

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

April 12, 2005

**WATERMASTER MEMBERS PRESENT**

Banning, City of  
Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District  
South Mesa Mutual Water Company  
Yucaipa Valley Water District

Paul Toor  
Chuck Butcher  
George Jorritsma  
Joe Zoba

**WATERMASTER MEMBERS ABSENT**

Beaumont, City of

Dee Moorjani

**Consultants Present**

Joe Aklufi  
J. Andrew Schlange

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

**Others Present**

Richard Larsen  
Patsy Reeley  
Luwana M. Ryan  
Julie Salinas  
Jim Snyder  
Steve Stockton  
Barbara Voight

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency  
CVAN  
CVAN/CV Environmental  
BCVWD Recording Secretary  
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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Jorritsma called the meeting to order at approximately 10:01 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Chairman Jorritsma noted that Dee Moorjani of the City of Beaumont was not present.

### **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. Chief of Watermaster Services Schlange indicated Ms. Luwana Ryan's wished to address the Committee. Ms. Ryan stated that 2005 is Watermaster's third year and asked about the progress on having overlying wells metered. Chief Schlange said that the installation agreements are with Beaumont-Cherry Valley and Yucaipa Valley Water Districts for signature. Member Zoba said the agreement is scheduled to go to his Board on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and member Butcher said it is scheduled for his May Board meeting. Chief Schlange said meters will begin being installed after the installation agreements are signed.

### **5. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve Minutes of March 8, 2005.**
- B. Treasurer's Report**

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

***Moved to approve the consent calendar 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 by Non-Appropriators".**

*Recommendation – Adopt*

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

***Moved to approve Resolution 2005-01 as presented.***

Member Zoba: Yes  
Member Butcher: Yes  
Member Toor: Yes  
Member Jorritsma: Yes

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

*Recommendation – Adopt*

Chief Schlange said the Report had been adopted by STWMA at its last Commission meeting. The update to the Report was prepared because LAFCO is in the process of completing its municipal review, and the members wanted to be sure the information available is current. Chief Schlange indicated there are differences between SGPWA's estimates and those in the Report that are primarily due to the differences in service areas and the Temporary Surplus established by the Judgment. Chief Schlange recommended the Report be adopted as presented with the knowledge that it will be modified as new information is available. As presented, members can utilize it to complete their Urban Water Management Plan updates due in the near future. Any changes can then be incorporated into the Report as available.

Member Zoba suggested that some time be spent on investigating the potential allocation of the Table A entitlement SGPWA has for State Project Water. Member Toor stated that Banning is updating its UWMP and that the numbers in the Report will change when the update is complete. Member Butcher stated that currently, the Beaumont Basin is in overdraft, and that once the Temporary Surplus has been utilized, the entire Table A entitlement may have to be utilized to satisfy the replenishment obligation that would exist under the Judgment. Chief Schlange suggested this topic be discussed for possible inclusion on the planning workshop agenda under item E below. Mr. Stockton said he would continue to explore opportunities to store water and would like to discuss it further at the workshop. Chairman Jorritsma suggested they adopt the Report with the latitude to change it based on new information.

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

***Moved to approve the Report as presented, with the latitude to change it based on new information.***

**C. Proposed Noble Creek Pilot Study – Beaumont Basin Watermaster/San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.**

*Recommendation – Review, Comment and/or Adopt*

Chief Schlange said the Committee had discussed exploring a joint study or investigation with SGPWA earlier this fiscal year. He indicated this is being presented to determine interest in a joint study. Member Butcher indicated he would like to table it for now because it does not address monitoring where the water goes when it is recharged. He said the engineer's should get together, and then it should be discussed further at the planning workshop to be scheduled below.

Mr. Stockton indicated he had asked the monitoring wells to be left out for the demonstration project. He said first they needed to know if it could be permitted, and then they needed to know that water would recharge. He

said after that, monitoring could be justified and a full scale project would include monitoring.

Member Butcher said Watermaster needs to know where the water is going even for a demonstration project, and that he could have his engineers at the workshop. Mr. Stockton indicated he could probably have his there also.

Member Zoba indicated he liked the concept and wondered about the cost sharing, who would participate, Watermaster and SGPWA or STWMA and SGPWA? Chief Schlange said he would talk to the STWMA Board about participating.

Mr. Stockton said he has not been too aggressive about discussing the use of the storage capacity because he is not sure how the water could be recharged.

There was a consensus that this item should be agendized for the planning workshop under item E below.

#### **D. Potential Membership in Association of Groundwater Agencies**

*Recommendation – Comment, Review (Information)*

After discussion, members of the Watermaster suggested staff include this item in the 2005-06 budget for further consideration.

#### **E. Schedule Planning Workshop**

*Recommendation – Review, Comment and/or Adopt*

Chief Schlange reported that from the discussion that occurred above, items to agendize for the planning workshop include: future water supply and demands and the potential allocation of Table A entitlement; Urban Water Management Plan updates; Noble Creek Recharge; and potential use of the Beaumont Basin storage capacity for conjunctive use. He asked that the Committee consider holding a planning workshop some time in early May. After some brief discussion, it was determined that the planning workshop would be scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District offices. Chief Schlange reminded those in the audience that it will be a public workshop and they are welcome to attend.

### **7. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 (a) to discuss matters of potential litigation.**

Item 8 was moved to occur before item 7 so that those in attendance would not have to wait for the executive session to be completed.

## **8. Reports**

- Chief of Watermaster Services
- Engineer
- Watermaster Members

There were no matters to report by the Chief, the Engineers or Watermaster Members present. Chairman Jorritsma excused the members of the public present and the recording secretary to begin the Executive Session.

## **9. Adjournment**

There was no action to report from the Executive Session. Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the Watermaster meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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C.J. Butcher, Secretary of the Watermaster