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## **Board Rotation Ensures Continued Leadership, Fiscal Responsibility, and Community Commitment**

*Beaumont, CA* – The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) Board of Directors reaffirmed its commitment to responsible leadership, fiscal responsibility, and high-quality water service with the annual rotation of Board Officer roles, effective January 1, 2026. The reorganization was approved at the Board's December 10, 2025 meeting.

The five-member Board of Directors provides governance and oversight for the District by establishing policies, approving budgets, reviewing contracts, and working closely with the General Manager to ensure the District meets its obligations to customers and the community. Through this leadership, the Board ensures the District fulfills its mission of delivering safe, reliable water at the best possible value while responding to regulatory requirements and long-term infrastructure needs.

"The Board's responsibility is to provide thoughtful oversight and ensure the District has the policies, resources, and financial stability needed to succeed," said BCVWD Board President Lona Williams. "That foundation allows our General Manager and staff to do the important work of serving our community every day."

### **Recognizing Leadership and Progress**

President Williams expressed her appreciation for outgoing Board President Daniel Slawson, whose leadership guided the District through a year marked by operational progress, infrastructure advancement, and statewide recognition.

"We are incredibly grateful for President Slawson's leadership and steady guidance," Williams said. "During his tenure, the District received numerous awards recognizing excellence in Finance, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Safety and Operations, and our designation as a Great Place to Work. These accomplishments reflect a strong commitment to accountability, planning, and long-term stewardship."

Under Director Slawson's leadership, the Board supported the advancement of several major Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects, including the B-Line Transmission Pipeline replacement, the Unit 8 Replacement project, and completion of the non-potable Pressure Regulating Station on Palmer Avenue. The District also addressed evolving regulatory requirements, including Chromium-6 compliance efforts, and approved the Water Rate Study, an important step in maintaining the financial stability needed to sustain reliable service.

Additional improvements included enhancements to the District's website and expanded online customer services.

### **Supporting Staff Innovation and Fiscal Responsibility**

President Williams also highlighted the dedication and creativity of District staff, whose work in 2025 strengthened operations while reducing costs.

"Our staff accomplished an incredible amount in 2025, and none of it happens without their commitment to finding smarter, more efficient ways to serve our customers," Williams said. "Throughout the year, they identified opportunities to bring work in-house, operate more efficiently, and be good stewards of public funds, all while continuing to meet regulatory requirements and maintain a high level of service."

These efforts allowed the District to realize meaningful cost savings, reinvest resources into system needs, and continue improving overall efficiency and effectiveness.

### **Looking Ahead**

As BCVWD enters 2026, the Board remains focused on supporting the District as it addresses increasing regulatory mandates, advances critical infrastructure investments, and expands community engagement.

"Looking ahead, the Board is committed to supporting continued improvements in efficiency, compliance, and outreach," Williams said. "We are excited to see progress on major projects already underway, including the Well 1A and Well 2A replacements, construction of a second tank at the Noble Reservoir site, upgrades at the Noble Creek Recharge Facility, and the rehabilitation of several District tanks. These projects are essential to maintaining a reliable water system for our customers, now and into the future."

### **2026 Board of Directors Reorganization**

The Board approved the following officer assignments for calendar year 2026:

- **President:** Lona Williams, Division 2
- **Vice President:** Andy Ramirez, Division 1
- **Secretary:** David Hoffman, Division 5
- **Treasurer:** John Covington, Division 4
- **Director:** Daniel Slawson, Division 3

Unless otherwise noted, BCVWD Board meetings take place on the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the BCVWD main office, located at 560 Magnolia Avenue in Beaumont. The meetings are open to the public and the community is encouraged to attend. Virtual participation is also available to the public.

For more information, visit [bcvwd.gov](http://bcvwd.gov).

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Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District was formed in 1919 and is governed by a publicly elected five-member Board of Directors. BCVWD is an independent special district that provides water service to 68,000 customers in a 28-square-mile service area.