiming a per diem and/or expense reimbursement (regardless of preapproval status) will provide a brief report following attendance.

- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce State of the City Dinner on September 19, 2024 (Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams)
- San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting on September 25, 2024 (Slawson)
- ACWA Continuing Legal Education: Easements on September 25, 2024 (Ramirez)
- b. Directors' General Comments
- c. General Manager's Report (pages 5 15)
- d. Legal Counsel Report

### 3. Topic List for Future Meetings

	Item requested	Date of request	Requester
А	Update / presentation on the AMR / AMI project	12/14/22	
В	Presentation on the San Bernardino Valley Resource Conservation District	7/13/22	
С	Presentation on solar power opportunities	12/14/22	Ramirez
D	Sites Reservoir update	2/23/23	
Е	Report on water theft (October 2024)	3/13/24	Hoffman
F	Operations Center update		

### 4. Announcements

Check the meeting agenda for location and/or teleconference information:

- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.
- Regular Board meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee special meeting: Thursday, Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. (pending)
- Personnel Committee meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 5:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.

### 5. 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 Jaggers, General Manager Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54947 Title: General Manager

c. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
 District designated representatives: Dan Jaggers, General Manager
 Employee Organization: BCVWD Employee Association and Contract Positions

### 6. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

### 7. Adjournment

### NOTICES

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**REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA** - In accordance with §54954.2(a) of the Government Code (Brown Act), revisions to this Agenda may be made up to 72 hours before the Board Meeting, if necessary, after mailings are completed. Interested persons wishing to receive a copy of the set Agenda may pick one up at the District's Main Office, located at 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, California, up to 72 hours prior to the Board Meeting.

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### **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

A copy of the foregoing notice was posted near the regular meeting place of the Board of Directors of Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and to its website at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting (Government Code §54954.2(a)).

Item 2c



# BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

DATE: September 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Jaggers, General Manager

TABLE A - REPORT HIGHLIGHTS	<b>REPORT PAGE #</b>
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# FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### **Operating Budget**

Finance staff has continued to review the revenues and expenses for the upcoming budget cycle. The draft budget numbers, which includes historical data from the past five years, have been circulated to departmental leaders for review, and we are awaiting their input. Once the feedback is submitted and reviewed by the Finance team, it will be presented to the General Manager for consideration before moving to the Finance and Audit Committee in October. A draft budget document is being prepared and will also be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee in October for initial consideration. As we move forward, our goal remains to refine both the content and format of the budget for enhanced clarity and usability.

### Cost of Service Study

Progress on the Cost of Service Study with Water Resources Economics, LLC (WRE) remains ongoing. Staff continues to collaborate with WRE, who is currently awaiting key updates from staff, including finalized budget figures, personnel adjustments, updates to the Capital Improvement Plan, and outcomes related to the ongoing land acquisition. These refinements are necessary to ensure the accuracy of WRE's financial calculations for the next rate cycle. Although this has caused a delay in WRE's ability to finalize their report for Board review, it is essential that we take the time needed to get the information right. As a result, the rate changes will likely take effect later than the original January 1st target.

### **Banking Services**

After receiving Board approval on August 14, 2024 regular meeting, staff initiated negotiations with Wells Fargo to update the District's banking services contract. Since the District is an existing customer, the agreement will be structured as an amendment to the existing contract, incorporating the revised pricing for the next 5 years. A significant aspect of the updated 2024-09-16

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agreement is the conversion of the General Fund into an account that leverages the District's earnings credit. An earnings credit is a calculated rate, based on the District's balance, which provides a credit that is applied to the District's transactions fees to reduce the overall cost of service. In the past, any credit above the transaction fee total remained with the bank, but the amendment agreement will provide the District with the opportunity to reinvest those funds for greater financial flexibility. We expect to have this process completed before the expiration of the current contract in January 2025, ensuring a smooth transition with no service disruption.

# CUSTOMER SERVICE

<u>Customer Assistance:</u> Customer Service continues to support customers facing difficulties in paying their bills by offering payment plans. These plans allow customers to spread their balance over time, helping them avoid service disconnections. The payment plan option is available for one bill at a time, providing flexibility and relief to those in need. Customer Service staff has assisted 75 customers with payments plans in 2024. Payment plans offer those with large or past due bills to maintain service while still fulfilling their payment obligations. The District has collected \$51,854.25, or 71.78%, of the \$72,243.66 in payment plans in the current year.

