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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – ENGINEERING WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, June 25, 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 6:00 p.m.*
Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Williams.
Invocation was given by Director Ramirez.

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Ramirez, Slawson, Williams
Directors absent:	None
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jaggers Director of Engineering Mark Swanson Director of Finance and Administration Sylvia Molina Director of IT and Cybersecurity Robert Rasha Human Resources and Risk Manager Ren Berioso Finance Manager William Clayton Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward Engineering Assistant Khalid Sebai Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered their attendance or appeared online: Michael Miller, Gwyn-Mohr Tully, Galen Davis, Lance Eckhart, Emmett Campbell, Susan Urero, Lisa Manka, Philip Stien, Ricardo Flores, Evelyn Morentin-Barcena, and David Hendryx.

Public Comment: None.

1. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.

2. **Reports / Presentations / Information Items**
   The Board received and filed the following reports:
   a) *Annual Disclosure (California Government Code Section 66013(d)), Fiscal Year 2025 Capacity Charges*
   b) *California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) Operating Budget Excellence Award for the FY 2026 Operating Budget*
   c) *Notice to the Registrar of Voters – General District Election*
   by the following roll-call vote:

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

3. **Consent Calendar**
The Board approved the Consent Calendar items with one motion:
   a. *Review of the April 2026 Budget Variance Reports*
   b. *Review of the April 30, 2026 Cash/Investment Balance Report*
   c. *Review of Check Register for the Month of May 2026*
   d. *Approval of May 2026 Invoices*
   e. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2026*
   f. *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2026*
   g. *Letter of Support for San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Grant Application*

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. **Public Hearing**
   a. **Resolution 2026-17: Adopting the 2025 San Gorgonio Pass Regional Urban Water Management Plan**
   b. **Resolution 2026-18: Adopting the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson introduced the draft Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP), explaining that State law requires adoption every five years and submission to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by July 1, 2026. He noted that the District collaborated with the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) and consultant Zanjero Group to prepare the region's first RUWMP. Zanjero representatives Galen Davis and Gwyn-Mohr Tully presented an overview of the plan, explaining that the document consists of regional chapters shared by participating agencies, together with individual chapters satisfying each agency's statutory requirements. The presentation summarized projected population growth, regional and local water supplies, groundwater banking, Edgar Canyon surface water rights, projected demands, and long-term water supply reliability. The consultants emphasized that the plan demonstrates the District's ability to meet projected demands through 2050 by combining imported water, local groundwater production, conjunctive use, and managed groundwater storage.

During the presentation, Director Ramirez asked whether projected increases in stored groundwater for neighboring agencies reflected verified storage capacity or assumptions. Mr. Davis explained the figures were derived directly from Beaumont Basin Watermaster reports. Director Covington questioned the reported water use for smaller retail agencies and noted apparent inconsistencies with groundwater sustainability reporting. Mr. Davis responded that the figures were based on available data obtained from the smaller agencies and other regional sources and offered to review the underlying information. Director Covington also questioned why projected supplies generally paralleled projected demands. Mr. Davis, General Manager Dan Jaggers, and Mr. Tully explained that the tables were intended to demonstrate the District's ability to satisfy projected demands rather than quantify all available water supplies. They described the District's conjunctive use strategy, including imported water purchases, groundwater banking within the Beaumont Basin and other storage programs, and management of stored supplies during wet and dry years. General Manager Jaggers further illustrated how groundwater storage has increased over time through coordinated regional management and emphasized that additional stored supplies provide flexibility beyond the demand projections reflected in the plan.

Mr. Swanson then highlighted a proposed narrative clarification to the Urban Water Management Plan regarding potable and non-potable water reporting. He explained that approximately 800 acre-feet of irrigation demand currently supplied through interconnected potable facilities is reported as potable water because portions of the recycled water distribution system have not yet been completed. As additional infrastructure is constructed, those demands are expected to transition to the non-potable system. Staff recommended adding explanatory language to clarify the reported figures without changing the underlying data.

Discussion then focused on the proposed Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Director Covington requested a more detailed explanation of the plan, noting that the Board relies upon the document when considering drought response measures. Mr. Tully explained that the plan serves as the District's framework for responding to water shortages, ranging from voluntary conservation through mandatory restrictions and emergency health-and-safety measures, depending upon local conditions or State directives. Mr. Swanson and General Manager Jaggers reviewed the six shortage stages, explaining the associated supply conditions, conservation targets, and examples of response measures available to the Board, including expanded public outreach, water use audits, irrigation restrictions, encouragement of use of non-potable construction water, HOA outreach, drought surcharges, limitations on construction water use, and progressively stricter mandatory reductions during severe shortages. Staff emphasized that the plan provides guidance rather than automatic requirements and that any future implementation would return to the Board for public discussion and consideration based on then-current water supply conditions. Director Ramirez observed that the document appropriately emphasized the State's "Making Conservation a California Way of Life" initiative. Director Covington thanked staff for providing the additional explanation, stating it would assist both the Board and the public in understanding the document before adoption.

President Williams opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Recording Secretary Lynda Kerney reported that no written or oral comments had been received prior to the hearing.

<u>Public Comment</u>
SGPWA General Manager Lance Eckhart expressed support for the regional planning effort and noted that the joint document promotes consistent long-range water supply planning throughout the region. He observed that Urban Water Management Plans are compliance documents intended to demonstrate long-term water reliability and stated that the collaborative regional approach strengthens future water supply planning.

General Manager Jaggers reported that, unlike the prior Urban Water Management Plan update, the City of Beaumont had submitted no comments on the current plan.

President Williams closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

The Board took the following actions:

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-17 adopting the 2025 San Gorgonio Pass Regional Urban Water Management Plan, including Chapter 7 constituting the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District's Urban Water Management Plan, as presented with staff's proposed additions, by the following roll-call vote:

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

Authorized the General Manager to file the adopted 2025 Regional Urban Water Management Plan with the California Department of Water Resources, California State Library, and other agencies as required by law by the following roll-call vote:

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

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-18 adopting the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan as contained within Chapter 7 of the 2025 Regional Urban Water Management Plan, as presented, by the following roll-call vote:

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

Authorized the General Manager to take such actions as necessary to implement and administer the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan by the following roll-call vote:

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

7:24 p.m. – Director Ramirez exited the meeting

5. Resolution 2026-19 Adopting the 2026-2027 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment

Director of Engineering Mark Swanson reminded the Board that the draft Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment had been presented at the June 10, 2026 meeting. He explained that the annual assessment compares projected potable and non-potable demands with available supplies and must be submitted to the State by July 1. Based on historical consumption, anticipated growth, and available local and imported supplies, staff projected approximately 14,000 acre-feet of total demand for July 2026 through June 2027. Available supplies were projected to meet that demand, with an estimated potable surplus of approximately 120 acre-feet. Mr. Swanson also noted a minor correction to a footnote in the document, changing a reference from Attachment 1 to Attachment 2.

General Manager Dan Jaggers explained that staff used a conservative demand projection because annual water use can vary significantly with weather conditions. He noted that actual District demand has generally remained relatively stable in recent years, but a hot, dry year could increase consumption. Staff therefore preferred to project somewhat higher demand and demonstrate that sufficient supplies would remain available. Mr. Swanson added that the prior year's forecast was reasonably close to actual demand, supporting the methodology used for the current assessment.

The Board adopted Resolution 2026-19 adopting the 2026-2027 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment 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. 2025 External Audit and Draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Finance Manager William Clayton presented the District's 2025 External Audit and Final Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). He reported that the District again received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, with no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies in internal controls, or instances of noncompliance identified. He further noted that the District remained in a strong financial position with an increase in net position during 2025 and continued sound fiscal management. Mr. Clayton stated the District intended to submit the 2025 ACFR for the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, which, if awarded, would represent the District's ninth consecutive year of recognition.

Evelyn Morentin Barcena, Audit Manager with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP (RAMS) explained the audit process and commended the Finance Department for its preparation, organization, and professionalism throughout the audit process.

In response to Director Covington, Finance and Audit Committee Chair Hoffman confirmed that the Committee had conducted a detailed review. He commended staff for maintaining accurate financial records, adhering to the adopted budget, and carefully monitoring expenditures throughout the year. President Williams noted the Finance Department's diligence and preparedness, and the importance of maintaining the District's strong financial condition. General Manager Jaggers thanked District staff for maintaining a high level of financial accountability and internal controls, observing that the District's financial management practices have continued to strengthen over the years through the collective efforts of staff.

The Board received and filed the independent auditors' unmodified (clean) opinion on the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025, as presented in the Final December 31, 2025, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report by the following roll-call vote:

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

7. California Special Districts Association (CSDA) 2026 Board Elections: Vote to Elect a Representative to the CSDA Board of Directors in the Southern Network for Seat C

The Board cast a vote for Melinda Sedmak to the California Special District Association Board of Directors in the Southern Network for Seat C by the following roll-call vote:

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

8. Resolution 2026-20: Acceptance of an Easement from the Fairway Canyon Community Association and Meritage Homes of California for a Pipeline Alignment Between Fairway Canyon Development and Oak Valley Parkway on APNs 422-370-020, 422-370-021, and 413-790-050

Mr. Swanson proposed acceptance of easements associated with the final Phase 4C of the Fairway Canyon development. He explained that the District had completed construction of a non-potable pipeline serving Phase 4C, with the remaining work consisting of securing permanent easements necessary to operate and maintain facilities located outside the public right-of-way. Swanson reviewed the pipeline alignment extending through parcels owned by Meritage Homes and the Fairway Canyon Community Association before connecting to an existing easement across the Tukwet Canyon Golf Course property. He explained that the proposed easements would provide the District with a continuous corridor for access, operation, maintenance, and future replacement of the pipeline.

Mr. Swanson advised that separate easements had been prepared by Meritage Homes and the Fairway Canyon Community Association and noted that developer representative David Hendryx was present at the meeting. He explained that adoption would complete the documentation necessary for the District to assume ownership and long-term responsibility for the pipeline facilities.

The Board adopted Resolution 2026-20 approving, authorizing, and directing the General Manager to accept a Grant of Easement from the Fairway Canyon Community Association and Meritage Homes of California for District facilities associated with a Pipeline Alignment located between the Fairway Canyon Development and Oak Valley Parkway (APNs 422-370-020, 422-370-021, and 413-790-050) by the following roll-call vote:

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

9. Request for Extension of *Will-Serve Letter* for an Expansion to the Existing Church Located on Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 408-070-012 on the Southeast Corner of Brookside Ave and Orchard Heights Avenue

7:54 p.m. - Director Covington recused himself and exited the room.

Mr. Swanson presented a request to extend the previously approved Will-Serve Letter (WSL) for the proposed expansion of the existing Calvary Chapel church. He explained that the original WSL, approved on July 10, 2024, had expired while the applicant continued project planning and coordination. Swanson reported that the proposed development remained substantially consistent with the previously approved project, with a net increase of approximately 2.5 Equivalent Dwelling Units, primarily attributable to irrigation demand. Consistent with current District standards, the project would be required to install a separate irrigation meter, while the existing meter could continue serving the domestic and fire protection demands.

The project architect, Philip Stien, thanked the District for its continued consideration of the project. He stated that, although the expansion would significantly increase building square footage, the increase in water demand remained comparatively modest due to the project's use of drought-tolerant landscaping, hardscape features, and limited turf areas.

The Board approved the extension of the existing Will-Serve Letter for the proposed expansion to the Calvary Chapel church located on APN 408-070-012 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: Hoffman	SECONDED: Slawson	APPROVED 3-0
AYES:	Hoffman, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Covington, Ramirez	

7:59 p.m. - Director Covington returned to the room.

10. Request for Extension of *Will-Serve Letter* for a Single-Family Residence located on Pennsylvania Avenue (APN 415-091-011) North of Antonell Court and South of Thirteenth Street

Mr. Swanson presented a request to extend the previously approved Will-Serve Letter (WSL) for the construction of a single-family residence on Pennsylvania Avenue. He explained that the original WSL, approved in May 2024, had expired and that the property had since changed ownership. Although the project remained substantially the same, staff brought the request before the Board so that a new one-year WSL could be issued in the name of the current property owner. Swanson advised that the property is currently unimproved with no existing water service or meter and that the applicant would be responsible for paying all applicable frontage, capacity, service, and related fees. He further noted that the residence would be served from the existing 10-inch 2750 Pressure Zone water main in Pennsylvania Avenue.

The applicant, Ricardo Flores, inquired about the next steps and Swanson explained that District staff would provide a letter outlining the required fees, deposits, and application materials needed to establish water service, after which the meter application process would proceed.

The Board approved the extension of the existing Will-Serve Letter for the proposed single-family residence at APN 415-091-011 within the City of Beaumont, 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: Hoffman	SECONDED: Slawson	APPROVED 4-0
AYES:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Ramirez	

11. Topic List for Future Meetings:

	Item requested	Date of request	Requester
1	Update on Grand Avenue pipeline project (July)	1/22/26	Covington
2	Legal Counsel update on SGMA activities	3/11/26	

12. Announcements

President Williams called attention to the following announcements:

- Finance & Audit Committee meeting: Wednesday, Jul. 1 at 3:00 p.m. (note date change due to holiday)
- District offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day: Thurs., Jul. 2
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, Jul. 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- Board Training Sessions: Thursday, Jul. 9 and Friday, Jul. 10
- Personnel Committee: Tuesday, Jul. 21 at 4:30 p.m.
- Engineering Workshop: Thursday, Jul. 23 at 6:00 p.m.
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee: Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 11:00 a.m.
- Collaborative Agencies meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 5:00 p.m.
- San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance: Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 5:00 p.m.

13. Recessed to Closed Session: 8:04 p.m.

Recording Secretary Lynda Kerney announced the following Closed Session items:

a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APNs 407-170-008 and 407-170-029
Agency Negotiator: Dan Jaggers, General Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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

Reconvene in Open Session: 8:20 p.m.

14. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session

President Williams noted that Director Hoffman had exited the meeting at 8:04 p.m. and announced there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

15. Adjournment

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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