



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 11, 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 6:02 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 (6:04 p.m.), Slawson, Williams (6:06 p.m.)
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Director of Operations James Bean Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso Finance Manager William Clayton Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Development Services Technician Lilian Tienda Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: Larry Stahlberg, Lee Fashempour, Elizabeth Laine, Dr. Blair Ball, Amir Latifian.

Public Comment: None.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** *General Manager Jagers advised about additions to item 10, Upcoming Events. Information is on the District's website and at the back of the Board room.*

6:04 p.m. Director Ramirez arrived at the meeting

2. Reports / Presentations / Information Items

Director Covington requested items a and c be pulled for report from staff.

- a. Emergency Preparedness Program Status Report: HR Manager Ren Berioso noted this review is mandated by Policy 5005. He reviewed risk management status, Emergency Response Committee meetings, in-house update of the Emergency Response Plan, and planned trainings. In response to Director Covington, Mr. Berioso noted the Plan includes designated coordinators.

6:06 p.m. Director Williams arrived at the meeting

- c. BCVWD 2026 Operational Budget Timeline: Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina presented the budget process timeline. The Finance and Audit Committee reviews this activity monthly. She described some aspects of the process, noting the expected presentation of the budget to the Board in November.

The Board received and filed the following reports:

- a. *Emergency Preparedness Program Status Report*
b. *Annual Disclosure (California Government Code Section 66013(d)), Fiscal Year 2024 Capacity Charges*
c. *Update: BCVWD 2026 Operational Budget Timeline*
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	

3. Consent Calendar

Director Covington requested to pull item g for discussion.

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

- a) *Review of the April 2025 Budget Variance Reports*
b) *Review of the April 30, 2025 Cash/Investment Balance Report*
c) *Review of Check Register for the Month of May 2025*
d) *Approval of May 2025 Invoices*
e) *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2025*
f) *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2025*

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

- g) Resolution 2025-17 Nomination of Lona M. Williams for the Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 Board

General Manager Jaggars noted that at the May 14, 2025 meeting, the Board had voted to nominate Director Williams to stand for election to the ACWA Region 9 Board, and this is the required resolution. Director Williams stated it is an honor to be nominated.

Consent Calendar item 3g Resolution 2025-17 was approved by the following roll-call vote:

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

4. Resolution 2025-18: Amending the District's Policies and Procedures Manual:

- a. 4045 Attendance at Meetings
- b. 4050 Minutes of Board Meetings
- c. 4080 Membership in Associations
- d. 7007 Remote Access
- e. 7008 Wireless Network Security

Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso led the discussion of proposed revisions to five policies contained in the District's Policies and Procedures Manual.

Policy 4045 – Attendance at Meetings outlines expectations for Board member attendance. Staff highlighted that revisions were made to modernize the policy and align it with best practices and legal standards. Notably, Section 4045.2 originally included marking a Board member absent if they arrived more than 30 minutes after the start of a meeting. Director Covington recalled that the Personnel Committee had recommended a threshold of missing 51% of the meeting duration, not a fixed 30-minute rule. The resolution will be corrected to reflect the 51% threshold. Director Covington inquired whether staff had reviewed the teleconferencing language per the Personnel Committee's earlier direction; Berioso confirmed that the necessary updates were included. The Board also discussed that members not in compliance with the Brown Act teleconferencing rules may still participate as members of the public but would be marked absent.

Policy 4050 – Minutes of Board Meetings For clarity and legal consistency Policy 4050 contains only a minor revision to add a reference to Government Code Section 54953(c)(2), pertaining to the recording of votes in Board meeting minutes.

Policy 4080 – Membership in Associations: Revisions clarified the District's practices related to Board member participation in associations. Updates outlined when Board members may be deemed to officially represent the District. Specifically, if a Board member is appointed to an association position, they are considered an official representative; however, if they attend independently and without appointment, they may not speak on behalf of the District. The language also clarified the Board President's role in appointing representatives during the annual reorganization. Director Covington confirmed the direction from the Personnel Committee.

