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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, October 14, 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: *Director Covington opened the meeting at 6:13 p.m.*
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Slawson.
Invocation was given by Director Hoffman.

Roll Call:

Directors present:	Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams (6:13 p.m.)
Directors absent:	Ramirez
Staff present:	General Manager Dan Jaggers 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 Water Utility Superintendent Julian Herrera Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward Executive Assistant Lynda Kerney
Legal Counsel	James Markman

Members of the public who registered attendance: Bill Lattin, and Noah Valdivia.

Public Comment: Mr. Noah Valdivia introduced himself as a candidate for election to Division 3 of the Board of Directors and thanked Director Slawson for conducting a respectful campaign. He shared his background as a Beaumont native and graduate of Beaumont High School and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, noting that he had returned to his hometown with a desire to give back to the community.

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

6:13 p.m. – President Williams arrived in the Board Room.

2. **Reports / Presentations / Information Items**
   Director Covington commented on the 2027 Operating Budget development timeline and emphasized the importance of keeping the Board informed of progress toward adoption by year-end. He requested staff report on item a.

   a) Annual Employee Engagement Survey Results and 2026 Great Place to Work Certification

Human Resources and Risk Manager Ren Berioso presented the results of the District's 2026 Annual Employee Engagement Survey, administered through Great Place to Work in July. Of 44 eligible employees, 38 participated, representing an 86 percent participation rate. The District received Great Place to Work certification for the sixth consecutive year. Overall employee engagement declined from 88 percent in 2025 to 75 percent in 2026, while the Great Place to Work statement score declined from 95 percent to 75 percent. Berioso noted that the survey coincided with employee association negotiations, which may have influenced the results. Despite the declines, the District's scores remained above those of typical comparable companies. Director Covington noted that the Personnel Committee had reviewed the results in detail and emphasized the value of conducting annual surveys to monitor employee satisfaction and organizational progress.

Director Covington drew attention to item c, noting the comprehensive legislative update. He requested legal counsel's interpretation of AB 2568 regarding water district directors' compensation. He also highlighted AB 35, which facilitates allocation of Proposition 4 funding, and encouraged staff to evaluate potential grant opportunities for the District and consider presenting an update at the October 22 Engineering Workshop regarding available funding and its applicability to District projects.

The Board received and filed the following reports:
a) Annual Employee Engagement Survey Results and 2026 Great Place to Work Certification
b) BCVWD 2027 Operating Budget Timeline – Update
c) Legislative Action and Issues Update
by the following roll-call vote:

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

6:24 p.m. Director Covington relinquished the gavel to President Williams.

3. Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items with one motion:
a. Review of the August 2026 Budget Variance Reports
b. Review of the August 31, 2026 Cash/Investment Balance Report
c. Review of Check Register for the Month of September 2026
d. Review of September 2026 Invoices Pending Approval
e. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2026
f. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2026
g. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2026
by the following roll-call vote:

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

4. Resolution 2026-26 Annexation and Consideration of Interim Water Service, Cost Sharing Agreement, Will-Serve Letter Requests, and Related Professional Services for APNs 407-150-013, 407-150-016, and 407-200-008

Associate Civil Engineer I Evan Ward presented a coordinated proposal to annex three adjacent parcels in Cherry Valley and establish interim domestic water service. The properties include District-owned APN 407-150-016 (Young property), acquired recently with an existing residence, and two privately owned residential parcels, APNs 407-150-013 and 407-200-008, owned by Jack and Patricia Bowie. All three parcels are outside the District's service boundary and require annexation before District water service can be established.

Mr. Ward explained that the District-owned property historically received water through a privately maintained distribution system associated with the Hannon Agreement dating to approximately 1908–1909. The District seeks to establish a more reliable, independently controlled domestic water supply while preserving the property's historical water rights and irrigation service. The Bowies requested service because one of their private wells had gone dry and the other was no longer producing sufficient water for domestic needs, requiring supplemental hauled water. Staff noted that the Board had considered temporary service for one of the Bowie parcels in 2018, but the contemplated improvements and annexation process had not proceeded.

The proposed project would install approximately 2,025 linear feet of two-inch pipeline from the Hannon Tank site to existing private storage facilities serving the three properties. District personnel would perform the construction, with costs allocated among the properties according to the pipeline segments benefiting each. Due to elevation and pressure limitations, the interim system would deliver water to storage facilities rather than provide normal distribution pressure directly to the residences. Each property would remain responsible for its own storage, booster pumps, and downstream facilities. Upon availability of the planned 2750 Pressure Zone pipeline in Cherry Valley Boulevard, private properties would be required to establish permanent service connections at their expense.