<u>Communications and Public Outreach:</u> The final interviews for the District introduction video were completed on September 18th, and our Communications consultant, CV Strategies, is now working on finalizing the video. To achieve cost savings on the CV Strategies contract and allocate more resources toward the Cost of Service Study, staff has taken over the majority of the District's social media postings, starting in September 2024. This will allow CV Strategies to focus on strategic messaging and highlighting the value of water.

<u>Streamlined processes</u>: Customer Service and IT have successfully streamlined the start and end service application process by moving it online. These new electronic forms not only simplify customer data entry but also allow for the easy download of necessary documents. This has resulted in savings on paper, improved efficiency for staff, and fewer customer inquiries about the application process. Furthermore, we are actively working with IT to update available payment formats, which could reduce processing fees for customers. Once this update is complete, we will provide the Board with a full report on its impact.

# HUMAN RESOURCES

<u>Policies and Procedures:</u> To date, ongoing revisions of Personnel policies are at 95% completion ensuring District policies remain up-to-date and in line with industry standards. Following 100 percent completion, a regular routine review of policies will begin, in order to ensure that District policies and procedures align with current law and industry best practices. Staff continues to optimize collaboration and streamlining processes while upholding quality standards.

<u>Recruitment Success Across Teams.</u> The District successfully filled two positions in the departments of Operations, and Finance and Administration. The average time to fill these position was 18 days, a record short time frame in the District's recent history. This success demonstrates the newly implemented more efficient recruitment processes and ensures minimal disruption to departmental operations. Ongoing collaboration with department heads has enabled HR to source, screen, and secure top talent, resulting in high-quality hires that align with our core values and company objectives.

<u>Employee Health and Safety Focus</u>: For the month of August, there were zero workplace injury claims, which underscores the company's strong commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy

work environment. Recent internal safety audits yielded a 93% score, an improvement from last month's 91%. This reflects the diligent efforts of staff in adhering to ergonomic and safety guidelines, ensuring the proper setup of workstations, following equipment safety protocols, and staying compliant with all health and safety regulations. Additionally, HR staff has recently earned certification as Ergonomics Assessment Specialist through ACWA JPIA and The Back School. This new credential enhances the division's expertise in conducting ergonomics assessments, positioning the HR Department to proactively address workplace ergonomics. By leveraging this in-house capability, the District can anticipate long-term cost savings by reducing the need for external consultants and minimizing potential ergonomic-related injuries.

<u>Training Compliance</u>: The collaborative efforts of HR, alongside the District's external training partners, have successfully organized key training sessions focused on compliance, safety, and professional development. Plans are underway to implement CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training for both field and office employees, aimed at enhancing their emergency preparedness and response capabilities. This training initiative is expected to be fully completed by the end of the year, equipping staff with vital skills to handle emergencies effectively and ensuring a safer, more resilient workplace.

<u>District Certification</u>. This year, BCVWD has been accredited with the Great Place to Work certification for the fourth consecutive year. This prestigious recognition reflects an ongoing commitment to fostering a positive, inclusive, and engaging workplace environment where employees feel valued and empowered. The continued certification highlights the District's dedication to maintaining high levels of employee satisfaction, collaboration, and overall organizational culture.

This report highlights the ongoing efforts to optimize personnel management, streamline recruitment processes, and prioritize employee well-being and safety.

TABLE B – HR Activity as of August 31, 2024	
Total Current Employees (Excluding Board Members)	47
Full-Time Employees	45
Part-Time	1
Temporary	1
Interns	0
Separations / Retirements	0
Retired Employee(s)	0
New Hires	1
Recruitments in progress	0

### **OPERATIONS**

### AMR/AMI Project

The Operations staff and IT department have successfully transitioned all Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) meters to network mode, enabling meter readings directly through the Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) system. As expected, some meters are out of range of the existing AMI collectors and repeaters, so those readings are currently being gathered via a drive route. The IT department has created a heat map to highlight coverage areas and redundancies, while the Operations team is in the process of installing upgraded antennas, which are expected to extend the range by one mile per antenna. Additionally, Operations and IT are working on the reprogramming of repeaters and collectors to increase output power further extending the range for each station. These upgrades will undergo further testing as new collector and repeater facilities are brought online.

<u>Rash of recent backflow device thefts</u>: The District's Cross-Connection Specialist/Non-Potable Water Supervisor is collaborating with the Beaumont Police Department to identify the serial numbers of stolen backflow devices and to provide support in the investigation as needed. Additionally, District staff are working with property owners to pinpoint locations where backflow devices have been stolen and to ensure that new devices are installed and tested in accordance with the District's Cross-Connection Control Plan.

