

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

January 9, 2007

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 (STWMA)/ Beaumont Basin Watermaster (BBWM)
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Kristal Davis	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Tom McCarthy	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Tom Harder	Geosciences

Others Present

Jeff Davis	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Luwana Ryan	CVAN
Patsy Reely	CVAN
Barbara Voigt	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Dick Larson	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jorritsma called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Chairman Jorritsma noted that there three members of the Watermaster were present. Paul Toor of the City of Banning was late.

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. One communication from the South Mesa Water Company was received. George Jorritsma of the South Mesa Water Company indicated that the water company had 3,000 acre-feet of stored groundwater for sale for \$140/acre-foot.

5. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve Minutes of September 12, 2006**
- B. Treasurer Report October 2, 2006**
 - I. Budget Revision W-1005, Ratify Chairman's Signature**
 - II. Budget Revision W-1006, Ratify Chairman's Signature**
- C. Treasurer Report December 15, 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. Approval to Recapture Water in Storage for Watermaster Fiscal Year 2005/06 - Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District**

Chief Schlange indicated that the application was in the agenda package. Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District requested to recapture 822.9 acre-feet of water in their groundwater storage account.

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

Moved to approve application as presented.

- B. Approval for Recharge – Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District**

Chief Schlange indicated that the recharge application was in the agenda package. Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District requested to recharge 9,500 acre-feet of State Water Project water pursuant to their groundwater storage agreement.

Mr. Davis said they estimate 60% of the allocated 8,650 acre-feet of State Water Project (SWP) water for the San Gorgonio Pass area water will be received. Mr. Davis indicated that staffing for the pump station is currently low and 24-hour staffing is being attempted. Mr. Davis further stated that capacity should not be an issue and he anticipates that the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency will be able to meet all requests for SWP water for the 2007 calendar year.

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

Moved to approve the application for recharge as presented.

7. Reports and Updates

A. Draft Third Annual Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster

Ms. Davis presented the Draft Third Annual Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster and noted the changes from the second annual report. Member Butcher questioned the production numbers for Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District and indicated that he would verify the numbers with his staff. Mr. Wildermuth stated that a method to transfer overlying water rights needs to be developed.

B. Progress Report on Subsidence Investigation Update (Verbal Presentation)

Mr. Wildermuth reported on the status of the subsidence investigation. Mr. Wildermuth reviewed the historical subsidence investigation. A network of new benchmarks was installed in November 2006 and the first survey was conducted. The next survey will be performed in April 2007. A final report will be submitted to the state after the April 2007 survey. Mr. Wildermuth recommended that the benchmark survey be conducted every year for the next five years and that the In SAR data be acquired and analyzed in the fifth year.

C. Progress Report on Septic Investigation in Beaumont Management Zone (Verbal Presentation)

Ms. Davis presented the groundwater model simulations of future impacts to the Beaumont Basin from discharge from on-site waste disposal systems (OSWDS). Three model scenarios were presented: no sewer system in the Cherry Valley Community of Interest (CVCOI) and no recharge at the BCVWD Recharge Facility; no sewer system in the CVCOI; and the CVCOI has a sewer system operable by 2011. Dramatic improvements in water quality were observed with the removal of OSWDS.

D. Progress Report on Salt Mitigation Fee Evaluation for the Beaumont Management Zone (Verbal Presentation)

Mr. McCarthy presented a progress report on the salt mitigation fee evaluation. Mr. McCarthy reviewed the process for characterizing the salt loading to the Beaumont Management Zone from each party and from each source. Preliminary results were presented and next step in the process was outlined.

E. Progress Report on Groundwater Level Monitoring Program (Verbal Presentation)

Ms. Davis reported that ten pressure transducers were installed in the Beaumont Basin.

F. Progress Report on the BCVWD Recharge Project (Verbal Presentation)

Mr. Harder presented a progress report on the BCVWD Recharge Project. Geosciences is using pressure transducers to monitor the change in water levels at the recharge facility and to estimate the travel time for the recharge water to percolate to groundwater.

G. Accounting for Supplemental Water Recharge (Verbal Presentation)

Mr. Wildermuth reported that forms need to be developed to account for supplemental water recharge. The Watermaster Rules and Regulations will need to be modified as necessary.

H. Progress Report on the Regional Resource Optimization Program Scoping Work for Fiscal 2006/07 (Verbal Presentation)

Mr. Wildermuth presented an outline of the Regional Resource Optimization Program Report and discussed the progress made to date.

8. Status Reports**A. Watermaster Committee Member Comments**

There were no comments from the Watermaster committee members.

9. Adjournment

There being no other business, Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the Watermaster meeting at approximately 11:15am.



C.J. Butcher, Secretary of the Watermaster