The proposal included a single Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) annexation application encompassing approximately 25.36 acres; Will-Serve Letters limited to the existing residential developments and uses on the two Bowie parcels; a cost-sharing agreement; authorization of District expenditures; and a professional services task order. Mr. Ward reported preliminary total project costs of approximately $54,909, with approximately $12,241 attributable to the District and $42,668 to the applicants, excluding two interim meter fees. The applicants' estimated total payment was $45,867.52. Staff requested authorization of District expenditures not to exceed $14,100 from capital replacement reserves. This includes a contingency, and a $7,786 task order with Cozad & Fox for the legal descriptions and plats required for annexation.

Director Covington questioned the existing water supply to the District-owned parcel and the status of the Hannon Agreement. General Manager Dan Jaggers and Director of Engineering Mark Swanson explained that service to the property had recently been interrupted when a leak in the privately maintained distribution system was repaired by capping a pipeline serving the property. Staff subsequently located the interruption and restored service. Mr. Jaggers emphasized that, although the property currently receives water, the private system traverses multiple properties and is outside the District's direct control. He identified potential cross-connection and public health concerns associated with interconnected private pipelines, storage facilities, and booster pumps as significant reasons to establish a separate domestic service connection.

Director Hoffman clarified that annexation was the initial step and that construction and other infrastructure approvals would follow. Director Slawson asked about the proposed pipeline size and the water supply available to neighboring properties. Staff explained that the two-inch pipeline was considered sufficient for the proposed limited service and that the adjacent Luna Rose property appeared to have adequate private well supplies. President Williams questioned the number of residences served and requested clarification regarding the location of the previously capped pipeline. Staff reviewed the private distribution system's alignment and the location of the interruption.

Director Covington also questioned the need for easements across the Bowie properties, particularly where the proposed pipeline would cross APN 407-150-013 to serve APN 407-200-008. Mr. Swanson explained that the proposed agreement addressed cost sharing only. Separate right-of-entry, temporary construction easement, and other necessary easement documents would be developed and returned to the Board. Staff further advised that environmental review of the proposed pipeline construction remained underway, with the anticipated California Envirnmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination to be presented separately. The approvals under consideration would initiate the annexation and related administrative processes but would not authorize construction before LAFCO approval, necessary property rights, environmental review, and other prerequisites were completed.

President Williams sought specific clarification of the requested financial authorizations. Mr. Swanson confirmed that the $7,786 Cozad & Fox task order was included within, and was not additional to, the $14,100 total District expenditure authorization. The separate task order approval was necessary to authorize execution of the professional services agreement. President Williams requested that this distinction be clearly established in the record.

The Board took the following actions:

1. *Approved the annexation request for APNs 407-150-013, 407-150-016, and 407-200-008 and adopted Resolution 2026-26 requesting the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission to take proceedings for annexation.*
2. *Approved Will-Serve Letters subject to the Conditions of Development, for the existing development and uses on APNs 407-150-013 and 407-200-008.*
3. *Approved and authorized the General Manager to execute the cost-sharing agreement substantially in the form presented with Jack Bowie and Patricia Bowie, owners of APNs 407-150-013 and 407-200-008*
4. *Authorized District expenditures not to exceed $14,100 from capital replacement reserves for the District's proportionate share of the interim water service improvements and annexation costs.*
5. *Authorized a $7,786 task order with Cozad & Fox for preparation of the legal descriptions and plats required for the annexation*

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 Will-Serve Letter for Tentative Parcel Map No. 38463 (APN 405-110-001) Located on Nancy Avenue in the Community of Cherry Valley

Mr. Ward presented a request from applicant Bill Lattin for a Will-Serve Letter for Tentative Parcel Map No. 38463, proposing to subdivide an existing property on Nancy Avenue into four parcels. Three parcels would accommodate new single-family residences, representing an additional water demand of three equivalent dwelling units (EDUs), while the remaining parcel would retain the existing improvements. Mr. Ward noted that the Board previously considered the request in September 2022, during drought conditions, but the item was tabled at the applicant's request.

The applicant would be required to extend approximately 382 linear feet of 8-inch water main from Nancy Avenue into the proposed cul-de-sac. The property currently contains two residences served by a single 1.5-inch water meter. The applicant would be required to relocate the existing meter, provide a separate meter for the second existing residence, and install individual meters for the three proposed residences. Additional conditions include providing necessary rights-of-way or easements, and modifying or removing structures that conflict with proposed improvements.

The Board approved the request for a Will-Serve Letter for the proposed Tentative Parcel Map 38463 located on Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Number 405-110-001, within the Community of Cherry Valley on the east side of Nancy Avenue, north of Cherry Valley Boulevard, with 3.0 EDUs and conditions as enumerated, 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. Authorization of Funding for Permanent Stormwater Flow Monitoring Equipment - MDP Line 16 / Noble Creek Recharge Facility Phase II

Mr. Swanson presented a request for $100,000 to purchase and install permanent stormwater flow monitoring equipment associated with the Master Drainage Plan (MDP) Line 16 project and Noble Creek Recharge Facility Phase II. He reviewed the completed storm drain improvements along Grand Avenue, which collect stormwater for groundwater recharge, and explained the need to measure water entering and leaving the recharge ponds. Staff evaluated several equipment manufacturers and recommended the Teledyne ISCO system based on its technical suitability, compatibility with District operations, and the manufacturer's responsiveness. The proposed authorization included approximately $38,000 for monitoring equipment, together with solar power systems, mounting structures, cabling, installation, and contingency. Swanson indicated that the funding was included in the Capital Improvement Budget and that staff intended to have the equipment operational during the upcoming rainy season.

General Manager Dan Jaggers reviewed the approximately $10 million investment in the overall MDP Line 16 project, including cost sharing with Riverside County Flood Control, grant funding, and related District improvements. He noted that permanent monitoring was among the remaining project components and would allow the District to document captured stormwater for groundwater recharge accounting.

Director Hoffman asked whether the monitoring equipment would enable the District to receive credit for captured stormwater. Swanson confirmed that measured inflows, less any discharges, could support a request for credit through the Beaumont Basin Watermaster. Director Hoffman also inquired about the system's performance during the recent substantial rainfall. Director of Operations James Bean reported that stormwater had been successfully conveyed into the recharge facility, filling the first Phase II pond and approximately three feet of the second pond. Jaggers estimated that approximately 10 to 12 acre-feet had been captured and explained that staff intended to use photographs, pond volumes, and infiltration data to estimate recharge quantities until permanent monitoring was established.

Staff confirmed for Director Covington that all stormwater intakes had been open during the rain event. Covington observed that runoff along Brookside Avenue had been noticeably reduced. Director Slawson expressed support for completing the monitoring installation to obtain credit for the captured water.

Jaggers also discussed the potential groundwater quality benefits of recharging stormwater, particularly its relatively low total dissolved solids (TDS) content. Director Covington suggested sampling rainwater during separate storm events to understand water quality.

President Williams requested that future staff reports include a reference to the applicable Capital Improvement Budget project to help identify the funding allocation.

The Board authorized the General Manager to procure the Teledyne ISCO permanent stormwater flow monitoring equipment from MCR Technologies in the amount of $37,931.91 as part of a total project budget not to exceed $100,000 funded by Capital Expansion Restricted Reserves, subject to District procurement requirements by the following roll-call vote:

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

7. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Ms. Kerney briefly reviewed the bylaws revisions submitted by ACWA. The Board discussed the proposed amendments, particularly provisions concerning attendance at closed sessions by members of the Board of Directors and Council of Past Presidents. Directors questioned the clarity and consistency of certain proposed changes. General Manager Jaggers discussed the apparent intent of the amendments. Following discussion, the Board elected to support the proposed amendments.

The Board supported the proposed ACWA bylaws amendments and directed the Authorized Voting Representative, President Lona Williams, to cast a vote using the electronic ballot by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Covington	SECONDED: Slawson	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
27-Oct	CSDA Webinar: Building Public Trust	$ -			YES	YES*	YES	YES
28-Oct	CSDA Webinar: Cyber Threats	$ -			YES	YES*		YES
29-Oct	WEF Water Summit in Sacramento	$ 2,576.00					YES	YES
4-Nov	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	$ 30.00			YES		YES	
10-Nov	ACWA CLE Workshop 2: Calif Groundwater Rights	$ 95.00						
13-Nov	PPIC forum: Roadmap to Water Solutions	$ -						
17-Nov	CSDA webinar: Successful Performance Eval	$ -			YES	YES*	MAYBE	
19-Nov	CSDA webinar: Telling Your Story	$ -			YES	YES*		YES
2-Dec	Beaumont Chamber Breakfast	$ 30.00						
12/1-3	ACWA Fall Conference (Anaheim)	$ 3,543.00						MAYBE
12/9-10	SDLA: Board Role in Human Resources	$ 265.00						