<u>Well 1A and 2A redrill project</u>: This project has been put on hold pending a review of a neighboring agency's efforts on a new well drilling project to better understand zone testing results related to Chromium VI mitigation. Staff has received the zone testing data and is collaborating with the well drilling contractor to ensure that the Well 1A and 2A redrill project proceeds with a clear understanding of the Chromium VI data collection. Mobilization of the well drilling equipment is anticipated to start by the end of October.

<u>Elm Avenue Water Main Installation</u>: District staff has successfully completed this project, including the installation of an 8-inch ductile iron water main, pressure testing, disinfection, bacteriological sampling, service line installation, and the final customer tie-ins to the new system. Final paving has been completed, and the project is now officially closed out as 100% complete. The project involved a total of 738 feet of ductile iron pipeline, five service laterals, and two fire hydrants.

<u>Noble Pipeline (Cherry Avenue & International Park)</u>: The project consists of construction of approximately 2,250 LF of 24" ductile iron and 134 LF of 30" ductile iron pipe. The District's contractor (MCC Equipment Rentals) has received materials and is ready to begin construction. The Encroachment Permit through Riverside County Transportation has been submitted (September 10, 2024). Once the Encroachment Permit is issued, it is anticipated that construction will begin shortly thereafter. This project is funded by District Capital Expansion funds and ARPA.

<u>"B" Line Upper Edgar Transmission Pipeline Project</u>: The project consists of construction of approximately 3,000 LF of 12" ductile iron pipe which will replace an old 10" riveted steel pipeline within Edgar Canyon, below the Upper Edgar Storage Tank. The project is out to bid with a scheduled bid opening on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Once District staff qualifies the received bids, a recommendation for award will be brought to the Board for consideration. It is anticipated that this project could begin before the beginning of the new year. This project is funded by District Capital Replacement Reserve funds and ARPA.

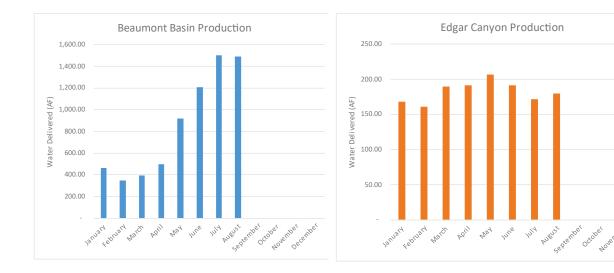
<u>Field Office Rehabilitation Project:</u> Rehabilitation efforts at the 12th and Palm Field Office are ongoing. Mold mitigation, performed by an external vendor, has been completed, followed by mold testing. The external siding and trim have been replaced, painted, and an additional weather barrier wrap has been installed behind the panels to prevent future vulnerabilities and potential leaks.

All interior drywall, flooring, and carpet have been removed. Staff has completed framing and electrical work to optimize space by reducing office size. A secondary restroom has been installed and is now operational.

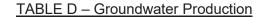
The roof has been replaced, with extra coatings applied at the seam between the two modular buildings to prevent leaks. Staff is collaborating with the IT department to install network cables, alarm systems, and surveillance cameras. Insulation has been installed, and drywall completion is expected next week. Flooring has been ordered, with delivery and installation anticipated by September 24th. A full report detailing these rehabilitation efforts will be presented to the Board of Directors soon.

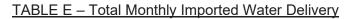
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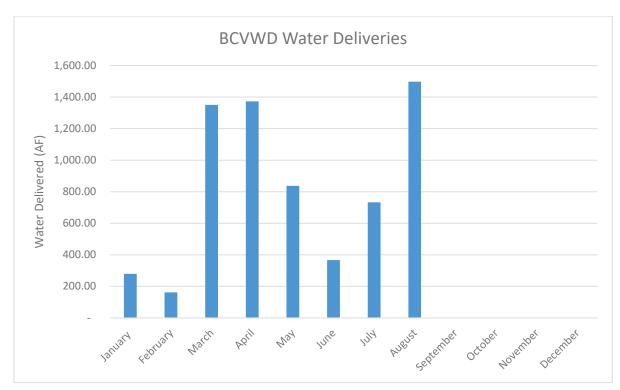
July 2024: Eleven (11) main line leaks and Two (2) service line leaks were addressed.



