RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THE  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster  
September 9, 2008

Watermaster Members Present:
City of Banning: George Thacker (Alternate for the City of Banning)  
City of Beaumont: David Dillon (Alternate for the City of Beaumont)  
Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District: Charles J. Butcher  
South Mesa Water Company: George Jorritsma  
Yucaipa Valley Water District: Joseph Zoba

Watermaster Members Absent:
City of Banning: Jim Earhart  
City of Beaumont: Dee Moorjani

Consultants Present:
Andrew J. Schlange Chief of Watermaster Services  
Mike Plinski Wildermuth Environmental  
Mark Wildermuth Wildermuth Environmental  
Samantha Stevens Wildermuth Environmental

Others Present:
Anthony Lara BCVWD  
Timothy Smith BCVWD  
Blanca Marin BCVWD  
Barbara Voigt SGPWA  
Peggy Noble SGPWA  
Luwana Ryan Self

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Absent to this meeting were members Earhart and Moorjani

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jorritsma led the pledge

4. Oral and Written Communication

Luwana Ryan requested that Members speak louder during the meetings as the public sometimes can’t hear.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Minutes of the May 27, 2008 Meeting  
B. Minutes of the June 10, 2008 Meeting  
D. Task Orders Issued June, 2008
Motion made by Member Zoba to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Member Dillon and approved by unanimous vote.

6. Action Items

A. Approve Rule & Regulation 7.8 entitled “Availability of Unused Overlying Production and Allocation to the Appropriator Parties”

Schlange requested to change the word “transfer” to “allocate” throughout the memorandum regarding the Proposed Rule and Regulation 7.8 and the Proposed Rule and Regulation 7.8 itself. He also redefined the date of the allocation to February 4, 2009. Schlange recommended that the Watermaster approve Rule Number 7.8 and authorize staff to allocate the Unused Overlying Production to each appropriator in accordance with their percentage of basin yield as set forth in Exhibit C of the Judgment; The initial allocation to take place on or after February 4, 2009.

Motion made by Member Thacker to approve, seconded by Member Butcher. Motion passed with Member Zoba opposing.

7. Staff Reports

A. Presentation of the Recompilation of Ambient Water Quality in the Santa Ana River Watershed Waste Load Allocation for the period 1987 to 2006- (Verbal Report, Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental Inc.)

Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental Inc., provided a brief report indicating that the Ambient Water Quality Report was a very complicated statistical approach developed by the Task Force in the late nineties to calculate ambient quality and management zones. Wildermuth Environmental was contracted to study water levels and water quality data in the Beaumont Management Zone. The result was that the Beaumont Management Zone has not changed.

Schlange recommended that Watermaster receive and file report.

B. Discussion Regarding Methodology to Complete New Storm Water Recharge (Verbal Report, Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental)

Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental Inc., provided a handout regarding the Procedures for the Computation of New Recharge and New Yield Pursuant to the Beaumont Basin Stipulated Agreement and Rules and Regulations. Wildermuth indicated that Beaumont, BCWVD and City of Banning projected storm water recharge that they would like to receive credit for. He stated that the Watermaster has to develop and approve detailed procedures on how to calculate the numbers and properly allocate. He recommended that retail agencies should do a water management plan projection first and wholesale agencies have to do it next. All agencies that purchase water from SGPWA need to be involved in discussions regarding water management plan.

Schlange suggested that the Watermaster schedule a workshop in October to discuss this issue further and with all parties involved.

Schlange referred to newspaper articles provided at the beginning of the meeting regarding the drought condition in the State.

8. Information Items

A. South Mesa Water Company-Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District Agreement
B. South Mesa Correspondence Relative to Water Sold, dated January 2008.
Schlange indicated that these items were for information purposes only and that no Watermaster action was required.

9. Closed Session

   A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Potential Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 - One Case

Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 10:32 a.m.

Chairman Jorritsma reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. indicating that no reportable action had been taken by the Watermaster on this item.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Jorritsma adjourned meeting at 11:16 a.m.

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Charles J. Butcher, Secretary to the Watermaster