



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, April 9, 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.*

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**Call to Order:** *President Slawson opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.*

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

**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 Operations James Bean Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: Kevin Walton, San Geronio Pass Water Agency; Brian Fox, Shelby Kelley, Elizabeth Meyerhoff, Chris Ausetts, and Darren.

**Public Comment:** None.

**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  
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	

### 3. Consent Calendar

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

- a) Review of the February 2025 Budget Variance Reports
- b) Review of the February 28, 2025 Cash/Investment Balance Report
- c) Review of Check Register for the Month of March 2025
- d) Approval of March 2025 Invoices
- e) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2025
- f) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2025
- g) Revision of 2025 Board of Directors Regular Meeting Schedule

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

### 4. Authorization of the Purchase of one Towable Power Vacuum and Valve Exerciser Trailer and one Towable Power Vacuum Excavator Trailer, and the Reallocation of Capital Improvement Funds to Fund The Purchase

Staff requested the purchase of two towable equipment trailers—a Power Vacuum and Valve Exerciser Trailer, and a Power Vacuum Excavator Trailer—and to reallocate funds originally designated for replacement of the GIS/Muck Truck (Unit #8) under Capital Improvement Project VE-TRUK-0015. Director of Operations James Bean outlined the need to replace the aging and partially inoperative equipment on Unit #8 with two more versatile trailer-mounted systems. The recommended vendor, Pres Tech, was identified as the sole source capable of providing both trailers, which together would support valve exercising, vacuum excavation, potholing, and emergency leak response operations.

Mr. Bean explained that staff had reviewed repair options for the vacuum component of Unit #8 but found the estimated \$34,000 cost to be impractical due to the vehicle's age. Instead, the proposed solution would provide greater flexibility and extend the service life of the existing Freightliner truck by repurposing it as a stake bed or flat bed for material transport. He noted that the new trailers would increase operational efficiency and safety, and that purchasing from a single vendor would streamline training, maintenance, and warranty service.

Board members engaged in detailed discussion with Mr. Bean responding to questions regarding equipment specifications, weight capacities, warranties, and towing requirements. Director Hoffman inquired about the trailers' towing configurations, load ratings, and expected service life. Mr. Bean confirmed both trailers are bumper-pull, tandem axle units towable by District F-250 trucks. He further affirmed that the equipment includes hour meters for tracking use, has

sufficient tank capacities, and comes with factory warranties, including a 10-year warranty on the vacuum unit and five years on the motor.

In response to Director Covington, Mr. Bean explained that the District's Field Superintendent had visited the vendor's facility, observed demonstrations, and found the equipment suitable. Director Ramirez raised concerns about parts availability and downtime, and Mr. Bean responded that Pres Tech builds its equipment in-house and has consistently provided prompt field service in the past. Director Williams inquired about training options, which Mr. Bean confirmed could be conducted either on-site or at the manufacturer's facility.

*The Board authorized the General Manager to purchase one (1) Towable Power Vacuum and Valve Exerciser trailer and one (1) Towable Power Vacuum Excavator trailer from Pres Tech in an amount not-to-exceed \$204,000 and authorized the General Manager to reallocate Capital Improvement Funds for Project Number VE-TRUK-0015 to make said purchase by the following roll-call vote:*

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

**5. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with T.R. Holliman Associates, Inc. for Consulting Services to Update the District's Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP)**

Director of Operations James Bean recommended a contract with T.R. Holliman Associates, Inc. for consulting services to assist in updating the District's Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP). The proposed update is in response to the State Water Resources Control Board's adoption of the *Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook*, effective July 1, 2024. Mr. Bean noted that the Handbook imposes new requirements for hazard assessments, backflow prevention, recordkeeping, and incident response, all of which must be included in an updated CCCP to be submitted to the State by July 1, 2025.

Mr. Bean explained that while the District's current plan, adopted under Resolution 2020-14, contains many foundational elements, the new state-mandated elements are ambiguous and lack detailed implementation guidance. He highlighted residential hazard assessments, particularly for properties with fire sprinkler systems, as a significant area of uncertainty. Due to liability and access concerns, staff does not recommend attempting interior inspections of private homes, and alternative compliance paths remain unclear.