### TABLE C – Groundwater Production







# EXECUTIVE OFFICE

# GOALS FOR 2024

- 1. Improve customer communication and service
- 2. Adhere to State and Federal drinking water standards, focusing on regulatory water quality sampling
- 3. Upgrade infrastructure
- 4. Complete deployment of the AMR / AMI project
- 5. Increase valve maintenance activities
- 6. Implement a GPS-enabled system for accurate mapping
- 7. Advance Capital Improvement Projects

TABLE F - C	General	Manager's	activity sta	tus

A - DIST	A - DISTRICT HAPPENINGS										
A1	AMR / AMI Project SUPPORTS GOAL 4	<ul> <li>Focus is now on optimizing the system</li> <li>Electronic reads have been pulled for five billing cycles</li> <li>An analysis is being prepared of every customer's consumption for the last few years and comparing the three year average with the information pulled from the AMI device to assure reads are reasonable</li> <li>Some areas are not able to be read and IT / Operations are collaborating to get physical reads to stay on track</li> <li>Various locations are being tested to improve AMI coverage by installing antennas and increasing the power of the existing collectors and receivers</li> </ul>									

		<ul> <li>Antennas have been deployed antennas for the collectors/repeaters that could increase the coverage range up to two miles and testing is underway.</li> <li>These efforts are anticipated to reduce the total number of collectors/repeaters necessary to maximize coverage, provide redundancy</li> <li>Every device is on schedule to be audited once a year to make sure information is correct</li> </ul>
A2	Cost of Service Study (Water Resources Economics)	See update on page 1. A further update will be provided to the Board in October.
A3	Capacity Charges Study (Raftelis) SUPPORTS GOAL 7	Staff is working through the future water demands of development yet to come. District staff provided an update to Raftelis on 9/4/2024 and identified that there is some remaining work on the District's end prior to providing data to Raftelis. Staff is working through the forecasted future demands and analyzing the impacts from Making Conservation a Way of Life along with other items like Chromium 6 and Sites Reservoir.
A4	Operations Center SUPPORTS GOALS 1 AND 7	Staff continues to search for appropriate solutions based on Board direction. Purchase of a large lot is in progress for future development into needed operations space.
A5	Well drilling 1A and 2A SUPPORTS GOALS 3 AND 7	Project is ongoing. Mobilization and drilling efforts are anticipated to begin by the end of October. See detail earlier in this report.
A6	Cherry Valley Boulevard Temporary Services SUPPORTS GOAL 1	The Board approved the CEQA Notice of Exemption at the 7/25/24 meeting and the LAFCO annexation process for each property is in motion. Staff is working to schedule a meeting with each of the homeowners regarding their LAFCO application packages.
A7	Policies and Procedures Manual	The revisions to the Policy Manual are 95 percent complete. Starting in 2021, the Personnel Committee began meeting monthly rather than bi-monthly, due to the workload of producing policy revisions. With the revisions now close to completion, staff may recommend returning to a bi-monthly schedule for 2025 and beyond.
		The Personnel Committee reviewed policy recommendations at the 9/17 meeting, and four were recommended to move forward to the full Board.
		Preliminary analysis and drafts are in process for Administrative slated for possible update. These are not HR-related so will come directly to the Board.
		A first draft of revision of the following polices (as requested by Director Williams) has been prepared and is awaiting review internally: Policy 4060 Training, Education and Conferences Policy 4065 Remuneration / Director per diem fees Part II Section 14 – Payment of Expenses

		Part II Section 15 – Expenditure Reimbursement Staff may recommend the 2025 Board President establish an ad hoc committee to review Manual Part II in entirety and make recommendations to the Board.
A8	Elm Avenue Pipeline update SUPPORTS GOALS 1 AND 3	Main line installation consisting of 8" DIP, 5 services, and 2 fire hydrants is complete. The mainline has been pressure tested, chlorinated and sampled and flushed, and all customers have been transitioned. The services have been tied over to the new mainline. Pavement was completed on 9/17/2024. District staff has one sidewalk panel to replace due to the location of one of the fire hydrants. The project is substantially complete. A cost breakdown will be presented to the Board once all the receipts have been tabulated.
A9	2024-2025 Informal Compensation Review	Staff is working on an internal compensation review outlined in the 2022-2026 Memorandum of Understanding, Article 39
B - LO	CAL AGENCY HAPPENINGS	
B1	City of Beaumont – Cooperative Agreement (encroachment permit / paving) SUPPORTS GOALS 3 AND 7	The Board approved the agreement at the meeting of 8/29/2024 and it is effective as of September 3, 2024.
B2	City of Beaumont – Recycled Water Agreement SUPPORTS GOALS 1, 3, & 7	A monthly meeting with City officials and including SGPWA representatives has been established. The most recent meeting was held Sept. 10. The City is producing a new agreement for BCVWD to consider.
B3	City of Beaumont Landscape Ordinance	Staff is working internally on revised language to further expand on the District's position related to turf conversion and is formulating a letter to be disseminated to HOAs and/or homeowners who have homes that were constructed after a certain date which disallowed turf conversion.
Β4	Beaumont Basin Watermaster (BBWM)	The Committee continued to discuss the Safe Yield redetermination. Workshops were added in January and March, in addition to the regular meeting schedule. Staff spent significant time researching and updating the list of overlying parties.
C - CA	LIFORNIA HAPPENINGS	
C1	SWRCB Chromium 6 MCL update	The latest from SWRCB: Pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 22, section 64432, unless otherwise directed by the State Water Board, each community and nontransient-noncommunity water
	SUPPORTS GOAL 2	system must initiate monitoring within six months following the October 1, 2024, effective date. If otherwise performed in accordance with 22 CCR 64432, groundwater monitoring for an inorganic chemical performed no more than two years prior to the October 1, 2024, effective date may be used to satisfy the requirement for initiating monitoring within six months.