Policy 7007 – Remote Access: This new policy addresses remote work and cybersecurity. Any approval for remote work is subject to the General Manager's discretion. Employees granted remote access will be issued District-owned equipment, and personal devices are strictly prohibited from connecting to District systems unless specifically approved by IT, reflecting the District's efforts to mitigate cybersecurity risks and safeguard sensitive information. Director Covington emphasized that much of the policy's development was led by Director of IT, Robert Rasha .

Policy 7008 – Wireless Network Security establishes standards for the District's wireless network security. It outlines the separation of the District's secure internal wireless network from the guest network, emphasizing that personal devices may not connect to the secure system unless authorized. Staff explained that this measure aims to prevent cybersecurity breaches. General Manager Jagers added that both IT-related policies had been thoroughly reviewed by the Personnel Committee and highlighted the District's achievements in IT, including receipt of cybersecurity awards.

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-18 Amending the District's Policies and Procedures Manual with the correction on Policy 4045:

4045 Attendance at Meetings
4050 Minutes of Board Meetings
4080 Membership in Associations
7007 Remote Access
7008 Wireless Network Security

by the following roll-call vote:

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

5. Resolution 2025-19 To Nominate and Support a Candidate for the Position of Association of California Water Agencies Vice President

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-19 nominating Director Andy Ramirez as a candidate for ACWA Vice President 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	

6. BCVWD's Draft 2025-2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson presented the Draft 2025–2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment (AWSDA), a state-mandated annual report due by July 1. He explained that this preliminary version would be finalized and returned for Board adoption at the June Engineering Workshop. Mr. Swanson summarized the five core AWSDA tables, covering projected water demands, available supplies, shortage assessments, and potential response actions. He noted that the District anticipates sufficient water supplies to meet the projected total unconstrained demand of 12,910 acre-feet (af), comprised of 11,145 af potable and 1,765 af non-potable water, resulting in a potable water surplus of approximately 2,786 af.

This projection reflects improved forecasting accuracy and robust data from meter reads and system losses. Mr. Swanson emphasized the conservative approach to estimating available supplies, avoiding overstatement despite the abundance of water secured through the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA), the City of Ventura, and other sources. He acknowledged that while certain months may appear in deficit due to timing of imports, the annual total is positive due to conjunctive use and groundwater banking strategies.

General Manager Dan Jagers commented on the importance of this assessment as part of the District's long-term planning under increasing regulatory oversight. He referenced historical drought responses and affirmed BCVWD's proactive efforts in balancing supply and demand.

President Slawson inquired about the frequency of reporting, clarifying that while consumption is monitored monthly, the AWSDA is filed annually. Director Williams asked whether projections account for new development, to which Mr. Swanson replied that both existing and anticipated customers, including residential, commercial, and industrial users, are considered.

Director Covington raised a question about the representation of recycled water in non-potable demand. Mr. Swanson clarified that while non-potable supply includes a mix of sources, recycled water is not currently delivered into the system.

7. Hidden Canyon II Trailer Parking Project

- a. **Request for Will-Serve Letter for project located on the south side of Fourth Street within the City of Beaumont (APN 424-010-008)**

b. Resolution 2025-20 Requesting the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission to take Proceedings for Annexation of a Portion of the District's Service Boundary

Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward introduced the request for the WSL for 21.9 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) (11.9 af per year) of non-potable supply only of a 17-acre site. Staff has verified the landscape calculations and noted that a dedicated irrigation meter would be required as per the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulations. Should the fire department require fire suppression service, there may be more requirements. The project will require annexation.

President Slawson stated there is a need for this parking, and Director Williams confirmed it is for big rigs, near the warehouses.

In response to Director Ramirez, Ward confirmed there are no structures indicated on the site plan.

