



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

*Meeting held 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 Hoffman.
Invocation was given by President Slawson.*

Announcement and Verification of Remote Meeting Participation
No Directors were attending via teleconference

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams (6:18 p.m.)
Directors absent:	Ramirez
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Director of Operations James Bean Director of Information Technology Robert Rasha Human Resources Manager Ren Berioso Associate Civil Engineer Evan Ward Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Development Services Technician Lilian Tienda Engineering Administrative Assistant Irene Gomez Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered their attendance or appeared online: Anuroop Reddy, Blair Ball

Public Comment: None.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** General Manager Dan Jagers recommended:
- Continuing item 4 to the July 24, 2025 meeting
 - Tabling the Closed Session

2. Resolution 2025-22 Adopting the 2025-2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson reminded the Board of discussion of the Water Supply and Demand Assessment (WSDA) at the June 11, 2025 meeting and provided an update. The May numbers are not included and there is a bit of an increase in consumption, as May was a warm, dry month. A forecast was done for June, and imported water was increased to 776 acre feet (af). All figures were revised to match the demand. Approval of the WSDA will allow it to be uploaded to the State on June 30, before the July 1 due date.

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-22 Adopting the 2025-2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Slawson	SECONDED: Covington	APPROVED 3-0
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Williams, Ramirez	

6:18 p.m. – Director Williams joined the meeting

3. Update: Status of Water Reuse Plans and Recycled Water Partnership with the City of Beaumont: Adaptive Management Plan Review

General Manager Dan Jagers provided an update on the City of Beaumont's (City) Adaptive Management and Mitigation Plan (AMMP), which outlines strategies for reducing treated wastewater discharges to Cooper's Creek to enable beneficial reuse of recycled water. He explained that two options were presented to the City Council: Scenario 1, to reduce discharge to 1.7 million gallons per day (MGD), and Scenario 2, to pursue an even lower discharge level pending additional analysis. Jagers attended the June 17, 2025 City Council meeting and spoke in support of Scenario 1, which is based on historical discharge levels and environmental health data. The City ultimately voted to proceed with Scenario 1.

Jagers summarized the cost and timeline differences between the scenarios. Scenario 2 would require a complex study with an additional cost of about \$600,000, extending the permitting timeline by two or more years. The consultant indicated there is no clear technical support at this time to justify going below the 1.7 MGD threshold.

In response to a question from President Slawson, Jagers noted that the current discharge from the City's wastewater treatment plant is approximately 3.8 MGD, which could yield about 3.2 MGD of usable recycled water. If 1.7 MGD is maintained in Cooper's Creek for habitat support, approximately 1.5 MGD could be available for reuse, depending on seasonal variations and habitat needs.

Jagers emphasized that the City is considering uses for the recycled water. Possible options include supplying BCVWD, recharging groundwater basins, or delivering water

to golf courses. He noted challenges with groundwater recharge, including regulatory requirements and potential adverse impacts to local wells, which are still under evaluation.

President Slawson asked if the District should begin constructing a booster station to facilitate delivery to its recycled water system. Jagers responded that while package booster stations are available, such an investment is premature without a finalized agreement with the City. He cautioned against overcommitting resources before the City has finalized plans or executed a partnership agreement with BCVWD.

Jagers explained that the City's timeline is constrained by its obligation to offset salt loading to Cooper's Creek. Consequently, any real reduction in discharge and the start of recycled water reuse is unlikely before early 2028. He stressed the importance of coordinating planning and investment with the City's progress, especially given historical delays.

Director Hoffman raised a question about potential fire hazards from increased vegetation due to creek discharges. Jagers noted that new fire hazard maps issued by the State indicate elevated risks in the area, although attributing this solely to habitat conditions would be speculative.

Director Hoffman also asked whether population growth and increased wastewater production are accounted for in long-term planning. Jagers confirmed that the District's 2022 draft recycled water master plan incorporated full buildout projections for the City but noted those assumptions may need revision due to new development patterns and evolving conservation mandates from the State.

Director Williams inquired whether the City had included BCVWD as a formal partner in its recycled water plans. Jagers explained that discussions are ongoing, and while BCVWD is one of the listed options, no binding agreement has been made. He added that the City's consultants are currently conducting negotiations and baseline studies.

In response to questions about cost negotiations, Jagers reported that BCVWD and the City have exchanged preliminary proposals regarding water pricing, but no agreement has been reached. He noted concerns about compliance with Proposition 218 if the City profits from water sales while its sewer rates fund full treatment and recycling.

4. Request for Extension of Will-Serve Letter for Tentative Tract Map 39256 (Previously Identified as Tentative Tract Map 33680) for a Single Family Development located South of Lana Way, North of Rena Way, and West of Elm Avenue in the City of Beaumont

President Slawson tabled this item at the request of staff.

5. Resolution 2025-23 Amending Part 11 of the District's Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service Relating to Cross Connections, and Rescinding Resolutions 2020-13 and 2020-14

Director of Operations James Bean explained the proposed amendment to Part 11 of the District's Rules and Regulations to align with the State Water Resources Control Board's updated *Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook*. This new handbook

replaces California Code of Regulations Title 17 and requires adoption of a Cross-Connection Control Management Plan.

