

**RECORD OF THE MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER**

March 8, 2005

**WATERMASTER MEMBERS PRESENT**

Banning, City of	Paul Toor
Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District	Chuck Butcher
South Mesa Mutual Water Company	George Jorritsma
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Joe Zoba

**WATERMASTER MEMBERS ABSENT**

Beaumont, City of	Dee Moorjani
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**Consultants Present**

Joe Aklufi	Aklufi & Wysoki
J. Andrew Schlange	San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority/ Beaumont Basin Watermaster (BBWM)
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc./BBWM
Traci Stewart	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc./BBWM

**Others Present**

John Andrews	O'Reilly Public Relations
Walt Beckman	CVAN
Patsy Reeley	CVAN
Joel Robles	BCVWD Recording Secretary
Luwana M. Ryan	CVAN/CV Environmental
Ward Simmons	Best, Best & Krieger
Steve Stockton	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Barbara Voight	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Jorritsma called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Chairman Jorritsma noted that Dee Moorjani of the City of Beaumont and Joe Zoba were not present. Mr. Zoba arrived at 10:10.

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Jorritsma led everyone in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### **4. Oral and Written Communication**

Chairman Jorritsma asked if there were any written or oral communications for the meeting. Mr. Schlange indicated he had not received any oral or written communications, however, he indicated that a draft response to Ms. Luwana Ryan's comments from the last Watermaster meeting would be discussed under item 7 below.

### **5. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve Minutes of January 11, 2005.**
- B. Approve Minutes of February 8, 2005.**
- C. Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Member Butcher, second by Member Toor, and by unanimous vote:

***Moved to approve the Minutes of January 11 and February 8, 2005 as presented.***

Motion by Member Butcher, second by Member Zoba, and by unanimous vote:

***Moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.***

### **6. Action Items**

- A. Proposed Resolution Number 2005-01 Entitled "A Resolution of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Establishing Principles of Groundwater Storage in the Beaumont Basin".**

*Recommendation – Review, Comment and/or Adopt*

Chief of Watermaster Services Schlange indicated this resolution is being presented because of the interest in using the Beaumont Basin for conjunctive use as expressed by Mr. Stockton of the Pass Agency at the last meeting. Member Zoba asked that discussion be rescheduled for the April meeting if possible. Member Toor concurred, as did the other members present. Mr. Butcher questioned whether this applied to Watermaster members, outside interests, or both. Watermaster Engineer Wildermuth indicated it is intended to apply to outside interests, and that it would be revised to make this clearer when it is included in the next meeting package. Member Zoba asked what the current rate is for the use of storage capacity and the sale of temporary surplus water. Mr. Wildermuth indicated the "floor" is approximately \$300 per acre-foot plus costs for the use of the storage capacity, and is approximately \$500 per acre-foot plus costs for the sale of temporary surplus water.

## **B. Final Report – Update of Water Demands and Water Supply Plans.**

### *Recommendation – Information Only*

Mr. Wildermuth indicated the Tables attached to the Final Report had not printed correctly and that he had 11" x 17" copies with him. He further indicated this Report is currently being updated by the San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority (STWMA), and that the June 21, 2004 version included with the meeting package should be considered the "strawman" concept of how the Judgment fits into the Appropriator's water supply plans. Mr. Zoba asked if STWMA had money to finish revising the water supply plans and whether the resultant product would be ready for inclusion as part of each entity's Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) currently being updated? Mr. Wildermuth indicated a letter report would be prepared that could be included as an attachment to the UWMPs, and that it should be able to be through the Watermaster process within the next two to three meetings. Chief Schlange indicated that funds are available to complete the Report.

## **C. Discussion Regarding Budget for Public Education Information Program.**

### *Recommendation – Discussion Only*

Chief of Watermaster Services Schlange handed out a copy of a proposal the Watermaster had requested from O'Reilly Public Relations and asked what the general feeling was about the proposal. Watermaster Counsel Aklufi said that the establishment of Watermaster represents a pinnacle of cooperation regarding water supply and demands in the Pass area. He further indicated he believes that real benefit has been derived by having O'Reilly develop a prior presentation, and that Watermaster needs to make sure its message is heard and understood as much as possible. He indicated that in his mind there are three areas of the proposal where Watermaster should be focused: research, media relations, and most importantly, government briefings.

Chairman Jorritsma indicated he would like additional time to review the proposal and suggested it be put on the agenda for the next meeting so that the members would have time to review and consider it. Several members said they would like to consider it and how it fits with programs their agencies currently have. Chief Schlange indicated staff would like to prepare a draft budget for the May and June timeframe, so staff needs guidance as to whether to include it in next year's budget.

Mr. Wildermuth commented that last month in Washington DC, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water District, and Inland Empire Utilities Agency presented a very nicely done handout to their local representatives in Washington. The handout summarized how

the agencies in the area are working together, and included pictures of the local DC representatives on the back. He believes a brochure like it would be very helpful for the STWMA area. He offered to provide xerox's of the copy he received.

## **7. Reports**

- **Chief of Watermaster Services**

Chief Schlange indicated had sent a letter to Mr. Stockton regarding a joint proposal which Mr. Stockton had reviewed with the Watermaster earlier regarding recharge in Noble Creek.

- **Engineer**

Mr. Wildermuth indicated there is a new draft Kuehl bill that people are saying is a "mega water bill". He indicated he is attempting to obtain an electronic version for distribution to the members. Mr. Wildermuth also reported he is participating on a review panel that will review an investigation of underground water sources commissioned by the National Academy of Sciences. He indicated the National Academy is looking for contributions/participants, and suggested Watermaster may want to make a contribution. He said Chino Basin interests have contributed \$50,000, and are trying to have the Chino Basin included in the investigation. Something like this could raise the profile of the Beaumont Basin. Mr. Wildermuth said he would email the scope of the investigation to the Watermaster Secretary or Chief for distribution.

Chief Schlange distributed copies of a draft letter, which addresses the questions raised at the February Watermaster meeting by Ms. Luwana Ryan and asked Mr. Wildermuth to comment on the draft. Mr. Wildermuth indicated that it is important to Watermaster to use correct information or an engineered estimate rather than using estimates by producers. He indicated the difference between the information listed in the Pass Agency summary and the Watermaster summary for appropriator pumpers is the calendar year versus the fiscal year. For the Overlying pumpers, he indicated that many of the wells are unmetered, and that they have not been reporting as anticipated. He said that Watermaster's numbers are therefore conservative because they only include reported information. He also said that Watermaster's numbers will be corrected once metered information is available, and that it will be corrected before the 5 year window for total production has passed. After discussion, it was the Watermaster consensus to forward the letter to Ms. Ryan.

- **Watermaster Members**

Chairman Jorritsma asked whether the Watermaster members had any comments they would like to make. There were no comments.

## **8. Adjournment**

Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the Watermaster meeting at approximately 10:55 a.m.

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C.J. Butcher, Secretary of the Watermaster