



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, December 10, 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 6:05 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Ramirez.
Invocation was given by Director Ramirez.*

**Announcement and Verification of Remote Meeting Participation Pursuant to
AB 2449, AB 2302, 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 IT and Cybersecurity Robert Rasha Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Operations James Bean Human Resources and Risk Manager Ren Berioso Finance Manager William Clayton Customer Service and Utility Billing Manager Sandra Flores Management Analyst II Erica Gonzales Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Development Services Technician Lillian Medellin Tienda Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: Aaron Morris, Sarah Valdivia, Michael Heishman, Larry Smith, Joyce McIntire.

Public Comment:

Aaron Morris and Sarah Valdivia from the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Parks District (BCVRPD) thanked the Board for use of NCRF I as a parking lot for their Winterfest event.

1. Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

2. Reports / Presentations / Information Items

The Board received and filed the following report: Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC) award 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	

3. Consent Calendar

Director Covington commented on the impressive numbers in the Variance Reports.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items with one motion:

- a) *October 2025 Budget Variance Reports*
 - b) *October 31, 2025 Cash/Investment Balance Report*
 - c) *Check Register for the Month of November 2025*
 - d) *November 2025 Invoices Pending Approval*
 - e) *Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 11, 2025*
 - f) *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2025*
- by the following roll-call vote:*

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

District Water Capacity Charges and Miscellaneous Fees

- a. **Resolution 2025-39 Updating the District’s Capacity Charges Effective February 15, 2026 and Superseding Resolution 2007-03**
- b. **Resolution 2025-40 Adopting the Updated Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees (Administrative Cost Recoveries) Effective January 1, 2026**
- c. **Resolution 2025-41 Amending Part 5 of the District’s Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service**

President Slawson opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m. Finance Manager William Clayton presented the staff report.

Capacity Charges

Clayton stated that the capacity charges were last updated in 2007 and that the proposed update would increase the single-family residential capacity charge from \$10,122 to \$11,077 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU), with multifamily and commercial fees evaluated based on projected demand. He noted that the Finance

and Audit Committee reviewed the study on October 16, 2025, and that the Board received a presentation from Raftelis at its October 29, 2025 special meeting.

Director Covington asked whether there had been any material changes to the charges since the Board last reviewed the item in October. Clayton responded that there were no substantive changes and that any modifications were de minimis, such as minor footnote clarifications.

General Manager Jagers clarified that the capacity charge data previously presented to the Board had not changed and that the only new element before the Board was the codification of related updates within Part 5 of the District's Rules and Regulations. He stated that there were no substantive changes to the capacity charge amounts.

President Slawson reiterated that the Board had previously reviewed the Capacity Charges and that legal counsel had reviewed the resolutions.

Director Covington stated that his review confirmed there were no material changes to the fees from what the Board considered on October 29, 2025.

Miscellaneous Fees

Clayton stated that the fees were last updated in 2024 and that the current proposal aligns deposits, charges, and penalties for services such as account transactions, inspections, engineering reviews, and other customer-specific or regulatory activities with the District's actual costs. He explained that the proposal includes a five-year schedule of fees, deposits, and penalties and applies an Engineering News Record (ENR)-based annual escalation beginning January 1, 2026, while certain fees would remain static where cost sensitivity is low or where the Board has previously expressed a desire to keep them unchanged. He noted that the Finance and Audit Committee reviewed the updates on October 16, 2025, and that the Board previously reviewed the proposed changes at its October 29, 2025 special meeting.

Clayton confirmed for Director Covington there had been no material changes to the proposed fees since the Board's prior review; any adjustments were de minimis in nature. Jagers clarified that the fee data previously presented to the Board had not changed and that the related amendments to Part 5 of the Rules and Regulations were intended to codify and modernize the District's existing practices. Director Covington stated that his review confirmed there were no material changes to the fees from what the Board previously considered.

Part 5 Amendments

Clayton presented the proposed amendments to Part 5 of the District's Rules and Regulations, stating that the revisions were intended to modernize terminology, improve clarity, and support consistent application of service charges, deposits, and related requirements. He explained that the proposed revisions incorporated substantive updates including a revised Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) definition, construction meter rules, refund timelines, penalty structures, and fire flow surcharges. Mr. Clayton stated that these revisions were presented as a related action alongside the proposed updates to the District's capacity charges and miscellaneous fees.

Jagers provided additional clarification that the Part 5 revisions were the primary new element not previously reviewed by the Board during the October 29, 2025 special meeting. He stated that the revisions were intended to codify and update the District's public-facing rules to reflect current business practices and align with the proposed

capacity charge and miscellaneous fee resolutions. Director Covington noted that the Board had not reviewed the Part 5 policy revisions prior to this meeting but stated that he had no exceptions to the proposed changes.

