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

June 14, 2005

WATERMASTER MEMBERS PRESENT

Banning, City of Paul Toor
Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District Julie Salinas (alternate)
South Mesa Mutual Water Company George Jorritsma
Yucaipa Valley Water District Joe Zoba

WATERMASTER MEMBERS ABSENT

Beaumont, City of Dee Moorjani

Consultants Present

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jorritsma called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Chairman Jorritsma noted that Julie Salinas was attending as the alternate for the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District and 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

Luwana Ryan of CVAN and Cherry Valley Environmental Planning Group requested to address the Watermaster and read the following letter into Watermaster Records:
June 14, 2005

To: Chief Schlange and Watermaster Board

Let me begin by saying how disappointed I am that the workshop style meeting has to be postponed until the fall of this year. Simple and direct questions of the public are much easier to explain and receive answers to in that more informal venue.

On June 8, 2005 the Board of the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District approved having Chief Schlange proceed on a water purchase agreement or proposal with the Pass Water Agency for Supplemental water for the Beaumont Storage Unit. Since this item was added to their agenda at the time of the meeting, I had no time to formulate my questions.

Since I see no line item on the proposed 05/06 Budget for supplemental water purchase I would like to know how this will be funded by the Watermaster. Is this water delivery earmarked for a specific appropriator’s use or to merely offset some of the overdrafting of the Beaumont Basin?

Is this a one time purchase or a yearly purchase?

Thank you,

Luwana Ryan, Private Citizen
CVAN and Cherry Valley Environmental Planning Group

Chief Schlange addressed Ms. Ryan’s questions. The request was made to enter into an Agreement with the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District where BCVWD would utilize its recharge facilities in the event the Watermaster needed water recharged. The BCVWD Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to enter into negotiations with the Watermaster to form an Agreement to be brought back before both Boards.

If the Watermaster is required to purchase water to make up for any overdraft, there is a provision in the Rules and Regulations establishing a “Fee Structure”. The Watermaster, at this time, has no desire to nor have they been directed to purchase water.

The negotiations are preemptive and direction was given by the Watermaster to enter into negotiations with BCVWD some time ago. Chief Schlange informed Ms. Ryan he would be responding formally in writing.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Minutes of May 10, 2005.
B. Treasurer’s Report

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

Moved to approve the consent calendar as presented.
6. Action Items

A. Proposed F/Y 2005-2006 Watermaster Budget

Chief Schlange presented a revised budget reflective of member contribution adjustments. Member Zoba thanked Chief Schlange for the revision. Watermaster Board briefly discussed the financing of a project under STWMA.

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

   Moved to approve the latest version of the FY 2005-2006 Watermaster Budget.

7. Reports

   § Chief of Watermaster Services

Chief Schlange proposed having local agencies (SGPWA, YVWD, BCVWD, City of Banning and City of Beaumont) present water supply programs at the unscheduled workshop. With the new General Manager joining the Pass Agency in early July along with seminars and vacation schedules, Chief Schlange suggested holding the workshop in September. The Watermaster further discussed changing the monthly meetings to quarterly, with the first meeting being held in July, and the second in September. Watermaster also briefly discussed resolving the LAFCO issue (draft letter to George Spiliotis distributed).

   § Engineer

Consultant Wildermuth reported they would be closing the books on the pumping season June 30th.

8. Adjournment.

Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the meeting at 10:24 am.