



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 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 Slawson opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.*

*Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Covington.
Invocation was given by Director Hoffman.*

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

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 Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso Customer Service Supervisor Sandra Delgadillo Finance Manager William Clayton Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Development Services Technician Lillian Tienda Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: Director Sara Wargo, San Geronio Pass Water Agency; Director Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD); Sanjay Gaur, Brian Fox, Chris Sanchez, Kevin Walton, Larry Smith.

Public Comment: Director Sara Wargo of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) introduced herself.

Director Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District introduced herself as liaison to BCVWD and SGPWA from YVWD.

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. *Update: Revenues and Expenses Related to District Residences*
 - c. *California Water Supply Conditions and Water Issues*
 - d. *Annual Disclosure of Director or Employee Reimbursements over \$100 (GC 53065.5)*
 - e. *Chandler Asset Management Quarterly Report*
- by the following roll-call vote:*

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

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a) *Review of the December 2024 Budget Variance Reports*
- b) *Review of the December 31, 2024 Cash/Investment Balance Report*
- c) *Review of Check Register for the Month of January 2025*
- d) *Review of January 2025 Invoices Pending Approval*
- e) *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2024*
- f) *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2025*

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

6:06 pm. Director Williams joined the meeting in the Board Room.

Per request of Director Covington, Consent Calendar Item 3g was pulled for discussion.

- g) *2025 Update of Monthly Maintenance Fees and Charges Related to District Residences*

Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina provided detail on the report and cost recovery process for the District residences, referencing Policy 5095. Director Covington and Director Williams asked about expenditures. Ms. Molina pointed to the report: Item 2b, and she and General Manager Dan Jagers detailed costs including mold remediation, bathroom replacement, septic tank maintenance, other repairs, and pest control.

Consent Calendar item 3g was approved with one motion 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	

4. Resolution 2025-03: A Resolution of Intent to Increase Rates and Charges for the Users of the District’s Water Services and Systems and Setting the Date for the Public Hearing on April 24, 2025

Finance Manager William Clayton advised the Board that rising costs have outpaced the rate structure that was set by the 2019 water rate study, with major increases such as insurance, paving costs, electric costs for groundwater pumping, general inflation, staffing, and infrastructure needs. Without an increase, the District cannot sustain operations, maintain infrastructure or meet legal obligations under Water Code section 31007. In addition, regulatory challenges and infrastructure challenges that have been previously discussed as well as unfunded state mandates like the Chromium VI and Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) compliance are on the horizon.

Director Ramirez asked why PFAS was a consideration in the report when it is not currently affecting the District. Mr. Jagers noted that it could become a concern once recycled water is accepted from the City of Beaumont’s wastewater treatment plant. It is on the District’s radar as an emerging activity with no funding source, but current levels in the wastewater are not known.

Director Ramirez asked about detection of Chromium VI and Jagers explained three wells are adversely affected.

Mr. Clayton introduced a two-phase rate adjustment plan, and Sanjay Gaur, consultant from Water Resources Economics (WRE), presented an overview of the Water Rate Study and the financial strategy behind the proposed rate increases. He explained that the study is structured in two phases, with Phase One addressing the immediate financial shortfall through a 15 percent annual rate increase over three to five years. He emphasized that this phase is necessary to eliminate the District’s structural deficit, ensuring that operational costs are fully covered while also allowing for investment in critical capital improvement projects Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Gaur highlighted that this rate adjustment would provide financial stability and give the District the flexibility to explore alternative rate structures in the future. He also noted that the District’s infrastructure, much of which dates back to the 1960s and 1970s, is aging and requires proactive reinvestment to avoid major failures and costly emergency repairs.

Mr. Gaur then provided a financial outlook using graphical projections, showing that under the current rate structure, revenues will not keep pace with increasing expenses, leading to a shortfall that would make it impossible to fund necessary infrastructure projects. He explained that without rate increases, the District would be forced to defer critical upgrades, reduce service levels, or cut operating costs, all of which could negatively impact customers. The recommended plan includes

\$67.6 million in CIP investments over five years and involves issuing debt to spread costs over time, ensuring that both current and future customers pay their fair share. He also pointed out that BCVWD is one of the few districts in California without tax-based funding, meaning that all costs must be recovered directly through rates.

In response to concerns about affordability, Gaur presented a comparative analysis showing that even with the proposed increases, BCVWD's rates would remain below the regional average. He acknowledged that rising costs are a concern for customers but stressed that delaying investments would only lead to higher costs in the future. He also emphasized that the Board has the flexibility to adjust the planned increases downward if financial conditions improve. Ultimately, the goal of Phase One is to provide financial stability, maintain reliable water service, and set the groundwork for Phase Two, which could explore alternative rate structures and address uncertainties related to recycled water and regulatory mandates.

Director Ramirez questioned how much of the proposed rate increases were attributed to funding a new Engineering and Operations Center (EOC) Mr. Gaur confirmed that the rate increase could be reduced by approximately 3% (from 15% to 12%) if the EOC were removed from the financial plan. However, he stressed that the Board previously decided to include the EOC as part of the CIP to improve operational efficiency. Director Ramirez voiced opposition to the inclusion of the EOC in the rate plan, to provide relief to ratepayers.

President Slawson asked about the potential for two Proposition 218 hearings (one for Phase One and another later for Phase Two). Jagers explained that the first phase (three to five years) addresses the District's current funding shortfall and critical infrastructure needs. However, unfunded state mandates, such as Chromium-VI treatment and potential recycled water costs, may require an additional hearing and rate adjustment in the future. The District is uncertain about the full financial impact of these mandates, so a second Prop. 218 process may be needed to address them separately.

Slawson asked for clarification on why the District's financial model could not predict these costs and whether it was better to include them now rather than having another rate hearing. Jagers explained that while the District is monitoring these potential expenses, the costs and implementation timelines remain unclear. The goal of the current rate study is to set stable rates for the next few years while maintaining flexibility for future regulatory requirements.

Director Covington focused on the District's increasing operating costs, specifically asking about the 359% increase in liability insurance and the 90% rise in electricity costs since 2020. He asked whether there were efforts to shop for more affordable insurance and whether the district was actively seeking cost reductions in other areas. Jagers acknowledged that insurance costs had risen significantly statewide, but part of BCVWD's increase was due to previously uninsured district assets being added to coverage. The District had conducted audits to ensure all facilities were covered and had already been exploring alternative insurance options to lower costs.

Director Covington stressed that it is the District's duty to control costs wherever possible to limit the impact on ratepayers. He noted that while rate increases may

be necessary, the District should continue seeking grants and external funding to offset infrastructure costs.

Jaggers responded to a question from Director Williams noting that the pass-through charges for Southern California Edison (SCE) costs were last adjusted in 2021. The electricity rate study is incorporated into the current rate plan. He noted that fixed facility charges and fluctuating power demand had affected cost recovery, but the updated rate plan would reflect these changes.

Director Williams also asked for clarification on the impact of debt issuance, how bonds would be issued, and whether customers would see additional costs due to financing. Mr. Gaur and Mr. Jaggers explained that the District plans to issue debt (bonds) to fund capital improvements, ensuring that current ratepayers don't bear the full burden upfront. The District will work with financial advisors to find the lowest interest rate options. Bond repayment is factored into the rate study, so there would be no separate tax assessments or additional charges beyond what's included in rates. Jaggers further explained that financing would be structured carefully, with debt issued in phases to avoid unnecessary borrowing and minimize interest costs. Williams questioned whether this means customers are paying for projects twice, but Gaur clarified that the 15% increase already accounts for debt financing, meaning there will be no separate tax assessments or new charges beyond the planned rate structure.

Director Hoffman said he did not have major concerns but asked for clarification on how the proposed rate plan compares to neighboring water agencies. Gaur presented a comparative analysis showing that even with the proposed 15% increases, BCVWD's rates would still be lower than most neighboring agencies. He also pointed out that BCVWD is one of the few districts without tax-based funding, meaning all expenses must be covered through rates rather than outside revenue sources.

Director Williams voiced concerns about affordability, particularly for seniors and small businesses, noting that an increase of \$16 per bi-monthly bill (\$8 per month) is significant for some customers. Director Covington countered that even with the increase, customers pay less for water than they do for some non-essentials. Several directors acknowledged that ratepayers will be concerned but stressed that the increases are necessary to maintain system reliability.