C2	Zero Emission Trucks – Advanced Clean Fleet rules SUPPORTS GOAL 2	Earlier this year, a federal appeals court upheld the ability of the State of California to set clean vehicle standards in excess of the federal standards. In order to set stricter standards, California requires a waiver from the EPA. In July, a coalition of oil and gas organizations, along with16 states filed a petition to the US Supreme Court challenging the waiver. The Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program is part of CARB's Advanced Clean Cars package of coordinated standards that controls smog-causing pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions of passenger vehicles in California.
C4	AB 1668 and SB 606: Making Conservation a California Way of Life (MCaCWL)	No new information.
C5	Sites Reservoir https://sitesproject.org/	Reported by Fox 26 News: On Sept. 17, the SWRCB announced that Sites had failed to secure federal approval. Officials believe it is just a setback that can be rectified. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rejected the current plan for the estimated \$4 billion project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied the plan because of disagreements between governmental agencies, including the State Water Resources Control Board, Sites Project Authority, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Federal certification is required when there's discharge into United States waters.
		holding public hearings on the Sites Reservoir application for water right permit on Monday 9/12. From the Sites Project Authority: The Authority has been working for several months with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) on the Section 401 Water Quality Certification and the Army Corps of Engineers on the Section 404 Wetland Permit for the construction of Sites Reservoir. Both agencies have requested additional information, which the Sites Project Authority will provide. The State Board has a strict one-year deadline to make a water quality certification decision upon submittal of an application. Procedurally, the agencies must deny the permit application "without prejudice" in order to allow the Authority to resubmit a completed application with the new requested information. This is the approach the State Board takes in this type of situation.
		The Authority intends to resubmit both applications mid- 2025 and will work with the State Board to resume the process once the Authority resubmits the Section 404 and Section 401 applications. We do not anticipate this request to impact the project's construction schedule.
		This permit and process is separate from the ongoing water right permit proceedings also occurring before the State Board.

C6	State Water Project (SWP)	On 9/16/24, it was announced that Cadiz, Inc. had secured agreements for its major pipeline project spanning 220 miles across California to serve the deserts and the Inland Empire. CityBuzz news here: <u>https://www.citybuzz.co/2024/09/16/cadiz-inc-secures-</u> <u>agreements-for-major-pipeline-project-to-address-water- scarcity/</u> and L.A. Business Journal here (with map): <u>https://labusinessjournal.com/infrastructure/cadiz-lines-</u> <u>up-water-contracts-for-pipeline/</u> Also making news was a comment from former President Trump in response to California's efforts to promulgate some water rules. Read here: <u>https://www.politico.com/news/2024/09/13/trump-threat- california-water-rules-00179151</u>
C7	Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)	On Oct. 17, the SWRCB Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) will hold a public hearing on the proposed <u>Delta</u> <u>Conveyance Project</u> (DCP). The hearing will address the water right change petitions filed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR or Petitioner) to add two new points of diversion and rediversion to water right Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482 (DCP Change Petitions). The purpose of the hearing is to gather evidence to determine whether to approve these petitions and, if so, what specific terms and conditions should be included in DWR's amended permits for the <u>State Water Project</u> . A look at the <u>Delta Conveyance Project</u> from a construction standpoint: <u>https://www.constructionbriefing.com/news/can-california-s- us-20bn-water-utility-construction-curb-a-climate-change- catastrophe-/8038708.article</u>

# ATTACHMENTS

1. BCVWD Water Report – September 2024

ATTACHMENT 1

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	WATER CONNECTION SUMMARY	2021 2022													525 44 1	Total connections (unaudited)			Beaumont Basin Production	Edgar Canyon Production	Total Groundwater Production

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