General Manager Dan Jagers emphasized the burden of this new unfunded mandate. He noted that full implementation without external consulting support could necessitate several additional full-time staff. Jagers also affirmed the District's longstanding, successful working relationship with T.R. Holliman Associates, Inc., most recently on recycled water planning efforts. He endorsed

the consultant's ability to help the District navigate regulatory complexity and ensure a compliant submittal.

Director Ramirez voiced support for the proposal, stating that while the regulations may be well-intended, they are increasingly difficult to implement. He inquired about informal quotes, and Mr. Bean responded that none were solicited due to time constraints and the specialized qualifications of Mr. Holliman, who has successfully prepared CCCPs for 29 other agencies. Director Covington commented on the short compliance timeline and the broad regulatory scope of the policy. He recommended the addition of a 10% contingency to the proposed contract to avoid the need for future Board action for a minor adjustment, bringing the total not-to-exceed authorization to \$32,538.

Director Williams and Director Hoffman also expressed support for staff's efforts in addressing the regulatory requirements. President Slawson engaged with staff to clarify the range of residential scenarios that could trigger backflow prevention requirements and affirmed the complexity of the issue, particularly regarding fire system configurations in newer homes.

*The Board waived the requirements of Policies and Procedures Manual Part III Section 17-B Purchasing regarding obtaining of informal quotes and authorized the General Manager to enter a professional services agreement with T.R. Holliman Associates, Inc., in association with John Robinson Consulting, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$32,538 for consulting services related to updating the District's Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP) in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board's 2023 Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook 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	

## **6. Selection of Consultant(s) for On-Call Engineering Services and Authorization of Expenditures**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson presented the three on-call engineering consulting firms: Cozad & Fox, Inc., Michael Baker International, and TKE Engineering, Inc., to support upcoming District Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects and development plan check activities. Mr. Swanson explained that six firms responded to the February 2025 Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and each proposal was evaluated based on technical qualifications, project approach, and cost. The three recommended firms received the highest weighted scores in staff's evaluation process. The proposed not-to-exceed amount for all contracts combined is \$4.5 million over a three-year period.

General Manager Dan Jagers described the firms' capabilities. He emphasized that all six submitting firms were technically qualified, and that the selected

consultants offer flexibility, responsiveness, and a range of professional support services that align with the District's engineering needs. He confirmed that project authorizations under these contracts would be brought individually to the Board for approval, and expenditures would be funded either through the District's CIP or developer-paid plan review deposits.

The Directors emphasized the importance of transparency and fiscal accountability. Director Covington suggested that clearer presentation of consultant rates in future evaluations would help the Board and public understand cost comparisons.

The total authorization of \$4.5 million will be allocated evenly across the three selected firms, with each firm eligible for up to \$1.5 million in compensation over the three-year term of the professional services agreement. This amount is structured as an aggregate maximum and is not intended to represent a fixed annual disbursement. Although staff anticipates average annual expenditures of approximately \$500,000 per firm, actual spending will depend on project needs and consultant availability. The agreements allow flexibility to reallocate tasks among the selected firms, and in cases where a single project exceeds the annual average, staff will seek Board approval to proceed. Funding for these services will come from developer deposits for plan check activities, or from capital reserves and capacity charges identified in the District's adopted Capital Improvement Budget (CIB).

Director Ramirez inquired about the contract structure and flexibility to exceed the average annual allocation of \$500,000 per firm if needed. Mr. Swanson clarified that the \$1.5 million limit applies over the full three-year term, allowing projects with higher upfront costs to proceed as long as the total allocation is not exceeded. He assured the Board that any necessary contract amendments would be brought back for consideration. Jagers also responded to prior Board concerns regarding underperformance by a selected firm, stating that underutilized firms would see reduced task assignments and any significant scope reallocations would be reviewed with the Board.

Director Williams highlighted the importance of transparency in light of the District's ongoing rate study and public accountability.

*The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with up to three (3) consulting firms to provide on-call engineering services related to District projects and development plan check activities for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$4.5 million by the following roll-call vote:*

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

## **7. Selection of Consultant(s) for On-Call Geotechnical and Environmental Services and authorization of expenditures**

Swanson presented the recommended geotechnical and environmental consulting firms to provide on-call services for District capital projects. Swanson reported that District staff had issued an RFQ on February 7, 2025, and received 15 proposals—eight for geotechnical services and seven for environmental services. Following a review and scoring process, staff recommended the selection of Converse Consultants, Hilltop Geotechnical, Inc., and TGR Geotechnical, Inc. for geotechnical services, and Albert A. Webb Associates, CASC Engineering & Consulting, Inc., and Michael Baker International for environmental services. The combined not-to-exceed budget for these services is \$3,150,000: \$1,350,000 for geotechnical firms and \$1,800,000 for environmental firms.

Swanson noted that the consultants were selected based on a weighted evaluation of technical merit (80%) and cost (20%), and emphasized that the chosen firms bring regional familiarity, competitive pricing, and service capacity to meet the District's needs. Hilltop currently performs inspection and compaction testing for the District and was praised for consistent, cost-effective service. Converse Consultants was recognized for its extensive work in the local area, and TGR offered competitive rates and technical strengths. For environmental services, all three selected firms were noted for prior successful work in the region.

Director Ramirez emphasized the importance of granting staff flexibility in managing the contracts while also making it clear that this trust is accompanied by a high level of responsibility. He supported giving staff discretion to allocate work across the firms but stressed that this required transparency and accountability in its execution. Jagers affirmed that if a firm were not performing satisfactorily, staff would adjust work allocations accordingly. He stated that the District's intent was to minimize future reliance on underperforming consultants and would return to the Board with contract amendments if necessary.

Directors Williams, Covington, and Hoffman offered support and appreciation for the consultants' proposal efforts, particularly given the volume and detail required. Director Covington highlighted the time investment made by submitting firms, even those not selected.

The funding structure allocates up to \$450,000 per geotechnical firm and up to \$600,000 per environmental firm over a three-year term, with task orders to be issued individually for projects as needed. The contracts are distinct and will be managed separately, though subject to overall oversight by staff and the Board. All directors stressed transparency, performance-based task assignment, and proactive Board engagement if spending exceeds approved limits.

*The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with up to three (3) geotechnical consulting firms and up to three (3) environmental consulting firms to provide on-call geotechnical and environmental services related to District projects for an amount not to exceed \$3.15 million by the following roll-call vote:*



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

**8. Approve a Fleet Leasing and Maintenance Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to Replace Aging Fleet, Expand Operations Fleet, and Support Compliance with California Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandates**

Director of Operations James Bean presented the proposal for a fleet leasing and maintenance agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, a Sourcewell vendor, to address issues related to the District's aging fleet and to support compliance with California's evolving Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandates. He noted that nearly half of the District's fleet vehicles were in need of significant repairs or had exceeded 90,000 miles. He explained that a lease-based model would allow for structured vehicle replacement every five years, improve reliability, reduce maintenance costs, and ease compliance with the state's Executive Order N-79-20, which requires 10% of the fleet to be electric by January 1, 2027.

Mr. Bean clarified that Enterprise is an approved Sourcewell cooperative purchasing vendor, allowing the District to proceed without issuing a separate competitive bid. He outlined the dual benefits of the proposed program: a fixed-cost maintenance plan (excluding brakes and tires) and a rolling lease program that replaces fleet vehicles before they reach high maintenance thresholds. Through this program, the District could improve operational uptime, access newer safety features, and achieve cost predictability while reducing large capital outlays.

The presentation included a phased plan that would begin with the replacement of six aging vehicles and the addition of five new fleet growth vehicles in 2025. These five vehicles were originally planned for 2024 but were deferred due to uncertainties related to infrastructure planning for EV compliance. Mr. Bean indicated that three of these new vehicles would be electric to meet the 10% ZEV benchmark. Director Covington asked for clarification on how the District would identify when vehicles require replacement or service. Mr. Bean responded that Enterprise conducts annual fleet reviews and that the District could exit the lease or adjust its replacement schedule at any time, providing flexibility.

Director Ramirez voiced support for the program, emphasizing that many local agencies have already adopted similar models due to operational and regulatory advantages. He commended the program for offloading the administrative burden of vehicle procurement, maintenance, and resale while allowing the District to manage it via a dashboard. Director Williams raised concerns about vehicle downtime during maintenance. Mr. Bean responded that loaner vehicles may be available under warranty situations and that Enterprise offered discounted rental options for extended service interruptions.

Additional questions focused on routine vehicle inspections and cost comparisons. Director Hoffman inquired about the process for monitoring brakes and tires, which remain the District's responsibility under the lease. Mr. Bean confirmed that vehicles are subject to weekly inspections and daily pre-trip checks by drivers. He also noted that Enterprise's program includes regular oil changes and scheduled

servicing. Director Covington added insights from his agency's positive experience with the same lease model, highlighting Enterprise's procurement power and short lead times for acquiring vehicles from local dealers.

General Manager Dan Jagers emphasized that time was of the essence, as the District must secure vehicle orders to comply with state-mandated reporting requirements for electric vehicle implementation by January 2027. He also noted potential risks from rising tariffs on vehicles, which could affect pricing if purchases are delayed. In response to a question from Director Ramirez, Mr. Bean confirmed that he is coordinating with electricians to assess infrastructure needs for EV charging at District facilities. Future updates regarding solar integration and off-peak charging strategies will be brought to the Board for review.

*The Board authorized the General Manager to execute an open-ended lease and maintenance agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, a Sourcewell vendor, and to execute individual vehicle leases under the fleet management services program by the following roll-call vote:*

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

7:42 p.m. President Slawson called a recess

7:48 p.m. The Board reconvened

#### **9. Resolution 2025-10: Revision of District Policies and Procedures Manual Part II – Applicable to Board of Directors and Staff – Policies Revision Tranche 1**

Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso led the discussion of proposed revisions to eight policies contained in Part II of the District's Policies and Procedures Manual, with General Manager Dan Jagers and District Counsel James Markman offering additional context. These policies were reviewed by the ad hoc Board Policies Committee, composed of Vice President Williams and Director Covington, and vetted by legal counsel. Staff emphasized that the goal was to modernize the policies, align them with applicable law (including the Brown Act and Water Code), and make them easier to interpret and apply.

Policy 4005 – Basis of Authority: This revision added a new purpose statement emphasizing the collective authority of the Board and the prohibition against individual overreach. The redline version clarified that the Board exercises its powers as a unit, not individually, and that all Board action must occur at properly noticed meetings. Language was added to confirm that Board members do not represent only a portion of the community but rather act on behalf of the whole District.

Policy 4010 – Members of the Board of Directors: Revisions to this policy focused on Director preparation, information requests, conduct, and abstention from voting.



Notably, language was added to specify that requests from Directors for information in response to constituent concerns must be routed through the General Manager. Director Ramirez asked for clarification on the link between abstentions and vote outcomes, and staff pointed to the new reference linking abstention procedures to Policy 4040.

Policy 4015 – Committees of the Board of Directors: The redline version defined the nature and limitations of ad hoc and standing committees. It clarified that ad hoc committees are of limited purpose and duration and may not exceed 24 months unless re-established. It also formalized procedures for dissolving, extending, or converting ad hoc committees into standing ones. Director Covington inquired whether ad hoc meeting dates were set annually, and District Counsel clarified that ad hoc committees do not require preset meeting schedules under the Brown Act, as ad hoc committees are exempt from Brown Act posting requirements due to their advisory nature.

Policy 4020 – Duties of the Board President: This policy was retitled and expanded to better articulate the roles of the President as presiding officer and representing the District ceremonially. Subsection 4020.3 outlined specific duties such as calling meetings to order, maintaining decorum, ruling on parliamentary procedures, and ensuring clarity in Board decision-making. Language reflecting current practices, such as acting as spokesperson and coordinating agenda development, was preserved and reorganized for clarity.

Policy 4025 – Board Meetings: This policy consolidated procedures for regular, special, emergency, and adjourned meetings. Revisions included a detailed explanation of conditions under which emergency meetings may be held, and codified requirements for notification and public posting in such cases. Language related to officer rotation during the annual organizational meeting was retained. Staff confirmed that most elements reflected current District practices and Brown Act compliance.

Policy 4030 – Board Meeting Agenda Preparation and Distribution: Additions to this policy clarified that the General Manager, or designee, determines whether public requests qualify for inclusion on the agenda and decides the timing of such placement. Director Covington suggested amending sections B, C, and D to explicitly include "his or her designee" for clarity. Public testimony provisions were also updated to align with Brown Act provisions, including protections for public criticism. In response to President Slawson, District Counsel noted that while a sign-in sheet can be used to aid the recording of minutes, it must remain optional to register or sign in before speaking.

