

**RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THE
BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER MEETING
September 15, 2009**

Watermaster Members Present:

City of Beaumont:	David Dillon
Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District:	Anthony Lara
South Mesa Water Company:	George Jorritsma
Yucaipa Valley Water District:	Joseph Zoba
City of Banning:	Duane Burk

Watermaster Members Absent:

All members were present.

Consultants Present:

Andrew Schlange	Chief of Watermaster Services
Joseph Aklufi	Aklufi & Wysocki
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc

Others Present:

Niki Magee	BCVWD
Michael Joseph	Self
Patsy Reeley	Self
Judith Bingham	Self
Michele Delph	Self
Luwana Ryan	Self
Barbara Voigt	SGPWA
Kenneth Ross	BCVWD
Dr. Blair Ball	BCVWD
Stella Parks	BCVWD
Mary Daniel	Self
Blanca Marin	BCVWD
Bill Dickson	SGPWA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jorritsma called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, California.

2. Roll Call

All members were present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jorritsma led the pledge

4. Oral and Written Communication

Schlange acknowledged a change in the Consent Calendar indicating that Mr. Zoba was to provide a verbal report under the Treasurer's Report.

Chairman Jorritsma invited Michael Joseph to address the Commission on an item not on the agenda. Mr. Joseph communicated his concerns regarding his water well going dry. He explained that such well which is adjacent to the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District's, Well 24. He explained that reports done in prior years show a connection to Well 24 as the cause to his well going dry. He requested that the Commission give him guidance as the correct procedures to resolve his problem.

General Counsel Aklufi recommended that Mr. Joseph contacts the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District first as it appears that the issue of his well going dry is as a result of the well owned by the District.

Member Dillon requested that Mr. Joseph contact the City of Beaumont on this issue.

Schlange recommended that Mr. Joseph contact Mr. Lara or the BCVWD board and if nothing was resolved that Mr. Joseph needs to contact the Watermaster in writing.

Chairman Jorritsma invited Luwana Ryan to address the Commission on an item not on the agenda. Ms. Ryan commented on the letter included in the agenda related to the water level declining in the Beaumont Basin and the impact on smaller well pumpers. She referred to several points in the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Judgment about provisions related to small pumpers. She indicated that in the adjudication there was no mention of primary or secondary responsibilities of the Watermaster. She listed some of the responsibilities of the Watermaster, like the installation of the measuring devices, local projects and land use plans. She requested that the Watermaster do its joint duties.

Chairman Jorritsma invited Ken Ross to address the Commission on an item not on the agenda. Mr. Ross questioned the Commission as to the reason why there was not an item on the agenda related to the replacement of current legal counsel as requested on the previous minutes.

Schlange indicated that there was a letter in the agenda related to this item for discussion.

5. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve Minutes of June 23, 2009*
- B. Auditors Report and Financial Statements Year Ending June 30, 2009*
- C. City of Beaumont's Nomination of Dave Dillon to Watermaster Committee*
- D. Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District's Nomination of Anthony Lara to the Watermaster Committee*
- E. Task Orders Issued*

Chairman Jorritsma called for adoption of the Consent Calendar with the exclusion of the Treasurer's Report as Mr. Zoba was to offer a report on this item separately.

Member Zoba moved to accept the Consent Calendar with the deletion of the Treasurer's Report. Member Dillon seconded. The motion passed with Member Burk abstaining.

- F. Treasurer's Report Dated July 7, 2009*

Member Zoba reported that Yucaipa Staff worked with Mr. Schlange on the reconciliation of transfers of money from the STWMA and Watermaster Accounts. Since there was excess money transferred from the Watermaster to STWMA for the grant funded project. Excess money in the amount of \$33,374.14 needs to be transferred to the Watermaster to clean up the STWMA books as the City of Beaumont is now the Treasurer of STWMA.

Member Zoba moved to approve. Member Lara seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action Items

A. 2009 Subsidence Monitoring Program Beaumont Basin Report (*Report will be presented at the meeting*)*

Schlange informed the Commission and the public that copies of the report were available free of charge in a hard disk format or hard copies of the report were available at the cost of \$170.

Member Zoba moved to receive and file the 2009 Subsidence Monitoring Program Report. Member Lara seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2009 Biennial Engineering Report Beaumont Basin(*Report will be presented at the meeting*)*

Mark Wildermuth with Wildermuth Environmental Inc provided a brief verbal report on this item. He indicated that no work has been done in the current fiscal year due to the budget funding not being approved.

