



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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 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 Williams opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Hoffman.
Invocation was given by President Williams.*

Announcement and Verification of Remote Meeting Participation Pursuant to GC 54953.8: *No directors were attending via teleconference.*

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	Ramirez
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jagers Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Director of IT and Cybersecurity Robert Rasha Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Operations James Bean Human Resources and Risk Manager Ren Berioso Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward Civil Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Development Services Technician Lillian Medellin Tienda Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Administrative Clerk Crystal Ocegueda Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: John McClure, Tug Wilson.

Public Comment: None.

1. Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

2. Reports / Presentations / Information Items

The Board received and filed the following reports:

- a) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for BCVWD's 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*
 - b) Legislative Action and Issues Update*
- by the following roll-call vote:*

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

3. Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items with one motion:

- a. *Review of the February 2026 Budget Variance Reports*
 - b. *Review of the February 28, 2026 Cash/Investment Balance Report*
 - c. *Review of Check Register for the Month of March 2026*
 - d. *Review of March 2026 Invoices Pending Approval*
 - e. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2026*
 - f. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2026*
 - g. *Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 24, 2026*
- by the following roll-call vote:*

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

4. Approval of Notice of Intent and 45-day Comment Period for Proposed Changes to the District’s Conflict of Interest Code

General Manager Jagers explained the Political Reform Act requirements and process for an amendment of the District’s Conflict of Interest Code. Legal Counsel Markman clarified the new requirement for Board members to file their annual Statements of Economic Interests electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission and reminded the Board about the new financial training requirements.

The Board approved the Notice of Intent and set a 45-day comment period from April 6 to May 26, 2026 regarding the proposed changes to the District’s Conflict of Interest Code by the following roll-call vote:

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

5. Request for Extension of Will-Serve Letter for a Proposed Industrial Development (APN 417-150-015) “McClure Industrial Building”– located on West 1st Street East of Veile Avenue and West of Grace Avenue in the City of Beaumont

Associate Civil Engineer Evan Ward presented a request for a will-serve letter extension for the McClure industrial building project, consisting of an owner’s suite and two tenant spaces. The project has an estimated water demand of approximately 1,612

gallons per day (3.7 EDUs) and is served by existing potable and non-potable infrastructure in the area. He noted the project previously received and extended will-serve approvals, with the most recent extension expiring in February 2026, and that the property was annexed into the District in December 2025. Water improvement plans have been reviewed and approved, and the applicant is seeking the extension to proceed with construction and maintain service authorization.

Project applicant John McClure advised that the slab is down and the walls are ready to be poured.

The Board approved the Request for Extension of Will-Serve Letter for a Proposed Industrial Development (APN 417-150-015) "McClure Industrial Building"– located on West 1st Street east of Veile Avenue and west of Grace Avenue subject to payment of all deposits and fees to the District and securing all approvals from the City of Beaumont by the following roll-call vote:

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

6. Resolution 2026-10: Proposed Amendment to CalPERS Pension Contract to Incorporate Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) Provisions

Human Resources and Risk Manager Berioso presented the proposed Resolution of Intention to amend the District’s contract with CalPERS to formally incorporate provisions of the Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA). He explained that while PEPRA requirements have been implemented since 2013, the District’s contract has not been updated to reflect this language, and CalPERS has requested the amendment to ensure compliance with state regulations. Berioso emphasized that the amendment is administrative in nature and does not change retirement benefits for current employees, retirees, or employees hired after PEPRA implementation.

Berioso reviewed the contract amendment timeline, noting prior presentation to the Personnel Committee, legal counsel review, and upcoming steps with final Board consideration in May. Director Covington noted that the amendment is required by CalPERS and had been reviewed by the Personnel Committee, characterizing it as largely informational and appropriate to proceed.

The Board adopted Resolution 2026-10 Resolution of Intention to Approve an Amendment to Contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees Retirement System and the Board of Directors Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District by the following roll-call vote:

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

7. Resolution 2026-11: Amending the District’s Policies and Procedures Manual Rescinding Part III, Section 11 Employment of Consultants and Section 12 Employment of Outside Contractors, and Replacing Part III Section 17 with Policy 5080 Purchasing

Director of Finance and Administration Molina reminded that the revisions had been presented to the Board in March, and this revision incorporates the feedback received. She presented proposed revisions to the District’s purchasing policy, including rescinding Policies 11 and 12 and consolidating those provisions into a revised Policy 5080 Purchasing. The updates primarily clarify existing practices, incorporate prior Board feedback, and refine the purchasing authorization table, including updated approval thresholds and clearer designation of authority levels. Additional revisions addressed prior concerns by clarifying language, removing ambiguity regarding contract execution authority, and incorporating current practices such as use of online bidding platforms and the District website.

General Manager Jagers highlighted that the revisions provide operational flexibility while maintaining appropriate internal controls, including monthly and annual review mechanisms for expenditures and recurring purchases. He emphasized that the District maintains multiple layers of oversight through management review, credit card controls, and Finance and Audit Committee review of expenditures.

Director Covington stated that staff had effectively incorporated prior Board feedback and supported provisions such as strengthened sole source language, noting these reflect real-world procurement conditions. He commented on the updated approval thresholds, indicating they appeared reasonable, and raised questions regarding change order provisions, particularly the 10 percent limitation and how the policy would apply to construction contracts, suggesting careful consideration of flexibility in those situations. Director Hoffman emphasized that the Finance and Audit Committee regularly reviews expenditures in detail, including larger line items, and stated that these existing practices provide strong checks and balances, supporting the proposed updates as a means to improve efficiency while maintaining oversight. Director Slawson expressed general support for the revisions and noted the impact of inflation on purchasing thresholds.