Policy 4040 – Board Actions and Decisions: This policy was substantially expanded to clarify what constitutes formal Board action, including adoption of plans and acquisition of property. It distinguished between abstention and recusal, explaining their legal implications. Mr. Jagers emphasized the value of this feature for transparency and accountability.

Policy 4055 – Rules of Order for Board and Committee Meetings: Minor revisions were made to cross-reference Policy 4035 on decorum and to clarify flexible meeting procedures. The policy continued to reflect the District's preference for informal rules over strict parliamentary procedure. No structural changes were made, and the content was reaffirmed as consistent with existing Board practices.

Vice President Williams expressed appreciation for the effort that went into the policy revisions, noting that she had long advocated for a review of Board policies to make them clearer and more accessible to both existing and new Board members. She stated this work would help establish a solid structure for Director responsibilities.

*The Board adopted Resolution 2025-10 Revising Policies and Procedures Manual Part II – Applicable to Board of Directors and Staff:*

4005	<i>Basis of Authority. Purpose</i>
4010	<i>Members of the Board of Directors</i>
4015	<i>Committees of the Board of Directors</i>
4020	<i>Duties of Board President and Officers</i>
4025	<i>Board Meetings</i>
4030	<i>Board Meeting Agenda Preparation and Distribution</i>
4040	<i>Board Actions and Decisions</i>
4055	<i>Rules of Order for Board and Committee Meetings</i>

*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. Consideration of Data Scrubbing Services**

Following up on a preliminary report presented at the March meeting, the Board discussed data scrubbing services. General Manager Jagers advised that staff had researched several service providers including LEO Web Protect, Privacy Pros, OneRep, and Incogni. President Slawson reiterated that he believed data scrubbing should be handled individually and not through the District. Director Hoffman concurred.

Director Williams asked for clarification regarding the fiscal impact, and Jagers confirmed the cost range was dependent on whether the District facilitated payment or if members opted in via voluntary payroll deductions. Director Ramirez stated the service appears to be a legitimate benefit for elected officials.

No action was taken.

## **11. Consideration of Attendance at Upcoming Events and Authorization of Reimbursement and Per Diem**

Recording Secretary Lynda Kerney 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
10-Apr	WEF Water 101 Workshop	\$ 2,628					MAYBE	MAYBE
11-Apr	WEF Watershed Tour	\$ 500	APR				MAYBE	MAYBE
11-Apr	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	\$ 25			YES	YES	YES	YES
21-Apr	CSDA Special District Leadership Academy	\$ 2,943					YES*	YES
1-May	CSDA Workshop - Financial Management	\$ 1,512					NO	
6-May	CSDA Webinar: Beyond Design-Bid-Build	\$ -			MAYBE	YES	NO	
8-May	BIA Economic Update	\$ 94	APR				YES	YES
7-May	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	\$ 25					YES	YES
13-May	CSDA Webinar: Communication Strategies	\$0				YES	YES	YES
13-May	ACWA Spring Conference Monterey	\$4,023				MAYBE	NO	
29-May	CSDA Workshop Mojave - Meeting Mgmt	\$441					NO	
3-Jun	CSDA webinar: Budget-Neutral Energy	\$0						
4-Jun	CSDA Workshop: Governance and Transp	\$265						
4-Jun	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	\$ 25						
10-Jun	CSDA Webinar: Mastering Good Governance	\$0						
4-Aug	Tri-State Seminar	\$2,445	APR			YES		

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

- *Tri-State Seminar in Las Vegas August 4 – 7, 2025*

*by the following roll-call vote:*

MOVED: Ramirez	SECONDED: Slawson	APPROVED 3-2
AYES:	Covington, Ramirez, Slawson	
NOES:	Hoffman, Williams	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