Mr. Gaur emphasized that the District is facing a structural financial deficiency, meaning current revenues do not fully cover operating costs and essential capital improvements. Without an increase, revenues would remain below costs, He explained that the District must have enough revenue to meet operational expenses and fund necessary capital projects to avoid financial shortfalls in the coming years.

Jaggers confirmed that the rate increase would fund projects such as:

- Pipeline replacements to reduce leaks and failures.
- Well rehabilitation to ensure reliable groundwater supplies.
- Facility improvements, including the EOC to improve operational efficiency.

Legal Counsel James Markman pointed out that the Board is setting a maximum rate, and did not have to implement the full 15 percent increase each year. Adjustments can be made downward in response to what is happening.

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-03: Resolution of Intent to Increase Rates and Charges for the Users of the District's Water Services and Systems, directed staff to prepare a five-year plan for a maximum rate increase of 15 percent annually, and set the date for the Public Hearing on April 24, 2025 by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Williams	SECONDED: Covington	APPROVED 4-1
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	Ramirez	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

5. Award of Contract for Consultant for Design and Engineering Services and Authorization of Additional Funds for Current and Future Soft Costs Associated with the 2024 Replacement Pipelines Project

Engineering Assistant Evan Ward presented a professional services agreement with Cozad & Fox for design and engineering services for the 2024 Replacement Pipeline Project. The agreement is a not-to-exceed \$180,015. Staff also requested an additional \$25,000 for soft costs, bringing the total authorization to \$205,015. The project involves replacing six pipelines identified in the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Budget, covering approximately 6,235 linear feet. Four firms submitted proposals with Cozad & Fox selected due to their qualifications, past work, and cost-effectiveness. Funding for the project will come from capital replacement reserves.

Director Williams questioned the soft costs, and Mr. Ward explained the District's time to meet with the consultant, review the plans, and assist with other specifications such as the encroachment permit.

Director Covington raised concerns about Cozad & Fox's significantly lower bid compared to other firms. He questioned whether the lower bid might result in change orders or additional costs later. Mr. Ward clarified that the scope of work includes project coordination, design, environmental compliance, surveying, and bid-phase services, with limited construction support, which is typically managed in-house by district staff. General Manager Jagers added that Cozad & Fox has successfully completed several projects for the District, with lower billable rates contributing to the cost difference.

Brian Fox, representing Cozad & Fox, explained that their firm operates efficiently with minimal overhead and owns its surveying equipment, reducing markup costs. He reassured the Board that the bid accurately reflects the required work and that the six short pipeline segments make the project manageable within the proposed budget.

The Board approved expenditure of up to \$205,015.00:

1. *Authorized the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Cozad & Fox, Inc. for design and engineering services for the 2024 Replacement Pipelines Project in an amount not to exceed \$180,015.00 (\$163,650.00 for design and engineering services plus a 10% contingency of \$16,365.00).*
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 \$25,000.00.*

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	

6. Resolution 2025-04: Amending the District’s Policies and Procedures Manual Part I Policy 3145 Driver Training and Record Review

Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso presented the revisions as recommended by the Personnel Committee. The policy was last adopted in 2023 but lacks clarity and did not provide enough guidance to staff. It has now been aligned with current law and provides detail on disciplinary actions.

Personnel Committee Chair Director Covington noted that the Committee addressed a tremendous number of policies over the past year and the project is 98 percent complete.

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-04: Amending the District’s Policies and Procedures Manual: Part I Policy 3145 Driver Training and Record Review by the following roll-call vote:

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

7. Update on Online Payment Portal and Reduction in Credit Card Processing Fees

Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina provided an update on the District’s transition to Paymentus, a new online payment portal, and the related outreach efforts. She explained that initial notifications focused on online customers through phone messaging, emails, social media posts, website

updates, and billing inserts. However, customer feedback revealed that no separate written notice had been sent, prompting the District to mail letters to customers who had used the online service in the previous six months. While some customers appreciated the additional notice, others questioned the need for both email and mailed notifications. Despite these challenges, the transition was necessary due to rising credit card processing fees. By switching to Paymentus, the District reduced the per-transaction fee from \$2.50 to \$1.93 and expanded payment options to include PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and in-person payments at Walmart.

