

## Vice President

Lona Williams



Division 2



### **Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Board Member**

On October 2, 2018, Lona Williams was appointed to Division 2 of the BCVWD Board of Directors. She then ran unopposed for the vacancy and was re-appointed in 2020 and once again in the 2024 election.

### **Dedication to Progress**

During her tenure as Board President, Director Williams oversaw the acquisition of \$1.58 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the District, as well as the implementation of the Beaumont Master Drainage Plan (MDP) Line 16 Project, a joint project between the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC & WCD) and BCVWD. This project aims to protect the Cherry Valley community from flooding during the wet weather, which will help offset the need for imported water by conveying stormwater to the Noble Creek Recharge Facility and recharging the Beaumont Groundwater Management Zone. Additionally, as a board member, Director Williams helped ensure that implemented policies were successful for projects such as six water conservation projects; a cooperative agreement for recycled water; and securing \$1.5 million in federal grants for meter improvements.

Director Williams also serves on the Finance and Audit Committee, which oversees financial reporting, audits and internal controls while promoting fiscal responsibility and transparency. Director Williams also serves on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee, which has been instrumental in communicating to the rate payers throughout two state fire emergencies, the COVID-19 pandemic, the drought and other local issues.

### **Professional Experience**

Director Williams holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business from the University of Redlands. Director Williams is also a Veteran of the United States Army and her public sector work has allowed her to serve in a capacity at the local School District, City, County, and Federal levels. During her university career, she was twice inducted into the Whitehead Leadership Society, an organization established to encourage leadership and academic excellence within the University of Redlands School of Business & Society. As facilitators of professional education and lifelong learning, individual members of the Society have the responsibility to: Provide active service and support to the University community, foster an academic climate for enhancing School of Business & Society student achievement, focus on increasing productive student and faculty dialogue, and honor the traditions of the liberal arts.