Watermaster Members Present

City of Banning:  George Thacker  
City of Beaumont:  Dave Dillon  
Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District:  C. J. Butcher  
South Mesa Water Company:  George Jorritsma  

Watermaster Arriving Late

Yucaipa Valley Water District:  Joseph Zoba  

Consultants Present

Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental  
Mike Plinski, Wildermuth Environmental  
Andrew Schlange, San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority (STWMA)/ Beaumont Basin Watermaster (BBWM)  

Others Present

Luwana Ryan  Self  
Barbara Voigt  SGPWA  
Paeter Garcia  SunnyCal  
Anthony Lara  BCVWD  
Blanca Marin  BCVWD  

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jorritsma led the pledge.  

Schlange announced that there will be a Workshop on May 27, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. and that the purpose of the Workshop will be to take input and comments from the Commission regarding the 2008-2009 Budget.  

4. Oral and Written Communication  

Chairman Jorritsma reported that there were no requests to speak.  

5. Status Reports  

A. Salt Mitigation Study  

Schlange stated that when the committee entered into the agreement with the Regional Board it was agreed that when the salinity levels reach certain levels within the Basin the
Committee would undertake mitigation. After general discussion he recommended that input and comments be provided to be included in the report.

Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental Inc, stated that the least expensive and easiest to implement is to desalt recycled water using the desalter at the City of Beaumont’s treatment plant at an estimated cost of $59 million.

B. Discussion Regarding Rules and Regulations Regarding Assignment of Unused Overlying Rights per the Judgment

Schlange stated that discussion regarding the Assignment of Unused Overlying Rights per the Judgment began at the meeting on March 25th, 2008. He stated that the Judgment does not require replacement of the temporary surplus. He further stated that Watermaster recommendation is that the use of water can be at the discretion of the appropriator.

Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental Inc, provided some background information on the Stipulated Agreement stating that the appropriators have to use their rights and the water that they did not use was to be available for other appropriators. He referred to maps and graphs which showed the ground elevation showing a decline.

After discussion Schlange recommended that this item be placed on the July 2008 meeting further discussion. He also recommended that comments be submitted to him to be circulated to the correspondent appropriators.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

C.J. Butcher, Secretary to the Watermaster