RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2009 the Board of Directors of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District adopted Resolution 2009-05, establishing a Policy and Procedures Manual applicable to Board of Directors and District staff; and

WHEREAS, upon review and discussion, the ad hoc Board Policies Committee of the Board of Directors recommended revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual based changes in the California Government Code (SB 1100); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the revisions to the subject policy attached hereto, finds the revised policy relevant and acceptable, and it to be in the best interests of the District that the following actions be taken,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District as follows:

The BCVWD Policies and Procedures Manual sections are revised or replaced per the attached exhibits as indicated below:

Replace or Revise Policy:	With the New or Revised Policy:
Part II Section 7 Board Meeting Conduct	4035 Board Meeting Conduct and Decorum

ADOPTED this 23 day of January, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Slawson, Williams, Ramirez, Hoffman, Covington

ATTEST:

NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Director Daniel Slawson, President of the

Board of Directors of the

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

Director Andy Ramirez, Secretary to the

Board of Directors of the

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

Attachment: Exhibit A Policy 4035

POLICY TITLE: BOARD MEETING CONDUCT AND DECORUM

POLICY NUMBER: 4035

4035.1 **Policy.** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted by the President in a manner consistent with the policies of the District. Policy Number 4055 "Rules of Order for Board and Committee Meetings", shall be used as a general guideline for meeting protocol.

4035.2 **Timing.** All Board meetings shall commence at the time stated on the agenda and shall be guided by same.

- 4035.3 **Conduct.** The conduct of meetings shall, to the fullest possible extent, enable Directors to:
 - 1. Consider problems to be solved, weigh evidence related thereto, and exercise sound judgement in the business efforts of the District; and,
 - 2. Receive, consider and take any needed action with respect to reports of accomplishment of District operations; and
 - 3. Deal always in an ethical, honest, straightforward, open and above-board manner with the community, the General Manager, and District staff.
- 4035.4 **Public Comment.** Provisions for permitting any individual or group to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda of a special meeting, or to address the Board at a regular meeting on any subject that lies within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, shall be as follows:
 - 1. Three (3) minutes may be allotted to each speaker. Attendees may not assign their allotted time to another speaker.
- 4035.5 **Civility**. It is the policy of BCVWD to maintain civility among the Board, staff, and in District interactions with third parties. The Board is committed to maintaining orderly administrative processes, free from disruptions. This policy is not intended to deprive any person of his or her right to freedom of expression or to provide public testimony, but only to maintain a reasonable, safe, and harassment free environment.
 - 1. The District encourages positive communication and discourages volatile, hostile, or aggressive actions and seeks the cooperation of the public.
 - 2. The law protects the public's right to attend meetings of the legislative body, and to provide comment on matters of the agency's business, including criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or the acts or omissions of the legislative body.
 - 3. *Disruption*. Behavior is "disruptive" if it disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of a meeting.
 - 4. In the event that any meeting of the Board of Directors or its committees is willfully disrupted by a person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible, the person or group shall be warned by the presiding officer that their behavior is disruptive and they may be removed from the meeting if the disruption continues.
 - 5. No verbal warning is necessary if the person is engaging in use of force or

- threatening to use force against another person.
- 6. If the behavior continues, the presiding officer may recess the meeting and / or order the person, group or groups of persons willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or be removed from the meeting.
- 7. Following the removal of disruptive persons from the room, the Board President or his or her designee may subsequently conduct the Board's business without them present.

After clearing the room of disruptive individuals, the President may permit those persons who, in his/her opinion, where not responsible for the willful disruption to remain in the meeting room.