Schlange indicated that on table 4-1 of the report a correction under the ownership rights has to be made as Sunny Cal-Manheim & Manheim and Burman property had been transferred.

No action was taken on this item.

7. Discussion Items

a. **Authorization to Complete Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Regional Resources Optimization Scoping Work***

Recommendation: Review, comment and budget authorization to issue a task order to Wildermuth Environmental Inc to complete the study

Schlange reported that as requested by Mr. Lara, a letter was included in the agenda which addressed some concerns such as no task orders would be approved unless the entire commission approves, and the General Counsel and Special Projects budget items. He indicated that a status report was included in the agenda as requested. He further commented that as to the issue of legal counsel, this issue has to be determined by the Watermaster Commission and not the Staff and if conflict should occur, normal standards should be followed by hiring a special legal counsel for that matter only.

Schlange indicated that an estimated amount to complete these projects was included in the agenda. He further requested that the funding of these projects be approved and that the Commission continue with the services of the current legal counsel.

Member Lara moved to deny this item. Member Zoba seconded.

Member Lara noted his agreement with the funding of administrative section of the budget however, for special project funding; he indicated that maybe each agency will be accompanied by their individual lawyers.

Member Zoba recommended that the matter of the conflict with the Legal Counsel and funding of the projects be addressed as separate matters.

Member Zoba requested that Mr. Schlange provide a report to justify the funding by different agencies on the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Regional Resources Optimization Scoping Work and so that the Commission better determine the need to continue funding this project.

Schlange reported that the Commission had already spent about a quarter of a million dollars on this project and that all was left to complete the project was only \$50,000. He indicated that the purpose of the study was to gather information and to put it in an implementation report to provide additional sources of water. He indicated that other sources of water such as surplus from other agencies, San Timoteo Basin, South Beaumont Basin and Banning Basin were currently available. He stated that the urgency to complete the project was that the longer the Commission takes to finish this project, the longer the agencies need to wait to obtain the report.

Member Zoba indicated that Staff could possibly distribute the work that has already been done on this project, so that work can be evaluated and therefore make a wiser decision as to the need to fund this project. He recommended the continuation of discussions on this project so that all Commissioners review the existing work.

Member Lara noted his agreement with Mr. Zoba's recommendation to obtain an update on all special projects, and to evaluate them separately and then let the members decide as to whether or not to proceed with the projects.

Member Lara withdrew his earlier motion to deny.

Zoba amended his motion and added that the Commission distributes the work that has already been done and to evaluate the need to continue with this project and that this item be brought back to the Commission. Commissioner Lara seconded. The motion passed with Commissioner Dillon and Jorritsma opposing.

b. Authorization to Complete Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster to Develop a Salt Mitigation Fee for the Beaumont Basin Management Zone*

Recommendation: Review, comment and budget authorization to issue a task order to Wildermuth Environmental Inc to complete the study

Mr. Schlange provided a brief report on this item indicating that all member agencies were benefiting from this report. He further requested that the Commission approve funding for this report which is estimated to cost \$25,000 to complete.

Member Dillon indicated that a report be provided on the Maximum Benefit as it looked like City of Beaumont was the only agency that was responsible for that project.

Mr. Schlange indicated that Project Committee No1 did not approve its budget; therefore there was no operating budget for the Maximum Benefit Project. He indicated that there was a question as to whether or not BCVWD qualifies for the Maximum Benefit. He indicated that it was his understanding from the Regional Water Quality Control Board that if the District did not qualify and/or did not participate, then the District would revert back to the anti-degradation policy and therefore would preclude the District from using recycled water.

Member Lara indicated that the BCVWD paid a third of the cost since the inception of the project, along with the City of Beaumont, however the Pass Agency has an agreement to participate in Maximum Benefit at no cost.

Mr. Schlange indicated that the Commission should "clean up" this report and "defend" it to the Regional Board.

Member Zoba indicated that the Regional Board will enforce the Basin Objectives. He indicated that somehow he was missing the concept of the report.

Member Dillon indicated that the City of Beaumont was the only agency benefiting on the Maximum Benefit.

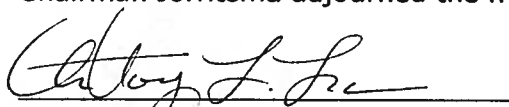
Member Dillon moved to deny the funding of this project, as this project was for benefit only to the City of Beaumont. Member Zoba seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Correspondence sent to Luwana Ryan dated August 24, 2009*

No action was taken on this item.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.



Anthony Lara, Secretary to the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster