

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BEDFORD COLDWATER
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AUTHORITY**

November 20, 2025

Board Present

Jacque Casillas, City of Corona
Matthew Dobler, EVMWD
David Harich, TVWD

Staff Present

Jeff Pape, TVWD
Tom Moody, City of Corona
Alex Lemieux, Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, EVMWD
Parag Kalaria, EVMWD
Christy Gonzalez, EVMWD
Michael Cruikshank, Water Systems Consulting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was called to order by Chairperson Casillas at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT– There were none.

I. BUSINESS CALENDAR

**A. Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
(MO #62)**

ACTION: Director Casillas made a motion, Director Harich seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to:

1. Elect Director Harich as Chairperson
2. Elect Director Casillas as Vice Chairperson

The new officers assumed their roles immediately.

**B. Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Todd Groundwater, Inc. for Five-Year Periodic Evaluation and Annual Reports for Water Years 2025-2030
(MO #63)**

Mr. Cruikshank summarized the item by explaining that SGMA requires GSAs to complete a full evaluation of their GSP every five years, with the next basin review due to DWR by January 12, 2027. Annual reports remain due each year by April 1. Todd Groundwater has prepared these annual reports for several years and developed the

groundwater model used in the GSP. Basin conditions continue to follow expected trends, and DWR has approved the GSP, which will be discussed further in the Administrator's Report. The proposed PSA covers preparation of the five-year evaluation and the next five annual reports. It also includes optional pricing for a formal GSP amendment, though staff advised against pursuing that option now to avoid added cost and potential timing issues following the recent GSP approval. He noted that the Agency has set aside funds for this work over multiple budget cycles and that the total proposal of about \$434,125 fits within current budgeted amounts. Chair Harich noted minor fiscal year clarifications in the staff report and on confirming the contract term, which will run from execution through July 30, 2031. This term ensures completion and submittal of the Water Year 2030 annual report, due April 1, 2031, along with related close-out tasks. Director Casillas relayed her appreciation on staff's recommendation to not proceed with the additional task amendment at this time for cost savings purposes.

No public comments were received.

ACTION: Director Casillas made a motion, Director Dobler seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Todd Groundwater, Inc. for the Five-Year Periodic Evaluation and Annual Reports for Water Years 2025 through 2030 in the amount of \$434,125, and
2. Authorize the Deputy Treasurer to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of the Authority.

C. Consider Approval of a Contract with Babcock Laboratories, Inc. to Conduct Annual Groundwater Quality Sampling and Analysis (MO #64)

Mr. Crukshihank summarized the item by explaining that one of the GSP management actions is to monitor selected groundwater quality constituents and coordinate with the Regional Board when appropriate. The Agency's groundwater quality monitoring network includes 19 wells that are sampled each year, with results incorporated into the GSP annual report and future periodic evaluations. Public water supply wells, such as those operated by Elsinore Valley MWD and the City of Corona, conduct their own regulatory sampling, so this contract applies only to Agency monitoring wells, including two dedicated monitoring wells and several non-potable wells in Temescal Valley. Babcock Laboratories has performed this work since 2021, providing field sampling and laboratory analysis. Their performance has been satisfactory, and they operate locally.

Board discussion focused on confirming that private domestic wells are not part of the current monitoring network, with staff noting that the existing network is adequate and that adding private wells is generally difficult. Staff confirmed that funding for these services is included in the budget.

ACTION: Director Dobler made a motion, Director Casillas seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to:

1. Approve a Contract with Babcock Laboratories, Inc. to conduct annual groundwater sampling and analysis for 2025, 2026, and 2027 in the amount of \$18,624, and
2. Authorize the Deputy Treasurer to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of the Authority.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2025
- B. Ratification of Demands
- C. Outside Contract Summary Report

ACTION: Director Casillas made a motion, Director Dobler seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

III. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Cruikshank provided highlights on information provided in the meeting packet in the form of the PowerPoint presentation. He reported that DWR approved the basin's GSP on April 7, 2025, and outlined the three corrective actions recommended by the state. Staff described these items as minor clarifications common across many basins, including providing additional rationale for chronic groundwater level criteria, clarification on water quality degradation, and incorporating upcoming guidance related to the depletion of interconnected surface water. These items will be addressed in the Periodic Update due January 2027.

The Administrator also reviewed coordination with local aggregate operators identified in the GSP. The Chandler pit was sold to Martin Marietta in 2023, and staff continue working with the company and regional partners on data sharing and understanding groundwater connectivity. The Board discussed groundwater quality considerations, including potential impacts from below-water-table mining and the principle that new treatment needs should not fall on ratepayers. They also addressed reclamation practices and the importance of oversight related to inert fill, PFAS, TCP, and runoff from stockpiled materials during heavy rain. Staff will continue coordination with operators and agencies, refine data and monitoring needs, and fold new information into annual reports and the next periodic evaluation. Staff also shared that data collection for the 2025 annual report is underway, groundwater levels appear generally favorable, and a more detailed basin update will be provided at a future meeting.

IV. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Lemieux provided a brief legislative update focused on SB 707 and Brown Act compliance.

V. Comments of the Board

The newly elected Chair Harich acknowledged the responsibility of the position and affirmed a commitment to serving the basin and the community. The other Directors offered their congratulations.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the November 20, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Matthew Dobler, Secretary

Date: 2.19.2026

APPROVED:



David Harich, Chairperson

Date: 2/19/26