

RESOLUTION 2025-33

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

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

WHEREAS, upon review and discussion, the ad hoc Board Policies Committee of the Board of Directors recommended two new policies for addition to the Policy and Procedures Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the subject policies attached hereto and listed below, finds the new policies relevant and acceptable, and it to be in the best interests of the District that the following actions be taken,

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

The BCVWD Policies and Procedures Manual is revised per the attached exhibits to include the polices as indicated below:

a.	Policy 1055	Legislative Advocacy
b.	Policy 4200	Candidate Statement Fees

ADOPTED this 8TH day of OCTOBER, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: COVINGTON, HOFFMAN, RAMIREZ, SLAWSON, WILLIAMS

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:



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



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

Attachments: Exhibits A and B

EXHIBIT A

POLICY TITLE: Legislative Advocacy
POLICY NUMBER: 1055

1055.1 Purpose and Scope. The purpose of this policy is to guide the Board of Directors and staff in responding effectively, consistently, and in a timely manner to legislative and regulatory matters that affect the District.

- A. The policy ensures that all advocacy reflects the Board's priorities, maintains legal compliance, and supports clear communication.
- B. This policy is not intended to establish a proactive standard for staff, but to provide guidance when an issue comes forward, Board support is clear, and staff must take action in a timely manner without specific Board approval.
- C. In accordance with Government Code § 54964, public resources may not be used to advocate for or against any ballot measure or candidate. However, the District may advocate for or against proposed legislation or regulatory actions that directly impact the District's operations, services, finances, or governance.

1055.2 Governance and Authority

- A. The Board of Directors is responsible for:
 - a. Adopting the District's Legislative Advocacy Policy.
 - b. Setting Advocacy Priorities.
 - c. Taking formal positions on legislation, unless otherwise delegated under this policy.
- B. The General Manager, or designee, is authorized to:
 - a. Represent the District on matters within adopted Advocacy Priorities.
 - b. Submit formal letters, comments, or other communications consistent with Board direction.
 - c. Respond to time-sensitive legislation under expedited procedures (see Section 1055.6).

1055.3 Policy Goals. This policy aims to:

- A. Protect and advance the District's interests at local, state, and federal levels.
- B. Provide timely, informed responses to proposed legislation or regulations.
- C. Encourage coordination with regional and state advocacy organizations, including the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

1055.4 Guiding Principles. The District's legislative advocacy shall be grounded in the following principles:

- A. **Local Control:** Advocate for policies that preserve the District's authority and flexibility in local decision-making.
- B. **Fiscal Stability:** Support legislation that maintains or enhances the District's revenue sources and opposes unfunded mandates or cost shifts to local agencies.
- C. **Accountability and Transparency:** Oppose legislation that imposes duplicative or excessive administrative burdens.

- D. **Mission Focus:** The District will not take positions on issues that fall outside its service mission.

1055.5 Standard Procedure for Adopting and Communicating Positions

- A. When an item of relevance to the District is brought to the attention of the Board or District staff, the item shall be reviewed for relevance to the District's adopted advocacy priorities.
- B. When aligned with those priorities, a recommended position (e.g., "Support," "Oppose," "Support if Amended," "Oppose Unless Amended," or "Letter of Concern") will be prepared for Board consideration.
- C. Response may be supplied in the form of a letter, phone call, email, or online form.
- D. Letters and advocacy communications will be distributed to relevant legislators, agency staff, local legislative representatives, and advocacy partners (e.g., CSDA, ACWA).
- E. All advocacy conducted outside of regular Board meetings will be reported at the next scheduled meeting for ratification or informational purposes.

1055.6 Expedited or Emergency Procedures. When legislative action is urgent and cannot wait to be addressed at a scheduled Board meeting, the General Manager (or his / her designee) may act on behalf of the District if:

- A. The position is consistent with the adopted Advocacy Priorities; and
- B. The Board President is consulted and concurs with the proposed action.

Any such action must be reported to the full Board as soon as practical and placed on the next agenda for confirmation or adjustment, if necessary.

1055.7 Roles and Responsibilities

- A. Board Members may propose advocacy items but must bring them to the full Board for discussion and potential action.
- B. Individual Board Members and staff may communicate personal positions on issues, provided they clearly state that they are not speaking on behalf of the District.

1055.8 Advocacy Priorities. The following Advocacy Priorities guide the District's legislative and regulatory engagement. These priorities reflect the District's core mission to provide reliable, high-quality water service, maintain public accountability, and steward public resources efficiently and sustainably.

1055.8.1 Water Supply, Infrastructure, and Environmental Stewardship

- A. Support legislation that improves water reliability, access to water rights, and regional interconnections.
- B. Promote funding for water infrastructure, capital projects, and drought resilience, including pipelines, wells, tanks, treatment facilities, and recharge.
- C. Advocate for regulatory frameworks that support sustainable groundwater management and effective implementation.

- D. Oppose restrictive regulations that hinder timely delivery of water projects or increase project costs.

1055.8.2 Revenue, Taxation, and Financial Stability

- A. Oppose proposals that shift costs from the state to local agencies or reduce local discretion over rate-setting.
- B. Support maintaining local control over property tax allocations and utility rates, including opposition to efforts to redefine water rates as taxes subject to voter approval.
- C. Advocate for clear authority to use customer assistance programs or tiered rate structures consistent with Prop 218.
- D. Support grant, loan, and technical assistance programs to fund local water infrastructure.

1055.8.3 Governance and Transparency

- A. Support efforts to improve access and participation in local government while opposing burdensome mandates on meetings, notices, or records.

1055.8.4 Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety

- A. Promote funding and policies that enhance agency preparedness for emergencies including earthquakes, fires, cybersecurity threats, and drought.
- B. Support mutual aid frameworks, interagency coordination, and access to emergency grant resources.
- C. Oppose legislation that hinders the District's ability to implement timely responses to declared emergencies.

1055.8.5 Human Resources and Labor

- A. Support policies that allow flexibility in hiring, workforce development, and benefits administration.
- B. Oppose state-imposed mandates that increase personnel costs or limit local autonomy in collective bargaining, contracting, or personnel management.
- C. Advocate for tools and resources to recruit and retain qualified personnel.

1055.8.6 Interagency Collaboration and Partnerships

- A. Encourage cooperative efforts between the District and other local, state, and federal agencies.
- B. Support alignment of legislative efforts with regional goals for water reliability, conservation, and resource management.

EXHIBIT B

POLICY TITLE: CANDIDATE STATEMENT FEES
POLICY NUMBER: 4200

4200.1 **Purpose.** Establish the standard for responsibility for the cost of the Candidate's Statement fees as levied by the County Registrar of Voters.

4200.2 **Definition.** For each election, any candidate for the office of Board of Directors must file nomination documents with the County Registrar of Voters. Among these documents is an optional Candidate's Statement form, on which the individual may provide biographical information and qualifications. The Registrar of Voters prepares an estimate of the cost of publishing and distributing each Candidate's Statement.

4200.3 Pursuant to the California Elections Code 13307, BCVWD has determined that the candidate shall pay the cost of the candidate's statement of qualifications in the General District Elections.

4200.3.1 The District shall assume no responsibility for collection of expenses connected with publication of candidates' statements of qualifications, and that any such payments shall be made by candidates directly to the County.

4200.4 Candidate's Statements filed for elective office to the Board of Directors may be made on an appropriate form provided by the County of San Bernardino and/or the County of Riverside and will comply with all regulations set forth by each county and the State of California.