



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

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, January 22, 2026 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 Williams opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Hoffman.
Invocation was given by Director Slawson.*

Announcement and Verification of Remote Meeting Participation
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 Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of IT and Cybersecurity Robert Rasha Human Resources and Risk Manager Ren Berioso Associate Civil Engineer Evan Ward Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Administrative Assistant Cenica Smith
Legal Counsel	Steven Flower

Members of the public who registered their attendance or appeared online: None.

Public Comment: None.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Mr. Jagers advised of a correction to Item 7a: The APN in question is 407-150-016.
- 2. District Capital Improvement Plan Quarterly Update**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson presented the quarterly update on the District's Capital Improvement Plan, summarizing project activity through the fourth quarter of 2025 and outlining projects moving forward into 2026.

Swanson reported that the non-potable pressure-reducing valve (PRV) station on Palmer Avenue had been completed. The facility allows the District to regulate pressure on the west side of the system and completes a portion of the non-potable pressure zone separation. General Manager Jagers explained that the project

supports the District's broader strategy to expand non-potable supply west of the freeway and supports chromium-6 avoidance efforts.

Jaggers provided updates on well development projects. Materials for Well 2A had arrived and drilling activities were expected to proceed shortly. Staff will evaluate chromium-6 levels from the wells before determining final equipment configurations or whether treatment will be necessary. Jaggers also reported that the Well 30 project near the Noble Creek Recharge Facility is progressing toward bidding following review of design documents. Well 31 is being evaluated south of Brookside Avenue near Noble Creek, where staff is exploring a potential partnership with the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) involving a heli-hydrant facility and possible shared infrastructure improvements.

Swanson reported that replacement pipeline projects on 11th Street and American Avenue were currently out to bid with proposals expected in February. The combined project budget is approximately \$2.4 million. He noted that the 11th Street project will connect to a previously installed segment and address multiple service connections in the area.

Swanson explained that portions of the 2020–2021 replacement pipeline program remain delayed due to coordination with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), whose State Water Project facilities run along Orchard Road. DWR requires encroachment permits and additional review before work can proceed near its pipeline. Swanson stated that staff plans to meet directly with DWR representatives to resolve remaining issues so the affected pipelines can move forward.

Swanson reviewed the 2024 replacement pipeline design package. These segments are intended to replace aging mains, relocate pipelines from alleys into street corridors where feasible, and improve service reliability. Staff is evaluating whether some segments may be completed by District crews to reduce construction costs.

Updates were provided on booster station projects that will improve system hydraulics. The potable booster station planned near the Vineland tanks connecting the 2850 and 3040 pressure zones is approximately 50 percent designed. A separate booster station connecting the 2750 and 2850 zones near the Cherry yard remains in preliminary design. Jaggers explained that these improvements will allow the District to move water between pressure zones more efficiently. A booster station near the Noble Tank site is also being evaluated for potential construction in conjunction with future tank improvements.

Swanson reported that the remaining 2017 pipeline replacement project has been delayed due to roadway paving restrictions and other coordination issues. Temporary piping was previously installed to address ongoing leaks in the older line, reducing the urgency of the replacement.

Jaggers also reported that improvements associated with the Noble Creek Recharge Facility ponds have been delayed due to high recharge activity and limited site access. The District and partner agencies have recharged approximately 18,000 to 20,000 acre-feet annually during recent wet years.

Swanson then reviewed service replacement projects. The 2023–2024 service lateral replacement project had been paused due to city paving moratoriums but may resume as those restrictions expire. For the 2025 service replacement project, staff evaluated the work area and determined that much of the work may be completed in-house rather

than by outside contractors. Jagers noted that the Board had previously encouraged staff to perform work internally when feasible to reduce costs. Staff plans to combine several service replacement efforts to eliminate older alley pipelines and relocate services to street mains.

Swanson reported that the Well Feasibility and Siting Study is nearing completion and will be finalized once the District's capacity charge study is completed. The study provides a planning model for identifying future well locations and groundwater supply needs.

Staff continues to evaluate long-term facility needs, including potential administrative and operations facilities and future chromium-6 compliance strategies. He noted that litigation related to the state chromium-6 standard was ongoing and that the outcome could significantly influence future treatment requirements.

Director Covington questioned the estimated costs shown for several well projects, noting that figures approaching \$7 to 9 million appeared significantly higher than well projects he had previously constructed. Swanson explained that the numbers reflected budget estimates from the Capital Improvement Plan and included escalation and potential land acquisition costs. Jagers added that some components of the estimates may decrease as designs are refined and as existing facilities or equipment are reused. Covington requested that staff review the cost assumptions and provide additional detail regarding the components included in the budget estimates.

President Williams asked why the projected cost for Well 2A appeared higher than the remaining cost for Well 1A even though the wells are located near each other. Jagers explained that Well 1A had already undergone drilling and may reuse existing switchgear and other equipment, reducing the remaining budgeted cost.

Director Covington also asked whether recent street paving would affect the planned pipeline replacement work. Swanson explained that the City of Beaumont enforces paving moratoriums of three or five years depending on the pavement treatment. Staff coordinates with the City and may request variances or delay projects to avoid unnecessary roadway disruption.

Director Ramirez asked staff to explain the coordination process with the DWR regarding pipeline work along Orchard Road. Swanson stated that the process requires obtaining encroachment permits and addressing multiple conditions imposed by DWR. Jagers added that the District's pipelines predate the State Water Project facilities, but that DWR asserts primary authority within its easement, which has complicated project approvals.

Director Covington raised concerns about a pipeline on Lilac Street reported by a resident as experiencing repeated leaks. He emphasized that pipelines with persistent problems affecting residents should receive higher priority even if they are not next on the replacement schedule. Addressing persistent problem areas should take precedence over projects scheduled solely by age, he posited. Director Swanson asked that staff return to the Board with findings and recommendations regarding the Lilac Street pipeline issue as raised by the resident. Jagers stated that staff had directed field personnel to evaluate the location and would return to the Board with findings and potential recommendations.

Director Ramirez asked whether hydrants being replaced after vehicle impacts include automatic shutoff features. Jagers explained that the District evaluates hydrant

installations based on conditions at each site and has recently begun installing lower-cost ductile iron hydrants in areas where hydrant theft or repeated damage has occurred.

Director Covington also suggested that staff provide a future update regarding operation of the Grand Avenue stormwater pipeline and recharge system following recent wet years.

7:19 p.m. - The Board took a short recess

7:25 p.m. - The Board meeting resumed

3. Project Grading Construction of the Noble Water Storage Tank II

GM Jagers presented an overview of the Noble Water Storage Tank II project and discussed the proposed approach for advancing the project following the Board's rejection of bids at the October 29, 2025 meeting. He explained that the earlier bids for the reservoir construction were significantly higher than anticipated, with one bid exceeding \$7 million, prompting staff to reconsider how to move the project forward while controlling costs. Mr. Jagers stated that staff developed a concept to separate the project into phases, beginning with site grading and preparation work, while delaying the tank construction portion until market conditions improve and contractors become more available.

The project site had already undergone significant preparation by District staff, including demolition of an existing foundation and removal of structures at the former park caretaker site. Soil suitable for grading work had also been stockpiled on nearby District property during previous pipeline construction activities. He explained that completing the grading work now would allow the District to bring the site to rough finished grade and position the project for future construction of the reservoir and associated booster station infrastructure.

Jagers described additional engineering work completed by staff, including preliminary design of a booster station planned for the Noble Tank site. The proposed booster station would support water delivery to the Mesa area and address long-term system reliability concerns related to declining groundwater production during drought cycles. He explained that during previous drought periods production in Edgar Canyon declined significantly, requiring increased pumping capacity to maintain supply to higher elevation areas. The reservoir and booster station components are therefore considered important infrastructure for system reliability and fire protection.

Jagers recommended moving forward with a grading project as the first phase of construction. He stated that local grading contractors had indicated interest in bidding such work and that grading work may currently be more competitively priced due to reduced construction activity. Under the proposed approach, the District would solicit bids for grading and site preparation, while District staff could potentially perform portions of the associated pipeline work once the site is prepared. This phased approach would allow the District to continue advancing the project while seeking opportunities to reduce overall construction costs.

Director Ramirez asked whether staff had the capacity to complete the proposed work. Mr. Jagers clarified that staff would not perform the grading portion of the project directly but instead planned to bid that work to local contractors, while staff could

perform certain piping work internally. Director Ramirez also asked about the project's importance to the District. Mr. Jagers stated that the reservoir and booster station improvements are critical to maintaining water supply reliability in the Mesa service area, particularly during extended drought conditions when groundwater production declines.

Board members expressed support for the efforts to control project costs and continue advancing the project. Director Covington acknowledged the exploration of alternative approaches rather than proceeding with the previously received high-cost bids.

The Board authorized staff to perform project site grading of the Noble Water Storage Tank II site for a not to exceed amount of \$203,000 including contingencies by the following roll-call vote:

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

4. Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Call for Nominations for a Regular Special District Member *(Continued from the January 14, 2026 meeting)*

A call for nominations was issued by Riverside LAFCO. The seat must be filled by a board member from an eligible special district and carries a four-year term. Jagers reported that the incumbent is stepping down. Director Slawson indicated interest.

The Board nominated Director Daniel Slawson to stand for election to the LAFCO Regular Special District Member seat by the following roll-call vote:

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

5. Topic List for Future Meetings

	Item requested	Date of request	Requester
1	Update on Grand Avenue pipeline project	1/22/26	Covington

6. Announcements

President Williams called attention to the announcements of upcoming meetings.

7. Recessed to Closed Session: 7:57 p.m.

President Williams announced the following Closed Session item:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APN 407-150-016
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jagers, General Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Reconvene in Open Session: 8:37 p.m.

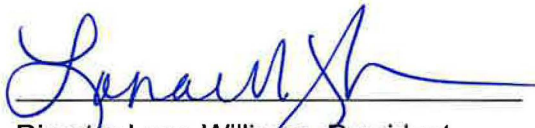
8. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

President Williams announced there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

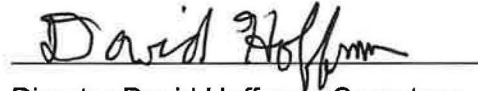
9. Adjournment

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



Director Lona Williams, President
to the Board of Directors of the
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District



Director David Hoffman, Secretary
to the Board of Directors of the
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