The Board approved the request for a Will-Serve Letter for the proposed Hidden Canyon II Trailer Parking project, located south of Fourth Street and west of Potrero Boulevard and adopted Resolution 2025-20 Requesting the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission to take Proceedings for Annexation of APN 424-010-008 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	

8. 79 North Logistics Center

a. Request for Extension of Will-Serve Letter for Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Nos. 418-230-002, 418-230-003, 418-230-004, 418-260-13 and 418-230-014) in the City of Beaumont West of Pennsylvania Avenue and Between First Street and Third Street

b. Resolution 2025-21: Requesting the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission to take Proceedings for Annexation of a Portion of the District's Service Boundary

Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward introduced the request for extension of the WSL for the project. The WSL was approved by the Board at its June 14, 2023 meeting, and extended for one year by the General Manager. The proposed project is a 404,200 square foot industrial warehouse, with use of 20.1 EDUs (10.95 af) per year of potable and non-potable consumption.

Staff recently completed a Plan of Service for the project, which requires annexation. The Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) now requires a resolution to begin annexation proceedings, Jagers explained. He

discussed the formation of the District and the pockets that are not within the service boundary.

The Board approved the request for a Will-Serve Letter for the proposed 79 North Logistics Center project in the City of Beaumont West of Pennsylvania Avenue and Between First Street and Third Street and adopted Resolution 2025-21 Requesting the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission to take Proceedings for Annexation of Assessor's Parcel Nos. 418-230-002, 418-230-003, 418-230-004, 418-260-13 and 418-230-014 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	

9. 2024 External Audit and Draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Finance Manager William Clayton presented the 2024 External Audit and Draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report showing a clean, unmodified opinion. He advised that the Finance and Audit Committee reviewed it at the Committee meeting on June 5 with a representative of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP (RAMS) present, and shared a video presentation from RAMS. Brianna Schultz, RAMS partner, presented a high-level overview of the audit, emphasizing that the audit included internal control testing and evaluation of financial disclosures, with no deficiencies found. She commended the District's finance team for their professionalism and preparedness.

Clayton summarized key financial highlights. He reported that the District's total assets increased by \$6.4 million to \$223.2 million, while liabilities rose by \$2 million to \$14 million, resulting in a \$3.9 million increase in net position to \$208.8 million. Unrestricted net position totaled \$31.3 million, with allocations for capital replacement, operating, and emergency reserves. Cash and investments stood at \$85.9 million.

The District intends to submit the 2024 report for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, having earned the award for the seventh consecutive year with the 2023 ACFR.

Director Ramirez commented on the District's excellence in financial accountability and the receipt of awards, noting the savings to the ratepayers and high level of integrity. Director Williams also complimented staff and acknowledged the quest for savings. Director Covington indicated he was unsurprised at the findings of the audit and acknowledged the work of staff.

Director Hoffman, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, noted that staff and the auditors took the time to ensure the Committee had clarity on the document.

The Board received and filed the independent auditors' unmodified (clean) opinion on the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, included in the DRAFT December 31, 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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	

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

The Board discussed attendance at the following events:

DAY	EVENT	Est. Cost	Vote?	COVIN GTON	HOFF MAN	RAM IREZ	SLAW SON	WILL IAMS
18-Jun	WELL webinar: Recycled Water	\$ -						
2-Jul	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	\$ 25						
15-Jul	ACWA webinar: Combating Misinformation	\$ 30				YES		
22-Jul	CSDA Webinar: Mastering Capital Financing	\$ -				YES		
4-Aug	Tri-State Seminar	\$ 2,445	APR	YES		YES	NO	NO
8-Aug	BIA Southern CA Water Conference	\$ 125				Pending		
20-Aug	Urban Water Institute San Diego	\$ 3,549				Pending	YES	
25-Aug	CSDA Annual Conference - Monterey	\$ 3,709						
1-Oct	ACWA/JPIA Leadership Program (1 year)	\$ 12,694				YES	YES	YES
1-Oct	WEF Annual Water Summit	\$ 2,024		YES			YES	NO
22-Oct	WEF Northern Cal Water Tour	\$2,790	REQ			NO	YES	YES
2-Dec	ACWA Fall Conference (San Diego)	\$3,500				YES		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:

- *Ribbon cutting for the SGPWA heli-hydrant at Cabazon Water District on June 12, 2025*
- *Water Education Foundation Northern California Water Tour Oct. 22-24, 2025*

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	

11. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

a. Ad Hoc Committees

- i. Communications: Director Ramirez reported there are still funds remaining in the budget for the CV Strategies contract.
- ii. Sites Reservoir: This will be discussed in Closed Session.
- iii. Bogart Park: No report.
- iv. Water Re-Use 3x2: Staff met with Thaxton Van Belle of the City of Beaumont, and with the SGPWA. The City extended its contract with their consultant, Dopudja Wells.
- v. Board Policies: Director Williams reported that the Committee reviewed ethics policies, and the next meeting is July 21.

b. Standing Committees (President Slawson referred to the written report)

- i. Finance & Audit Committee
- ii. Personnel Committee

c. Directors' Reports

- San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting on May 28, 2025 (Slawson)
- CSDA Webinar: How Special Districts Can Implement Budget-Neutral Energy Efficiency Projects with Low-Cost Financing on June 3, 2025 (Ramirez, Slawson)
- CSDA Virtual Workshop: Board Governance and Transparency on June 4-5, 2025 (Ramirez)
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on June 4, 2025 (Slawson)
- CSDA Webinar: Mastering Good Governance for a Better District on June 10, 2025 (Ramirez, Slawson)
- San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency on June 2 (Slawson)

d. Directors' General Comments

- Director Williams noted the 250th birthday of the US Army.

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

- Well 1A Re-Drill and Discharge Pipeline:
 - Preliminary water quality results from Well 1A show 8.6 ppb nitrate, below the MCL of 10 ppb.
 - Discharge pipeline constructed to avoid impacting Stewart Park during city construction.
 - Project involves collaboration with city staff, use of rented piping and contractor-installed ramps.
 - District staff developed traffic control plan and safety measures.
- ARPA-Funded B-Line Replacement Project (Edgar Canyon):
 - Replacing deteriorated, leak-prone pipeline in creek bed.
 - Approximately 1,800 feet installed out of total 3,300 feet.

- Challenges include excavation through large boulders; multiple methods (breaker, vacuum excavator) used to remove obstructions.
- New pipeline encased in protective bagging for corrosion prevention.
- Excavated rock being saved for future rip rap use.
- Noble Pipeline Project:
 - Valve delivery delays resolved; installation of 24-inch and 30-inch valves underway.
 - Still awaiting delivery of some 14-inch valves.
 - Project progressing with installation resumed by contractor.
 - First reimbursement from County received; second reimbursement request submitted
- Funding Status:
 - Both the B-Line and Noble Pipeline projects are ARPA grant-funded.
 - Goal remains to complete both with minimal cost to the District.

f. Legal Counsel Report: None.

g. 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

h. Announcements

President Slawson pointed out the announcements:

- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, June 11 at 11 a.m.
- Personnel Committee: Tuesday, June 17 at 4:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, June 26 at 6 p.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Wednesday, July 2 at 3 p.m. (note change of date due to holiday)
- Collaborative Agencies Committee: Wednesday, July 2 at 5 p.m.
- District office will be closed Thursday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 9 at 6 p.m.

12. Closed Session: 7:53 p.m.

President Slawson announced the following Closed Session items:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code Section 54957.6
District designated representative: Dan Jagers, General Manager
Employee organization: BCVWD Employee Association and Contract Positions

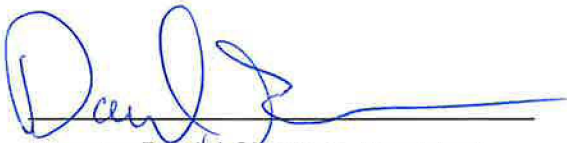
- b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APNs 408-080-009, 408-080-010, 408-080,011, 480-080-012
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jagers, General Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
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
- d. 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. CVR12406726

Reconvene in Open Session: 9:31 p.m.

13. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

President Slawson stated that there was no reportable action taken.

- i. **Adjournment:** *President Slawson adjourned the meeting at 9:31 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