The Board adopted Resolution 2026-11: Amending the District’s Policies and Procedures Manual Rescinding Part III, Section 11 Employment of Consultants and Section 12 Employment of Outside Contractors, and Replacing Part III Section 17 with Policy 5080 Purchasing by the following roll-call vote:

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

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

The Board discussed the following events:

DAY	EVENT	Estimated Cost	Vote?	COVINGTON	HOFFMAN	RAMIREZ	SLAWSON	WILLIAMS
21-Apr	ACWA Vision for Our Water Future Briefing				YES	YES	YES	YES
6-May	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	\$ 25.00			YES		YES	YES
19-May	CSDA Webinar: Vision to Action	\$ -			YES	YES	YES	YES
20-May	BIA Inland Empire Economic Update	\$ 125.00	APR				YES	YES
21-May	CSDA webinar: Bridge the Gap	\$ -			YES	YES	YES	YES
5/27-28	CSDA Virtual Workshop: Organizational Developmt	\$ 265.00				YES		
9-Jun	CSDA webinar: Effective Reserve Strategies	\$ -			YES	YES	YES	YES
10-Jun	CSDA workshop: Overview of Special District Laws	\$ 265.00				YES		MAYBE
17-Jun	CSDA Webinar: SB 827 Fiscal and Financial Training	\$ -			NO**	NO**	YES	
18-Jun	CSDA Webinar: Copyright, Trademark & Brands	\$ -			YES	YES	YES	YES
24-Jun	CSDA In-Person Workshop: Governance	\$ 75.00						
17-Jul	ACWA Region 9 event - Temecula	\$ 130.00				MAYBE	YES	YES
8/3-6	Tri State Seminar (Las Vegas)	\$ 2,656.00				MAYBE	MAYBE	MAYBE
8/19-21	Urban Water Institute (Coronado)	\$ 3,043.80		MAYBE		MAYBE	MAYBE	MAYBE

(APR = Approved by vote) (NOT = Not approved) (REQ = Vote required for approval)

*Director Ramirez requested to be registered for all online seminars

**Directors Hoffman and Ramirez have completed this required training

9. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

a. Ad Hoc Committees

- i. Sites Reservoir: No report.
- ii. Bogart Park: Director Covington reported that an informative meeting was held and Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District shared long-term plans. A lease amendment is in process. Fish and Game has been citing those fishing without a license. The next meeting will be June 15.
- iii. Water Re-Use 3x2: Jagers reported that an upcoming meeting hosted by the San Geronio Pass Water Agency will focus on water reuse efforts, including coordination with the City of Beaumont and ongoing work with a consultant to evaluate legal, legislative, and operational responsibilities, as well as potential recharge facilities. The meeting is intended to include elected officials and staff and will provide updates on these efforts.

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

- i. Finance & Audit Committee: Director Hoffman reported that the District budget is on target.
- ii. Personnel Committee: Director Covington reported discussion of health insurance options, including CalPERS and ACWA JPIA, noting that while staff provided a thorough analysis, the information was complex and difficult to compare. The Committee requested that staff return with a simplified, side-by-side comparison of plan options and benefits to aid evaluation, and emphasized the importance of employee feedback in the process. It was noted that potential cost savings to the District appear minimal and that any transition from CalPERS would require a lengthy process, with further review to continue at the Personnel Committee level.

c. Directors' Reports

Reports were provided as follows:

- o San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance on March 27, 2026 (Slawson)
- o Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on April 1, 2026 (Hoffman, Slawson, Williams)

d. Directors' General Comments: None.

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

- Discussion at a recent Watermaster meeting about developments at Yucaipa Valley Water District, where additional hydrogeologic analysis is underway due to potential subsurface conditions affecting injection well performance.
- Progress on Well 2A, with pump development and testing expected to begin shortly
- The City of Beaumont has hired a new City Manager, Christopher Boatman, who is anticipated to begin in early May.
- There has been initial positive feedback on a newly deployed electric truck, indicating it is performing as expected in field use

f. Legal Counsel Report: None.

10. Topic List for Future Meetings:

	Item requested	Date of request	Requester
1	Update on Grand Avenue pipeline project	1/22/26	Covington
2	Legal Counsel update on ongoing SGMA cases	3/11/26	Williams

11. Announcements

President Williams pointed out the announcements:

- Personnel Committee: Tuesday, Apr. 21 at 4:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Apr. 23 at 6:00 p.m.
- Collaborative Agencies: Wednesday, Apr. 29 at 5:00 p.m.
- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m.
- Personnel Committee: Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.
- District offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day: Monday, May 25
- San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, May 27 at 5:00 p.m.

12. Recessed to Closed Session: 7:09 p.m.

President Williams announced the following Closed Session items:

- a. 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. CVRI2406726
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
One case


Reconvene in Open Session: 7:17 p.m.

13. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

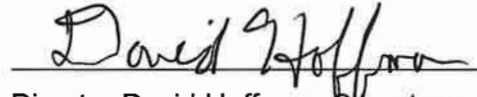
President Williams announced there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

14. Adjournment: *President Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:18 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
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District