

**RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THE
Joint Managers Meeting of the
San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority,
San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority Project,
Committee NO1, the Beaumont Basin WaterMaster and the Managers of San
Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and Cabazon Water District
October 23, 2007**

1. Roll Call

Managers Present

Paul Toor, City of Banning
George Jorristma, South Mesa Mutual Water Co.
Jeff Davis, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
C.J. Butcher, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District
Douglas Headrick, San Bernardino Water Company
Joe Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Martie Killough, City of Beaumont

Consultants Present

Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental Inc.
Samantha Stevens, Wildermuth Environmental Inc.
Mike Plinski, Wildermuth Environmental Inc.
Joe Aklufi, Aklufi and Wysoki
Andrew Schlange, STWMA and Beaumont Basin Watermaster

Others Present

Barbara Voigt, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Marquel Dopp, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District
Blanca Marin, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District
Frances Flanders, Cherry Valley
Luwana Ryan, Cherry Valley
Sam Gershon, Cherry Valley
Steve Rhoades, Cherry Valley
Henry Wochholz, Yucaipa Valley Water District

2. Call to Order

Joe Aklufi from Aklufi & Wysoki announced that due to the nature of the meeting public comment was not to be reviewed. Andrew Schlange invited the public to place recorders if they have them on the table to make their own recordings of the meeting.

Andrew Schlange stated that one of the biggest issues facing the Pass Area is the need to acquire additional water from the State of California. The Kennedy Jenks report prepared for the Pass Agency is an excellent report which outlines a lot of opportunities for water purchase on this area. A draft letter will be discussed and will

be reviewed for comments. According to the Wildermuth report this area will experience a 40, 000 acre feet shortage at build out. Staff reviewed the alternatives

**a) Discussion and Response to the Pass Agency Kennedy Jenks Report
Dated, February 28, 2007**

According to the Kennedy Jenks report the recommendations are that the Pass Agency acquires additional water. Discussion regarding the priority of such purchase was reviewed by staff which suggested water south of the Delta be considered first, such Nichols, the excess water in the State Aqueduct, such as San Bernardino Water Municipal. The next priority all water that is less costly than desalted water. Last priority is the water north of the Delta. Some problems associated with the acquisitions of water were also discussed such as 1) availability of water, and 2) capacity to store the water.

Mark Wildermuth of Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. made a clarification on the Kennedy Jenks report about the two different types of water, the "one Shot water" and the State Table A water.

Mr. Schlange indicated that there is indeed a difference in the sources of water. In going north and buying water supplies is that is aqueduct yield is that it is necessary to acquire more than one acre foot of water to receive one acre foot of water locally. Since the Delta Smelt issue the price of water is high.

Mr. Aklufi questioned members about who will be making the decision to make this purchase from any of the companies named in the Kennedy Jenks report and if there were any options.

Mr. Schlange stated that the decision needs to be made between the Pass Agency and the Watermaster to obtain additional water.

Mr. Davis explained the process of when the agency orders water. The agency approves water service for the retailers and gets a schedule every year to see how much water the agency will need. They reported that 2008 year is expected to be a dry year and the agency needs to have a number of types of water in its portfolio. The major concern is the high prices of water which is most likely to go higher.

b) Alternative Water Supplies

Mr. Schlange discussed recycled water and other sources of water which might be available.

3. Discussion and Comments Regarding Fourth Annual Watermaster Report

Mr. Wildermuth indicated that some revisions were made to the draft report as evaluated for comments and he explained Table A-3 of the report.

Mr. Schlange recommended that each agency review the reports and their comments and suggested changes be forwarded to Mr. Wildermuth as staff plans to request approval of the report in January 2008.

4. Discussion and Comments Regarding Development of Salt Mitigation Fee for Beaumont Management Zone

Mr. Wildermuth reviewed the draft report in detail indicating why such a fee is necessary. Mr. Wildermuth stated that he will update and include comments reviewed and present it at the next Watermaster meeting for further discussion.

5. Discussion and Comment on the 2007 Report on Water Supply Conditions in San Gorgonio Pass Region

Staff reviewed the draft report and requested that comments be forwarded to Mr. Wildermuth.

6. Discussion and Comment on the Subsidence Monitoring for the Beaumont Basin Program

Mr. Wildermuth briefly explained the Benchmark Elevations. Information was collected and it was indicated that minor subsidence of the land surface occurred across the entire Beaumont Basin. He briefly described the Table ES-1 of the Subsidence Monitoring Program Report. Recommendation was made that annual surveys should be made and budget it next years for STWMA and or the Beaumont Basin Watermaster. The summary is that the temporary surplus is not causing an impact in the Beaumont Basin.

7. Status Report Regarding Septic Tank Impacts on Beaumont Basin Verbal Report – Charles J. Butcher (BCVWD)

Mr. Butcher indicated that since “Measure B” failed BCVWD has developed a new program to stop the pollution from entering the Beaumont Basin from north of the Banning Fault. The plan is to capture the pollution water from the north of the Beaumont Fault, pump it to Bogart Park, put it in artificial wet lands and then the water can be used for irrigation in the recycle water system. He indicated that Mr. Wildermuth has done some modeling as to what will happen if nothing is done to resolve this pollution issue. Joe Reichenberger, District Engineer did an estimated the cost of the project at \$16 million dollars. The District is also reviewing the Wellhead treatment as an option indicating it will be very expensive.

Mr. Schlange stated BCVWD met with the Bureau of Reclamation and that the Bureau of Reclamation was very interested in this project. Mr. Schlange recommended putting this item back on the agenda for the Watermaster to Discuss. Since Measure B failed, this matter has to be brought back and addressed because it is a water quality issue. Other agencies might get involved as the water pollution issue will probably affect them as well.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of other agencies sharing the cost of this project. Examples were provided regarding other agencies facing the same water pollution problem that the BCVWD is currently facing.

Mr. Zoba stated that City of San Bernardino and other agencies need to be incorporated for storage of water and other matters relative to water supply for the Pass Area.

Mr. Schlange explained some options on how to generate the money to pay for the purchase of additional water. One of the issues mentioned was the amount of money that will be needed to put up front so a bond can be issued as it has to be demonstrated that the areas have the ability to meet repayment requirements.


8. Discussion Regarding Yucaipa Valley Water District Brine Line Verbal Report – Joseph Zoba (YVWD)

Mr. Zoba indicated that they have entered into a contract with JUDEX for the completion of the Environmental Preliminary Design of the Brine Line. They have a draft EIR based on their recycled water project. A new chart was handed out which showed that the alignments have changed. Other agencies are interested and this might cause the Brine Line to be modified. Preliminary Design Report will be finished by the end of 2007. The 4 million dollars that were received from SAWPA will be going to this project as a base amount for any agencies that wish to contribute beyond that. The next step will be sizing and it needs to be determined who needs what capacity. The design is expected to be completed by 2008 and online in 2010.

Mr. Schlange indicated that the STWMA PC No1 agreed to joint venture with Yucaipa on the environmental work. With the conditions on the State aqueduct, the droughts and other elements, he will be prepared to tell the STWMA PC 1 committee that it is time to move the desalter forward now. Recommended that committees enter into a cooperative agreement to joint ventures with Yucaipa by January 2008 and that would take care of the Beaumont plan as well.

9. Adjournment

The Combined Manager's Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am



C.J. Butcher, Secretary of the Watermaster