General Manager Dan Jagers added context, emphasizing that submission of the finalized plan to the State is required by July 1, 2025. He noted that the State had been vague and slow in clarifying expectations, which delayed the District's ability to finalize its compliance approach. Recent coordination with the City of Beaumont and the fire department helped resolve issues concerning onsite fire sprinklers in new homes, which are now reflected in the management plan.

Bean elaborated that the District's existing policy was incorporated in full into the new management plan, with the required additions from the State. One of the challenges was the State's insistence on very specific details, such as naming individuals rather than listing job titles, and specifying recordkeeping protocols. To avoid recurring Board action for minor edits, the proposed resolution would give the General Manager authority to make non-substantive administrative changes to the plan going forward.

Jagers reiterated that the new requirements imposed financial and operational burdens on the District and other water utilities statewide, and pointed to the ongoing strain on District resources caused by overlapping compliance requirements. Bean explained that minor revisions from the draft to the final version included correction of typos, address changes, and updated figures for system backflow devices.

President Slawson commented that the State's requirement to name individuals, rather than use titles, was intrusive. Bean confirmed that the District had pushed back but the State refused to compromise, even requiring specific names like the current Fire Marshal's instead of simply listing the role.

Director Covington asked which agency receives the final plan; Bean confirmed it is submitted to the Division of Drinking Water. Covington also confirmed that this plan had been prepared by a consultant previously authorized by the Board and that implementation would not affect the current operating budget.

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-23 Amending Part 11 of the District's Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service Relating to Cross Connections, Rescinding Resolutions 2020-13 and 2020-14 by the following roll-call vote:

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

6. Resolution 2025-24 Revising the District's Organization Chart and Salary Schedule

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Sylvia Molina presented proposed revisions to the District's organization chart and salary schedule following a classification and compensation review. She explained that, while the District had

previously addressed salary adjustments through cost-of-living increases and market alignment, four specific positions were identified as requiring reclassification due to significant changes in job duties.

Molina detailed the four recommended changes: (1) removal of the Assistant Director of Finance and Administration position, originally created as a temporary transition role, with no budget impact; (2) reclassification of the Customer Service Supervisor to Customer Service and Utility Billing Manager, recognizing the increasing complexity of billing and public outreach duties, with a minor fiscal impact offset by vacant positions; (3) reclassification of the Human Resources Manager to Human Resources and Risk Manager, reflecting expanded responsibilities in safety and training, with no budget impact due to timing of a scheduled merit review; and (4) renaming the Director of Information Technology to Director of Information Technology and Cybersecurity to formally acknowledge the District's emphasis on cybersecurity oversight, also with no fiscal impact.

General Manager Jagers expressed support for the changes, particularly those that build internal capacity and reduce reliance on outside consultants. He cited the District's move to bring public outreach functions in-house, saving approximately \$40,000 annually from the prior contract with CV Strategies. Jagers also highlighted the importance of cybersecurity and noted that the title change in the IT department formalized the leadership role already being exercised in that area.

Director Covington confirmed that the Personnel Committee reviewed the proposed changes in detail and supported the proposal presented. He acknowledged adjustments were made to job descriptions during committee review.

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-24 Revising the District's Organization Chart and Salary Schedule by the following roll-call vote:

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

7. Consideration of Support Letter for Governor Newsom's Budget Trailer Bills Related to the Delta Conveyance Project)

General Manager Jagers explained that the proposed support letter expresses the District's backing for Governor Newsom's trailer bills associated with the FY 2025–26 budget, aimed at streamlining permitting and regulatory processes for the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP). Jagers noted that Director Covington had pointed out the importance of all Board member signatures on such communications to the State.

District Legal Counsel Markman added that Newsom had withdrawn this tactic, and Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney noted that although the Senate Budget Subcommittee had rejected the bills, she had contacted the Governor's office directly and was encouraged to continue to submit letters of support.

Jaggers recounted a recent meeting at the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) where State Water Contractor representatives urged timely support for the DCP, noting that momentum for the project had reached a critical juncture after decades of planning.

Despite the Governor's withdrawal of the trailer bill language, the Board consensus was to proceed with sending the letter to affirm the District's commitment to the DCP and to align with regional partners and the broader coalition of supporters. The Board emphasized that, while the timing may no longer influence immediate legislative action, the letter still served as an important statement of support for California's long-term water infrastructure needs.

The Board directed staff to make revisions and send the letter of support of the Delta Conveyance Project to Governor Gavin Newsom by the following roll-call vote:

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

8. Topic List for Future Meetings

	Item requested	Date of request	Requester
A	Report on alternative energy sources (Agendize in August per Dan Jaggers 2/27/25)	12/14/2022 and 2/12/2025	Ramirez

9. Announcements

President Slawson called attention to the following announcements:

- 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.
- Personnel Committee: Tuesday, July 15 at 4:30 p.m.
- San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, July 23 at 5 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, July 24 at 6 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 11 a.m.

10. Closed Session: President Slawson tabled the Closed Session.

- 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 Jaggers, General Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

- 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

11. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

There was no closed session.

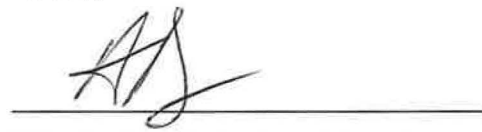
12. Adjournment

President Slawson adjourned the meeting at 7:12 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