President Slawson invited public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-39 Updating the District's Capacity Charges Effective February 15, 2026 and Superseding Resolution 2007-03 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	

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-40 Adopting the Updated Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees (Administrative Cost Recoveries) Effective January 1, 2026 and Superseding Resolutions 2024-03, 2022-38, and 2023-01 by the following roll-call vote:

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

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-41 Amending Part 5 of the District's Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service Rates, Fees and Charges 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	

5. Resolution 2025-43: Acknowledging the Review, Receipt and Acceptance of the District's Policy 5045: Investment of District Funds

Finance Manager William Clayton explained the annual review of the policy and highlighted minor changes. The policy had been reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee at the meeting on December 4, 2025.

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-43 Amending the District's Policies and Procedures Manual Part III: Policy 5045 Investment of District Funds 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. Authorization of Contract Extension for Chandler Asset Management for Investment Advisory Services

Finance Manager William Clayton presented the one-year contract extension with Chandler Asset Management for investment advisory services through December 31, 2026. Clayton stated staff remained satisfied with Chandler's performance, including delivery of required investment reporting and effective portfolio management. He noted the District experienced improved investment income throughout 2025. This extension would represent the fourth and final renewal under the existing agreement, for a total of five years of service, and that staff intended to issue a Request for Proposals in 2026 for investment advisory services beginning January 2027.

Director Hoffman commented that Chandler had provided strong service and stated the District's interest income had exceeded budget projections, noting both Chandler's performance and market conditions contributed to the results. He confirmed for Director Covington that the Finance and Audit Committee supported the contract extension. Director Covington concurred that the District's interest income reflected strong performance and expressed support for the one-year extension. Vice President Williams added comment about Chandler's thorough reporting and responsiveness to questions.

Director Ramirez asked whether the District had invested in instruments outside typical holdings such as CDs. Clayton responded that the District had invested in mortgage-backed securities and increased its use of commercial notes, while remaining heavily invested in U.S. government-backed securities due to liquidity.

The Board authorized a one-year contract extension with Chandler Asset Management for investment advisory services 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	

7. Resolution 2025-43: Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget and 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Budget

Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina reminded the Board they had previously reviewed the draft budget at the November 12, 2025 meeting. Since then, there have been no changes to the Operating Budget. She reported two changes to the Capital Improvement Budget: an updated cost increase for the Noble Tank Project to \$8.1 million and the removal of a planned water truck purchase that was approved at a recent meeting for 2025 fiscal year. Molina stated the budget remained balanced, with net revenues exceeding net expenses by \$1,312,700, and noted that revenue projections included conservation impacts, rate changes effective January 1, 2026, and conservative investment assumptions.

Molina further explained that the budget document had been reorganized and simplified for readability, including replacing narrative-heavy sections with tables and reducing the overall length by approximately 20 pages. The budget has been reviewed multiple times by the Finance and Audit Committee, Personnel Committee, and Communications Committee.

Director Ramirez requested removal of the Assistant General Manager position. Molina clarified that the Assistant General Manager position was not included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget but had remained listed on the salary schedule and organizational chart as a placeholder for potential future consideration. Vice President Williams asked whether the position’s inclusion on the salary schedule affected the budget, and Ms. Molina responded that it did not. General Manager Jagers explained the position was included as a placeholder based on the District’s prior classification and compensation study, similar to other unfilled positions. Director Ramirez confirmed he preferred removal of the position as a placeholder, while acknowledging it was not included in the current budget.

Director Covington commented that the budget reflected strong fiscal management and stated he was pleased to see net revenues exceeding net expenses by approximately \$1.3 million, noting that while the amount was modest relative to the overall budget, it reflected appropriate financial planning. He also commented that the inclusion of prior-year comparisons was helpful in evaluating trends. Director Hoffman stated he was satisfied with the budget preparation process, noting that staff had provided clear and timely reporting throughout the committee review process.

The Board adopted Resolution 2025-43 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget with removal of the Assistant General Manager position, and 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Budget 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. Authorization of One-Year Task Order and Funds for On-Call Plan Check Services with TKE Engineering, Inc.

Associate Civil Engineer Evan Ward presented the request to authorize a one-year task order with TKE Engineering, Inc., with two optional one-year renewals, and to approve expenditures not to exceed \$180,000 for on-call plan check services. Mr. Ward stated the District continues to experience development activity requiring timely plan review and that consultant support was necessary to allow engineering staff to focus on capital improvement projects. He noted the services would be funded entirely by developer deposits in accordance with District policy and would have no fiscal impact to the District.

General Manager Jagers stated the authorization would provide flexibility to meet fluctuating development demands without increasing long-term staffing, and that work would be performed on a time-and-materials basis only as needed. Director Ramirez confirmed the services were developer-funded and used only as necessary.

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a 1-year Task Order, with the option for two (2) additional 1-year renewals, and to issue task authorizations and expend funds for on-call plan check services with TKE Engineering, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00, consistent with the consultant’s proposal dated November 11, 2025 and hourly rate schedule 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. Reorganization of the Board of Directors for Calendar Year 2026

President Slawson reviewed the reaffirmation procedure per Policy 4025 and invited directors to provide input.

The Board affirmed the following officers for Calendar Year 2026 pursuant to Policy 4025:

- *President Lona Williams*
- *Vice President Andy Ramirez*
- *Secretary David Hoffman*
- *Treasurer John Covington*

by the following vote:

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

The Board appointed Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney as the Recording Secretary for Calendar Year 2026 by the following vote:

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

10. President-Elect Appointments to Committees and Outside Agencies for Calendar Year 2026

President-elect Lona Williams made the following appointments for Calendar Year 2026:

	Member	Member	Alternate
Personnel Committee	Covington	Williams	Ramirez
Finance & Audit Committee	Hoffman	Williams	Covington
Bogart Park Ad Hoc Committee	Hoffman	Covington	Williams
Ad Hoc 3x3 Water Re-use	Hoffman	Slawson	Ramirez
Ad Hoc Sites Reservoir	Slawson	Hoffman	Ramirez
		Delegate	Alternate
San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance		Slawson	Williams
Collaborative Agencies Committee		Ramirez	Covington
San Geronio Pass Water Agency		Ramirez	Covington

11. Review of Annual List of Preapproved Events and Director Appointments

The Board reviewed the list of preapproved events and reached consensus on several revisions. The list will be presented in the January 2026 Board agenda for final adoption.

12. Adoption of 2026 Board of Directors Regular Meeting Schedule

Staff referenced Policy 4025.1 which sets regular meeting dates and acknowledged the Board’s stated preference to minimize meetings in December. Director Ramirez requested the Board consider moving the 4th Thursday regular meeting to the 4th Wednesday, but consensus of the Board was to make no change. After discussion, the Board eliminated the December Engineering Workshop from the proposed schedule.

The Board adopted the 2026 Meeting Schedule with the elimination of the December Engineering Workshop by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Williams	SECONDED: Covington	APPROVED 4-1
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	Ramirez	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

8:05 p.m. President Slawson called a recess.

8:12 p.m. The Board reconvened.

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

The Board discussed the following events:

DAY	EVENT	Estimated Cost	Vote?	COVIN GTON	HOFF MAN	RAM IREZ	SLAW SON	WILL IAMS
11-Dec	State of Riverside County	\$ 45.00	APR					
7-Jan	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	\$ 25.00			YES		YES	YES
7-Jan	CSDA Workshop: Fiscal training	\$ -						YES
13-Jan	Pass EDA - The Power of AI	\$ 15.00	APR	YES		MAYBE	YES	YES
20-Jan	CSDA webinar: Brown Act	\$ -			YES	YES	YES	YES
10-Feb	CSDA webinar: Fiscal Sustainability	\$ -			YES	YES	YES	YES
11-Feb	CSDA Workshop: Governance Foundations	\$ 265.00						
18-Feb	CSDA Workshop: Budget Preparation	\$ 265.00						
25-Feb	Urban Water Institute (Indian Wells)	\$ 2,729.00		YES		MAYBE	YES	YES

The Board preapproved attendance at the San Geronio Pass Economic Development Agency seminar on January 13, 2026 as a reasonable and necessary expense 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	

14. Update: Making Conservation a California Way of Life (AB 1668 and SB 606)

General Manager Jagers advised that the contract approved at the November 20, 2025 meeting had been executed and is moving forward with Eagle Aerial, reminding the Board that it will encompass the additional approximately 4,000 homes that were added to the District.

15. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

a. Ad Hoc Committees

- i. Communications Committee: Ms. Molina presented the Committee's final report. She explained that the committee's responsibilities largely involved oversight of communications content managed by CV Strategies, whose contract ended earlier in 2025. Staff transitioned many of those services in-house. This in-house management has allowed communications to become more locally focused and responsive to customer questions, and Board engagement.

Molina reported that CV Strategies previously cost approximately \$100,000 annually; in the most recent year, the District expended only \$17,400 under the contract. Continuation of the ad hoc Communications Committee may not be necessary, she advised, estimating each meeting costs

approximately \$2,723 in preparation, staff time, and per diem. She indicated staff could instead provide regular written reports on communications activities through the standard agenda process.

Director Ramirez indicated the Board would continue participating in outreach efforts. He reiterated that, with CV Strategies no longer providing services, staff has been able to continue the work. He noted that if communications efforts began to lag in the future, the Board could ask a future Board President to reinstitute the Committee.

Director Williams commended staff for successfully transitioning communications duties in-house, improving media outreach and website support while saving costs, and she supported continuing periodic reporting through the consent calendar with the option to reestablish the ad hoc committee if needed.

President Slawson declared the Committee's duties finalized.

- ii. Sites Reservoir: Jagers reported that the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) expects some decision points in early 2026 and is awaiting information before moving forward.
- iii. Bogart Park: Director Covington reported that the Bogart Park ad hoc committee met with the BCVRPD to address an administrative issue involving District-owned property not specified in the existing lease but being used by the Parks District, and indicated the matter was expected to be resolved promptly. He also stated that the committee would coordinate with BCVRPD staff after the first of the year to establish semiannual meeting dates for 2026.
- iv. Water Re-Use 3x2: A meeting was held with the City of Beaumont (City) and the SGPWA. The parties continue to make progress working toward a final agreement and there is a shared desire to move the project forward. Director Hoffman noted that one of the primary obstacles remains difficulty with State coordination and unclear communication, which has delayed the City's ability to obtain approvals.

President Slawson reported that the City is in the process of preparing environmental documentation and had initially been advised that a focused environmental review would be sufficient; however, the State later indicated that a complete environmental review would be required. Jagers explained that the City has been working on its adaptive management and mitigation plan and has consulted with Fish and Wildlife and other State agencies. He stated that the City was informed a focused Environmental Impact Report would be necessary, which may take up to two years. The City is currently consulting with the State to determine whether the process can be expedited.

Jagers stated the City requested additional technical support from the District, and staff has provided information and remains available to assist. The City also expressed interest in moving negotiations forward. Jagers discussed the remaining key issues related to timing and cost. The City

identified its primary goal as delivery of recycled water to the District for distribution and a secondary goal of identifying a recharge location for any remaining water.

Jaggers further reported that the SGPWA proposed a siting study to evaluate possible recharge locations that would minimize impacts to existing wells. The cost of the study would be shared with the City.

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

- i. Finance & Audit Committee
- ii. Personnel Committee: Director Covington noted the Committee had a busy year addressing numerous policies and procedures, which were adopted by the Board.

c. Directors' Reports

Reports were provided as follows:

- o ACWA – Southern California Water Forum on November 13-14, 2025 (Ramirez, Williams)
- o CSDA Webinar – General Manager Evaluations on December 2, 2025 (Ramirez)
- o Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on December 3, 2025 (Hoffman)
- o ACWA 2025 Fall Conference & Exhibition on December 2-4, 2025 (Ramirez, Slawson, Williams)

d. Directors' General Comments:

President-elect Williams thanked President Slawson and District staff for their work in 2025 and said she looked forward to her coming year as Board president, with support from incoming Vice President Ramirez.

Director Covington concurred and added that the workload never declines, and 2026 will be no different. He noted that the job of Board president is significant. Directors Hoffman and Ramirez concurred.

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

- There is new carpet in the Board room and conference room. New monitors will be installed at the dais after the first of the year.
- Well 1A has been chlorinated and may merit additional testing to determine if levels of Chromium VI can be lowered.
- Zone testing on Well 2A was finished last week and results of the water chemistry tests are awaited in order to finalize the design.
- The electrical charging stations have been installed with work being performed both by staff and a contractor.
- The Board is invited to the staff holiday luncheon next Thursday.

- f. Legal Counsel Report:
Mr. Markman noted that there are no current legal threats faced by the District as far as impeding any programs.

16. Topic List for Future Meetings: None added.

17. Announcements

President Slawson pointed out the announcements:

- District Offices will be closed on the following holidays:
 - Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025 – Christmas Day
 - Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 – New Year's Day
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
(Note change of date due to holiday)
- Collaborative Agencies Committee: Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 5 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m.
- District Offices closed Monday, Jan. 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Personnel Committee: Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 5:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.
- San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 5 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 11 a.m.

18. Closed Session: 8:56 p.m.

President Slawson announced the Closed Session items:

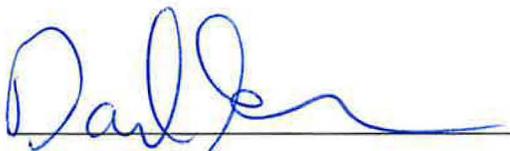
- a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APNs 408-080-009, 408-080-010, 408-080,011, 408-080-012
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jagggers, General Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING 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: 9:11 p.m.

19. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

President Slawson announced that no reportable action was taken.

20. Adjournment: *President Slawson adjourned the meeting at 9:11 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