

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

January 10, 2006

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
-------------------	--------------

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

Jeff Davis	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Patsy Reeley	CVAN
Luwana M. Ryan	CVAN/CV Environmental
Ward Simmons	BB&K, Sunny-Cal Egg & Poultry
Barbara Voigt	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jorritsma called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 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 he had not received any.

5. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve Minutes of September 20, 2005.
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Meeting Calendar 2006

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

Moved to approve the consent calendar as presented.

6. Action Items

A. Overlying Producer Production Estimates Using Water Duty Method

Chief Schlange reviewed the staff report indicating that a water duty method had been used to estimate production for overlying producers with unmetered wells. He informed Members that this method is typically used in such cases. He asked Mr. Wildermuth or Ms. Stewart to present the information further. Ms. Stewart indicated that estimates received by many of the overlying producers with unmetered wells were significantly different than the estimates made using the water duty method. She told Members that the producers had been contacted, if available, and field visits to these wells had been made where possible. The wells had been photographed and the type of use and areas of use had been mapped out on aerial photographs. She quickly reviewed the individual production estimates.

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

Moved to approve the staff recommendation to accept the production estimates as presented and to concur with their use in Appendix E-3 of the 2nd Annual Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

B. Amended Appendix E-3 of the 1st Annual Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster

Ms. Stewart indicated that revised production estimates using this same water duty method had been made for fiscal year 2003-04 for unmetered overlying producers as well. Member Zoba suggested that a letter be sent to each of the overlying

producers indicating how the production had been estimated and providing them with a 60 day time period to submit more accurate information to the Watermaster. He further suggested that if more accurate information is received, it could be included in the 3rd Annual Report

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

Moved to approve the staff recommendation to accept the amended Appendix E-3 for the 1st Annual Report, to direct staff to include it with Appendix E-3 of the 2nd Annual Report; and

To direct staff to mail the affected overlayers a letter informing them of the production estimate and giving them 60 days to provide better information, which would then be included in the 3rd Annual Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

C. 2nd Annual Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster

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

Moved to approve the 2nd Annual Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster as presented with the amended Appendix E-3 from the 1st Annual Report to be included, and with the understanding that the report will be printed and mailed when the annual financial review letter for Appendix C is received.

D. Appropriator Storage Applications and Agreements

Chief Schlange indicated that Watermaster must have an application on file for Appropriators to store the unused water remaining in the Beaumont Basin from their first two years of operation under the Judgment. He further indicated that Watermaster also needs a storage agreement with each Appropriator on file, but that the quantity specified in the storage agreement should probably be larger than what is currently able to be stored from the first two years of operation. Discussion then occurred regarding the quantity of water to specify in storage agreements with Watermaster. It was agreed that each Appropriator would specify their best planning number as far as how much water they might be storing from recharging water or from not pumping water and submit storage agreements as soon as possible for consideration at the next Watermaster meeting.

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

Moved to approve the staff recommendation as presented to add the following quantities of unproduced water to the Appropriator storage accounts upon receipt of their storage applications:

Banning

3,686.5 acre-feet

Beaumont-Cherry Valley WD	1,083.5 acre-feet
South Mesa Mutual Water Co.	3,014.2 acre-feet
Yucaipa Valley Water District	1,027.4 acre-feet

And to accept the change to the Groundwater Storage Agreement, Watermaster Form 2, as presented.

E. Resolution 2006-01: A Resolution of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Establishing Rules and Regulations Regulating the Transfer of Water Between Appropriators

Member Zoba asked if the two agenda items regarding the transfer of water could be tabled until he has completed discussions with Chairman Jorritsma regarding the purchase of South Mesa Mutual Water Company's unpumped groundwater from storage. Chief Schlange said that they could be, but that time is of the essence specifically with regard to the sale of South Mesa's unpumped water and their outstanding assessments. Member Zoba asked that both agenda items 6 E and 6 F be tabled, and that they be brought back at the March 14th meeting along with the approval of his transaction with South Mesa.

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

Moved to table agenda items 6E and 6F until the March 14th meeting.

F. Form 7 - Transfer of Water Between Appropriators and Form 8 - Transfer of Right to Recapture Water in Storage Between Appropriators

7. Reports

- Chief of Watermaster Services
- Engineer
- Watermaster Members

Chief Schlange said that he had nothing to report.

The Watermaster Engineer said he would have had two items on which to report, production estimates and subsidence monitoring, if the production estimates had not been included on the agenda. He indicated that after a preliminary review, the remote sensing information being reviewed as part of the subsidence monitoring program is striking for its lack of subsidence. He said this is very preliminary, but because the basin is composed of semi-consolidated material, it is likely that increased pumping will not result in subsidence. Some discussion followed regarding places where subsidence is occurring and how subsidence occurs. Mr. Wildermuth indicated a formal update on the subsidence monitoring program will be made at the upcoming STWMA Commission meeting on January 24th.

The Watermaster committee members had nothing to report.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business, Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the Watermaster meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.



C.J. Butcher, Secretary of the Watermaster



George Jorritsma, Chairman of the Watermaster