RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THE
BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER MEETING
April 14, 2010

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:

Joseph Aklufi                          Aklufi & Wysocki
Mark Wildermuth                        Wildermuth Environmental Inc
Samantha Adams                         Wildermuth Environmental Inc

Others Present:

Niki Magee                            Self
Patsy Reeley                          Self
Judith Bingham                        Self
Luwana Ryan                           Self
Barbara Voigt                         SGPWA
Frances Flanders                      Self
Dr. Blair Ball                        BCVWD
John Hallwill                         BCVWD
Julie Salinas                         BCVWD

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jorritsma called the meeting to order at 9:03 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

No oral or written communications on items not on the agenda presented at this time.

5. Consent Calendar

   A. Approve Minutes of September 15, 2009

Motion made by Member Zoba to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Member Burk and approved by unanimous vote.

6. Action Items

   A. Biennial Basin Conditions (Engineer’s) Report for 2003/04 through 2007/08
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Wilderthum report from prior Fiscal Year, presentation was made last year. Received comments and have addressed those comments. Report is complete and ready to be received and filed.

Member Burk remarked that he appreciated the chance to read the report. At the first meeting he attended, he was not recognized at the table and he did not receive a copy of the report. He did receive a copy later, e-mailed at a later time, read and passed along to consultant (Geoscience) who made 37 comments. Recommended that next time, take into consideration comments made.

Motion made by Member Zoba to approve, receive and file the Biennial Engineering Report. Member Zoba amended his motion to include Member Burk's comments at a future date. Amended motion seconded by Member Lara and approved by unanimous vote.


Submitted draft to member by February 2, requested comments. Followed up last week, did not receive any comments. Member Lara noted that the last three figures in table 7 (storage account totals) were off 1 acre foot. Ms. Adams to review formatting and correct table 7.

Motion made by Member Lara to approve, seconded by Member Dillon and approved by unanimous vote.

C. Treasurer's Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2010

Member Zoba reported the operating revenue to date as $87,049.37 and operating expenses as $57,815.06 for revenue over expenses total of $29,234.31. Member Zoba does not believe member agencies will be solicited for additional funds (for this fiscal year).

Motion made by Member Burk to receive and file, seconded by Member Lara and approved by unanimous vote.

D. Authorization of Siebert, Botkin, Hickey & Associates as the Financial Auditor of the Watermaster for Fiscal Year 2009/10

Member Zoba reported that last year the Watermaster had engaged an auditor to review the books. Mr. Zoba solicited a proposal from the same auditing firm. The firm has reduced their cost by $800 (27% less than prior year). Mr. Zoba is looking for authorization to engage Siebert, Botkin, Hickey & Associates to complete the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 audit for cost not to exceed $2,150.

Motion made by Member Dillon to authorize, seconded by Member Burk and approved by unanimous vote.

E. Task Order No. 1 - General Manager Services

Member Zoba reported that no activity has taken place for this line item since November 2009 which is consistent with the letter of resignation. Mr. Zoba feels that it would be appropriate for the Watermaster to accept the letter which will then become part of the supporting documentation that explains why the line item did not incur any additional expenses over that period of time. Mr. Zoba requested the Watermaster officially accept the letter of resignation effective November 30, 2009.

Motion made by Member Lara to accept, seconded by Member Burk and approved by unanimous vote.

F. Reallocation of $4,000 from General Engineering (Account Number 5060) to Miscellaneous and Meeting Expenses (Account Number 5010).

Mr. Zoba reported that in reviewing the budget, one line item has exceeded the approved budget. For reconciliation of the budget, Mr. Zoba is requesting the Watermaster approve a budget reallocation drawing from General Engineering by $4,000 and transferring it to Miscellaneous and Meeting Expenses.
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Motion made by Member Dillon to approve the transfer, seconded by Member Lara and approved by unanimous vote.

G. Task Order No. W2009-03 – General Engineering Support

Member Zoba reported that the Task Order originally authorized General Manager working directly with Engineer. Mr. Zoba requested that the Watermaster provide some direction on the authorization process, specifically where the authority rests in the Watermaster to authorize expenses to be incurred for this line item.

Mr. Zoba recommended that this item be tabled, as the activity of the Watermaster would be discussed in item H.

H. Beaumont Basin Stipulated Judgment and the future of Watermaster Activities

Following discussions, it was the consensus of the Watermaster to direct Legal Counsel to prepare a Resolution outlining the basic requirements of the Watermaster. Resolution will include a list of discretionary and mandatory tasks to be prioritized by the Watermaster. Member Zoba will prepare a draft budget. Both items to be presented to the Watermaster at the next meeting.

I. New Yield Accounting

Engineer Wildermuth presented a Staff Report (in Agenda) dated January 13, 2009 to the Watermaster and recommended the Rules and Regulations be updated to reflect the methods to compute and assign new yield. Member Dillon suggested that the Engineer put together a recommendation with suggested concepts/wording and bring back to the Watermaster at the next meeting.

7. Status Reports (Verbal)

A. Engineer’s Update – Watermaster website has been down for technical reasons. The website has been rebuilt and pending some discussion regarding administration and cost of maintaining website, will be put back online.

B. Legal Counsel Update – Nothing to report

8. Board Member Comments

Member Zoba gave a summary of items to be discussed at the next Watermaster meeting which included: Financial Update, Draft Budget, Resolution re Watermaster Activity, Storage Account Adjustment for YVWD and City of Beaumont and Amendment to Rules and Regulation re New Yield Accounting.

The Watermaster scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, May 11th at 9:00am.

Adjournment

Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Anthony Lara, Secretary to the Beaumont Basin Watermaster