9. Reports For Discussion and Possible Action

a. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Sites Reservoir: The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency continues to move this item forward.

ii. Bogart Park: Ms. Kerney advised that the ad hoc Committee meeting slated for October 19 would be postponed, likely to November 16.

iii. Water Re-Use 3x2: Jaggers provided an update on ongoing recycled water, groundwater recharge, and Chromium(VI) initiatives, noting continued coordination with the City and evaluation of potential implementation costs. Staff is developing internal technical guidance memoranda to document the District's approach and evaluate alternatives, including the potential use of wells affected by Chromium(VI) for non-potable water supply. He emphasized the importance of identifying the most cost-effective solutions while minimizing impacts on customer rates.

b. Standing Committees

i. Finance & Audit Committee: Director Hoffman advised that the Committee would be doing an in-depth review of the proposed FY 2027 budget at its meeting tomorrow.

ii. Personnel Committee: Director Covington reported that the Personnel Committee had reviewed proposed position reclassifications and requested that staff return at the October meeting with additional information, particularly job descriptions, to facilitate further review and direction.

c. Directors' Reports

Reports were provided as follows:

- California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Webinar: Update on California Advanced Clean Fleets Regulations on September 16, 2026 (Slawson)
- CSDA Webinar: Mastering Difficult Conversations at Work on September 22, 2026 (Hoffman, Slawson, Williams)

- San Gorgonio Pass Water Alliance Meeting on September 23, 2026 (Slawson)
- San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency: State of the Pass on October 6, 2026 (Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams)
- Beaumont State of the City event on October 7, 2026 (Covington, Hoffman, Slawson, Williams)

d. Directors' General Comments:

- Director Slawson reported that the new heli-hydrants had been utilized during a recent fire near Banning, with positive feedback regarding their effectiveness.

e. General Manager's Report. Mr. Jaggers provided the following updates:

- Veile Office: Painting and carpeting were nearing completion, with staff expected to move into the office space within one to two weeks.
- Well 30: The conductor casing had been installed at the well site near the northwest corner of the District's boundary.
- District Growth and Regional Development: Jaggers reflected on the District's historical role in the development of Beaumont and its continued contributions to regional water supply planning and economic growth. He noted that the District had grown from approximately 14,000 service connections in 2012 to 22,500.
- Infrastructure Improvements: He highlighted the completion of significant developer-installed pipeline improvements, including facilities along Oak Valley Parkway, which provide additional system capacity and redundancy.
- District Accomplishments: Jaggers commended the Board and staff for their contributions to water supply reliability, infrastructure improvements, policy modernization, transparency, and cost control. He emphasized the importance of continued collaboration and the District's ongoing recycled water and Chromium(VI) initiatives.

President Williams echoed this appreciation, recognizing the dedication, professionalism, and accomplishments of District employees across all departments and thanking Mr. Jaggers for his leadership.

f. Legal Counsel Report: Legal Counsel James Markman reflected on the District's organizational improvements since he began representing the District, noting its transition to a professional and collaborative environment. He commended the Board for its commitment to reviewing extensive and detailed information, emphasizing the considerable effort required of Directors to remain informed and effectively govern.

10. Topic List for Future Meetings:

	Item requested	Date of request	Requester
1	Legal Counsel update on ongoing SGMA cases	3/11/26	Williams
2	Quarterly Investment Reports: Chandler Asset Management	8/12/26	Covington
3	Recurring updates on MDP Line 16		
4	Briefing on legislative items: AB 2568,SB 239, AB 2180, AB 259, and AB 30	10/14/26	Covington

11. Announcements
President Williams pointed out the announcements of upcoming meetings.

12. Recessed to Closed Session: 8:12 p.m.
Ms. Kerney announced the following Closed Session items:

a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code Section 54957.6
District designated representative: Dan Jaggers, General Manager
Employee organization: BCVWD Employee Association and Contract Positions

b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54947
Title: General Manager

Reconvene in Open Session: 9:31 p.m.

13. Report on Action Taken During Closed Session
President Williams announced that no reportable action was taken in in Closed Session.

14. Adjournment: *President Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:32 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