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

- *City of Beaumont Second Street extension groundbreaking*

*by the following roll-call vote:*

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

## 12. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

### a. Ad Hoc Committees:

- i. Communications Committee: Director Ramirez offered kudos to staff for outreach efforts, social media, quality articles, and maintaining the budget for the rate study outreach.
- ii. Sites Reservoir: Director Covington reported on the meeting held March 19 at the SGPWA. The group discussed the complex water supply scenarios to 2070. The SGPWA was asked to come to the Board and make a brief presentation.
- iii. Bogart Park No report.
- iv. Water Re-Use 3x3: A meeting has been proposed and a date will be set. Jagers provided the 207-page draft Non-Potable Water Master Plan dated 2022 and a whiteboard session with the City of Beaumont consultant and SGPWA will be scheduled.
- v. Board Policies: The next meeting will be April 16.

b. Standing Committees

*A written report was provided.*

Finance & Audit Committee: Director Hoffman noted that the 2024 budget was fairly accurate on expenditures. A meeting with Chandler Investments reviewed last quarter and reflected a good return.

Personnel Committee: Director Covington reported that personnel policies are 100 percent complete. Director Williams thanked the Board for the earlier (Consent Calendar) approval of the meeting time change to 4:30 p.m.

c. Directors' Reports:

*Reports were provided as follows:*

- Beaumont Chamber Breakfast on March 14, 2025 (Hoffman, Slawson, Williams)
- California-Nevada March 2025 Drought and Climate Outlook Webinar on March 24, 2025 (Ramirez, Williams)
- San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting on March 26, 2025 (Slawson)
- CSDA Virtual Workshop: Fulfilling Your District's Mission & Get the Word Out on April 2-3, 2025 (Ramirez)
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency meetings on March 17 and April 7 (Slawson)

d. Directors' General Comments: None.

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

- Monitors have been installed in the District's common areas to display activities and provide a dashboard of District items, and messages to customers
- Town Hall meeting tomorrow evening to educate the public about the rate study, and public hearing on April 24. 20 to 30 protest letters have been received, and a dozen or so AB 2257 challenges

- A flush pump is being installed at Well 1A and 2A and should be ready to pump on Monday
  - The containers used for Well 1A will be stored at District property off International Park Road for a couple of weeks, then will be brought down for use on Well 2A
  - The City has a paving project in the alley running east to west between Beaumont Avenue and Magnolia and then north, sort of behind Napa, and then up to Seventh Street. The contractor discovered the District's line is 18 inches down and feels they cannot protect it. Staff is seeking a reasonable approach and will come to the Board with options
- f. Legal Counsel Report: Mr. Markman reported on a significant water rights case involving the Kern River, where the Court of Appeals shifted focus to equitable and beneficial water use, potentially impacting water rights allocation in California. This decision could affect the Colorado River management and other areas like Kings County. This case could disrupt the certainty of existing water rights.

### 13. Topic List for Future Meetings

	Item requested	Date of request	Requester
A	Report on alternative energy sources and storage (Agendize in August per Dan Jagers 2/27/25)	1/23/25 and 2/12/25	Ramirez

### 14. Announcements

*President Slawson pointed out the announcements:*

- Town Hall Meeting on Proposed Increase in Water, Fire, and Non-potable (Recycled) Water Rates and Service Charges: Thursday, Apr. 10 at 6 p.m.
- Personnel Committee: Tuesday, Apr. 15 at 4:30 p.m. (Note change of time – pending Board approval)
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Apr. 24 at 6 p.m. (Public Hearing)
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, May 1 at 3 p.m.
- Collaborative Agencies meeting: Wednesday, May 7 at 5 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m.

### 15. Closed Session: 9:04 p.m.

*President Slawson announced the following Closed Session items:*

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION to which the District is a party pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): *Draper 26 LLC vs. Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District*, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVRI2406726



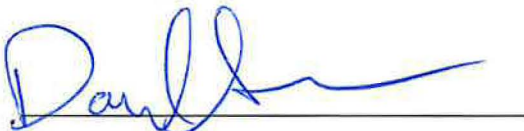
- b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: Sites Reservoir and water rights associated therewith  
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jagers, General Manager  
Under Negotiations: Continued participation in financial support of the Project
- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: APN 418240009  
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jagers, General Manager  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

**Reconvene in Open Session: 9:34 p.m.**

**16. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session**

President Slawson stated that there was no reportable action taken.

**17. Adjournment:** *President Slawson adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.*



Director Daniel Slawson, President  
to the Board of Directors of the  
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

ATTEST:



Director Andy Ramirez, Secretary  
to the Board of Directors of the  
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District