



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

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

*Meeting held at 560 Magnolia Ave., Beaumont, CA
pursuant to California Government Code Section 54950 et. seq.*

Call to Order: *President Covington opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Ramirez.
Invocation was given by Director Hoffman.*

Announcement and Verification of Remote Meeting Participation
No directors were attending via teleconference.

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Operations James Bean Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Engineering Assistant Evan Ward Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Development Services Technician Lilian Tienda Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Administrative Assistant Cenica Smith
Legal Counsel	Steven Flower

Members of the public who registered their attendance: Jacob Montagne, Nyles O’Harra.

Public Comment: None.

1. Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

2. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

a. Directors’ Reports:

The following reports were provided:

- i. Beaumont Chamber of Commerce State of the City Dinner on September 19, 2024 (Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams)

- ii. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting on September 25, 2024 (Slawson)
- iii. ACWA Continuing Legal Education: Easements on September 25, 2024 (Ramirez)

b. Directors' General Comments: None.

c. General Manager's Report:

In addition to the written report, Mr. Jagers reported:

- Annual Encroachment Permit: The District has made the payment for an annual encroachment permit from the City of Beaumont, streamlining the process for infrastructure work. . More than 40 previous pavement patches will be covered under the modified standards, resulting in a significant cost savings from around \$600,000 to approximately \$100,000.
- Elm Street Pipeline Project Completion: The Elm Street pipeline project is fully completed, with two new fire hydrants installed and the street repaved, providing enhanced infrastructure for the area.
- 12th and Palm Facility Renovations: Progress on the 12th and Palm facility includes drywall installation, taping, and preparation for interior layout. A bathroom was added. Furniture has been ordered. The space is being configured to support training and workspace needs efficiently and cost-effectively, avoiding significant expenditures on modular buildings.
- Grant for Relocating Well 30: Staff is preparing a grant application to support relocating Well 30 from Noble Creek Park to a site near the recharge facility, addressing operational concerns.
- Cybersecurity Grant Application: The district has applied for a \$250,000 grant to enhance cybersecurity infrastructure.
- B-Line ARPA Project Bids: Bids for the ARPA-funded B-line project were recently opened, with plans to present the selected bid for Board approval soon.

President Covington added that the district achieved its fourth consecutive year as a certified Great Place to Work, reflecting a collaborative environment among the Board, management, and staff.

d. Legal Counsel Report: None.

3. Topic List for Future Meetings

	Item requested	Date of request	Requester
A	Update / presentation on the AMR / AMI project	12/14/22	
B	Presentation on the San Bernardino Valley Resource Conservation District	7/13/22	
C	Presentation on solar power opportunities	12/14/22	Ramirez

D	Sites Reservoir update	2/23/23	
E	Report on water theft (October 2024)	3/13/24	Hoffman
F	Operations Center update		

4. Announcements

President Covington called attention to the following announcements:

- 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. Recess to Closed Session: 6:32 p.m.

President Covington announced the following Closed Session items.

- 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
- 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 Jagers, General Manager
Employee Organization: BCVWD Employee Association and Contract Positions


Reconvene in Open Session: 8:50 p.m.

6. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

President Covington stated there was no reportable action taken.


7. Adjournment

President Covington adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.



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

ATTEST:



 Director Lona Williams, Secretary
 to the Board of Directors of the
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