One of the primary concerns was that some customers with recurring payments did not realize the change in vendors, leading to missed payments. In response, the District waived late fees for affected customers and continued outreach efforts. The transition also resulted in higher call volumes to customer service, further impacted by a vacant staff position. To manage this, the District is working with IT to explore a callback queue system and plans to fill the vacant position quickly, having already received over 500 applications. Additionally, the District is working with Paymentus to develop an electronic billing option for customers who previously received paperless statements.

The Board acknowledged the challenges of the transition and the importance of improving communication in future system changes. Some directors expressed appreciation for the quick response to customer concerns, while others noted the potential to reduce mailing costs by encouraging more customers to switch to electronic billing. The discussion highlighted the need for ongoing customer engagement and feedback collection to ensure a smooth transition. Ms. Molina emphasized that the District would continue to refine its outreach efforts to ensure customers are well-informed and able to take full advantage of the new payment system.

Director Covington acknowledged receiving communications from unhappy customers. He inquired whether customers with recurring online payments still received a paper bill in the mail. He also suggested that the District consider offering an incentive for customers to switch to electronic billing, as mailing paper statements incurs significant costs.

8. Cherry Valley Plaza

- a. **Request for Will-Serve Letter for a Proposed Gas Station and Self-Storage Facility located on the northwest corner of Cherry Valley Boulevard and Union Street on APN 407-150-023, and**
- b. **Resolution 2025-05: Requesting the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to take Proceedings for Annexation of a Portion of the District's Northwestern Service Boundary**

6:57 p.m. Director Ramirez announced a potential conflict due to his property within 500 feet of the subject property. He recused himself from the discussion and exited the meeting room.

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson provided an overview of the Cherry Valley Plaza project and the requirements for annexation and water service. He explained

that the project, which includes a gas station, convenience store, and self-storage facility with a residential unit, is outside the district's service boundary and will require significant infrastructure improvements. Swanson outlined three service options, emphasizing that the project lacks existing potable water infrastructure in the area. The developer favored Option 2, which includes a pressure-reducing valve station to manage water flow and costs. He also noted that the property has historical ties to the Hannon Agreement, which grants certain water rights, and clarified that the District requires those rights to be relinquished before service is provided.

Swanson highlighted the substantial costs associated with the project, particularly for fire flow requirements, and stressed the importance of clear expectations with the developer. In response to comments from directors, Swanson also acknowledged broader concerns about placing a commercial development, particularly a gas station, in an area known for its rural and residential character. He confirmed that the property is zoned for commercial use. In closing, Swanson mentioned that the District has been formalizing its process with LAFCO, requiring resolutions for annexation requests to ensure compliance.

General Manager Jagers elaborated on the complexities of the project and emphasized that while the District's master plan originally designated a different infrastructure approach, the team worked through creative solutions to find a feasible and cost-effective alternative. He acknowledged delays in coordinating with the developer but assured the Board that the engineering team had carefully evaluated fire flow and serviceability.

Directors Williams, Covington, and Slawson each raised key points regarding the project's location and feasibility. Covington questioned whether the project would require a zoning change, given the predominantly residential nature of Cherry Valley, and expressed concerns about the high costs of infrastructure improvements. He acknowledged that while land use decisions fall outside the District's authority, the project's commercial nature seemed at odds with the surrounding area. Slawson supported Covington's concerns, noting that the placement of a gas station in a rural area felt unusual. He also advised the developer to consider early coordination with County health authorities regarding wastewater disposal, citing past experiences where approval delays had significantly extended project timelines.

Williams focused on the residential unit within the self-storage facility, and inquired about its classification for water service calculations, which Swanson confirmed had been accounted for in the estimated EDU assignments. Swanson also responded that no sewer infrastructure existed on that side of Cherry Valley Boulevard. The discussion concluded with Board members acknowledging the project's financial burden and infrastructure challenges.

The Board approved the request for water service, furnishing of a Will-Serve Letter per conditions as enumerated, and annexation for the proposed development (Cherry Valley Plaza) located at the northwest corner of Cherry Valley Boulevard and Union Street, Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 407-150-023, within the community of Cherry Valley, subject to payment and deposits of all deposits and

fees to the District and securing all approvals from the County of Riverside, by the following vote:

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

8:03 p.m. Director Ramirez returned to the meeting room.

9. Oak Valley Village

- a. **Request for Will-Serve Letter for a Proposed Commercial Development (Oak Valley Village) located at the southeast corner of the I-10 Freeway and Oak Valley Parkway Interchange within the City of Beaumont, and**
- b. **Resolution 2025-06: Requesting the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission to take Proceedings for Annexation of a Portion of the District’s Service Boundary**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson introduced the Oak Valley Village project as a large commercial development located at the southeast corner of I-10 and Oak Valley Parkway. The project covers 48 acres and will be developed in two phases, with a major retailer, fast food restaurants, and additional retail spaces. Swanson explained that part of the development is already within the District’s service boundary, but the annexation request pertains to several parcels that are outside of it. He highlighted that the water consumption estimates were derived using data from similar businesses. He emphasized that while the proposed site plan may change due to Caltrans traffic requirements, any increase in water demand beyond the estimated 72.7 EDUs would need Board approval.

Swanson discussed the infrastructure requirements, noting that the site has existing potable and non-potable water lines along Oak Valley Parkway. He explained that the developer would need to pay applicable fees and tap into those lines. He also mentioned that while the LAFCO annexation process can take time, this request is primarily for the will-serve letter and annexation approval. General Manager Jagers added that staff was confident in the water demand estimates and that the infrastructure could adequately support the project.

Director Ramirez inquired about the commercial tenants. The applicant, who was present, confirmed that while no other leases had been finalized, they were in discussions with a potential McDonald’s and a specialty grocery store. Director Williams asked whether the restaurants would include sit-down dining options, to which the applicant responded that most would be fast-casual due to changing market demand post-COVID. Ramirez also confirmed with the developer that they were coordinating with the City of Beaumont on circulation and planning issues.

President Slawson and Director Covington expressed support for the project. Director Williams thanked the developer for bringing a major commercial project to the northern part of the city, emphasizing the need for retail growth in that area.

The Board approved the request for Will-Serve Letter for the proposed commercial development (Oak Valley Village) per conditions as enumerated, located at Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 414-090-019 and 414-080-002, 414-080-003, 414-080-004, 414-080-005, and 414-080-006 at the southeast corner of the I-10 Freeway and Oak Valley Parkway interchange within the City of Beaumont, and adopted Resolution 2025-06: Requesting the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission to take Proceedings for Annexation of a Portion of the District's Service Boundary for APNs 414-080-002, 414-080-003, 414-080-004, 414-080-005, and 414-080-006 by the following roll-call vote:

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

10. Request for Will-Serve Letter for a Proposed Single-Family Residence located at the 1350 Block of Edgar Avenue (APN 415-032-057)

Engineering Assistant Evan Ward presented the request for an approximately 1,800 square foot single family residence with a water allocation of one Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). It is a flag lot in the 2650 pressure zone and there is an existing 8-inch ductile iron distribution main across the frontage.

The Board approved the request for a Will-Serve Letter for proposed single-family residence located at Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 415-032-057 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 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. Request for Will-Serve Letter for Proposed Development Known as Monte Vista Homes (Assessor's Parcel Nos. 408-080-004 and 408-080-005) located east of Orchard Heights Avenue and south of Norman Road

Mr. Ward presented the request for a Will-Serve Letter for 46 proposed single family residences with a water allocation request of 46 EDUs. The parcels are

located east of Starlight Avenue and south of Brookside Avenue in the 3040 pressure zone. The applicant will be required to construct 8-inch pipe throughout the new streets and will be required to connect to the existing infrastructure within Starlight Avenue.

The Board approved the request for a Will-Serve Letter for Monte Vista Homes, a single-family residential project of 46 homes located east of Orchard Heights Avenue and south of Norman Road in the City of Beaumont 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	

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

General Manager Jagers reviewed the list of events and responded to questions. Directors indicated interest in the following events:

DAY	EVENT	Est. Cost	Vote?	COVINGTON	HOFFMAN	RAMIREZ	SLAWSON	WILLIAMS
14-Feb	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	\$25			YES		YES	YES
18-Feb	CSDA Webinar: Financial Strategies	FREE			YES	YES		YES
19-Feb	CSDA: Governance Foundations	\$265				YES	YES	YES
21-Feb	CSDA Webinar: Leadership Lessons	FREE			YES		YES	YES
24-Feb	CSDA Webinar: Maximize Your Membership	FREE			YES		YES	YES
25-Feb	CSDA Webinar: Liability Issues	FREE			YES	YES	YES	YES
26-Feb	Urban Water Institute	\$2,504				NO	NO	NO
26-Feb	CSDA Workshop: Budget Preparations	\$265				YES		YES
27-Feb	Beaumont Chamber Installation	\$75	APR		YES			NO
7-Mar	Water Education for Latino Leaders	\$1,323	APR			YES		NO
11-Mar	CSDA Webinar: AI in 2025	FREE				YES		YES
11-Mar	CWA: Women in Water Seminar	\$75	APR					YES
14-Mar	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	\$25						YES
24-Mar	Calif-Nevada Drought Outlook	\$25	APR			YES		YES
2-Apr	CSDA Virtual Workshop (2 days)	\$265				YES		MAYBE
10-Apr	WEF Water 101 Workshop	\$2,628						MAYBE
11-Apr	WEF Watershed Tour	\$500	APR					MAYBE

The Board preapproved attendance of all directors at the following events for purposes of per diem and reimbursement of associated reasonable and necessary transportation expenses per District policy:

- *Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers on Feb. 27*
- *California Water Association: Women in Water Leadership Seminar on Mar. 11*
- *Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) conference Mar. 7 and 8*
- *California-Nevada March 2025 Drought and Climate Outlook webinar on Mar. 24*
- *Water Education Foundation Watershed Tour on Apr. 11*

by the following roll-call vote:

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

13. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

a. Ad Hoc Committees:

- i. Communications Committee: Director Williams advised the Committee will meet on Feb. 24.
- ii. Sites Reservoir: No report.
- iii. Bogart Park No report.
- iv. Water Re-Use 3x3: Direction from the Board at the last meeting was to schedule a meeting every couple of months.
- v. Board Policies: No report.

b. Standing Committees

A written report was provided.

Director Hoffman noted that the District was within budget for Year Ended 2024. Interest income was higher than expected.

Director Covington reported that the Personnel Committee is working on the policies and thanked staff. Director Williams noted the next meeting is Feb. 18.

c. Directors' Reports:

Reports were provided as follows:

- Beaumont Chamber Breakfast on January 10, 2025 (Hoffman, Slawson, Williams)
- ACWA Region 9 Board Meeting & Tour Mission Springs Water District on January 17, 2025 (Ramirez, Slawson, Williams)

- CSDA Webinar: Transparency in Action: Unlocking the Brown Act on January 21, 2025 (Ramirez)
- San Gorgonio Pass Water Alliance Meeting on January 22, 2025 (Slawson)
- San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board meetings (Slawson)
President Slawson provided a handout of a SGPWA letter.

d. Directors' General Comments: None.

e. General Manager's Report. Mr. Jagers reported:

- Well 1A Drilling Progress:
 - Design completed
 - Chromium VI found and adjustments were made to work through, i.e., pumping into the nonpotable system
- Demolition at the Noble tank has begun to remove a building left by the Parks Department
- Working on flushing and valve exercise
- Continue to strive for cost savings measures
- An RFP was issued last week for on call geotechnical and engineering services
- Discussions with SGPWA on Chromium VI
- Improvements are being made to bathrooms at the middle District residence
- Finance is working on Year End
- The Cherry Avenue pipeline has been predominantly installed. Completion is on hold pending receipt of valves

f. Legal Counsel Report: None.

14. Topic List for Future Meetings

	Item requested	Date of request	Requester
A	Report on alternative energy sources and storage (Agendize in the next quarter)	1/23/25 and 2/12/25	Ramirez

15. Announcements

President Slawson pointed out the announcements:

- District Offices closed Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents Day
- Personnel Committee: Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Mar. 5 at 11 a.m.
- Collaborative Agencies Committee: Wednesday, Mar. 5 at 5 p.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, Mar. 6 at 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Mar. 12 at 6 p.m.

16. Closed Session: 8:41 p.m.

President Slawson announced the following Closed Session items:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Sites Reservoir and water rights associated therewith
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jagers, General Manager
Under Negotiations: Continued participation in financial support of the Project

- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of
Subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9
One potential case

Reconvene in Open Session: 9:35 p.m.

17. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

President Slawson stated that there was no reportable action taken.

18. Adjournment: *President Slawson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.*



Director Daniel Slawson, President
to the Board of Directors of the
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