

**RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THE
Beaumont Basin Watermaster Meeting
September 14, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.**

MEETING LOCATION

Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District
560 Magnolia Avenue
Beaumont, California 92223

WATERMASTER MEMBERS PRESENT

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District -	Represented by Anthony Lara
City of Banning -	Represented by Duane Burk
City of Beaumont -	Represented by Dave Dillon
South Mesa Water Company -	Represented by George Jorritsma
Yucaipa Valley Water District -	Represented by Joseph Zoba

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barbara Voigt	SGPWA
Jennifer Ares	YVWD
Stella Parks	BCVWD
Joseph Aklufi	Aklufi & Wysocki
Dr. Blair Ball	BCVWD
John Halliwill	BCVWD
Ken Ross	BCVWD
Ted Haring	SGPWA
John Jeter	SGPWA
Dennis Williams	
Bryan Villalobos	
Samantha Stevens	Wildermuth Environmental
Knute Dahlstrom	BCVWD
Jeff Davis	SGPWA
Cheryle Rasmussen	SGPWA
Judy Bingham	Self
Luwana Ryan	Self
Ray Morris	DGPWA
Blanca Marin	BCVWD
John Ohanian	Oak Valley Partners

I. call to Order

Chairman Jorritsma called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

- A. Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District - Anthony Lara
- B. City of Banning - Duane Burk
- C. City of Beaumont - Dave Dillon
- D. South Mesa Water Company - George Jorritsma
- E. Yucaipa Valley Water District - Joseph Zoba

All Beaumont Basin Watermaster Members were present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jorritsma led the Pledge.

IV. Public Comments:

Chairman Jorritsma invited John Halliwill to address the Commission on an item not on the agenda. Mr. Halliwill requested answers on questions he made at the last meeting such as whom the retail agency is and what and where the Recharge Facility is.

V. Consent calendar

A. Minutes of the May 11, 2010 Watermaster Meeting

Member Burk requested that the minutes be modified to reflect that the City of Banning does intent on extracting water from the Basin. He requested that the comment "Banning does not want to extract water from the Beaumont Basin" be deleted from the minutes.

Mr. Halliwill requested that Mr. Dillon meet with him after the meeting to clarify some questions related to the Recycled Water.

Member Zoba moved to accept the minutes with the correction as requested by Mr. Burk. Member Lara seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion Items:

A. Acceptance of the Financial Audit for the Period Ending June 30, 2010 [Watermaster Memorandum No. 10-013]

After a brief report Member Zoba recommended that members of the Watermaster accept the financial audit prepared by Siebert, Botkin, Hickey & Associates.

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

B. Presentation of Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 [Watermaster Memorandum No. 10-014]

After a brief report, Member Zoba recommended that Watermaster adopt Option "A" which requires funding from each member of the Watermaster the amount of \$6, 000 with the understanding that there maybe contributions needed throughout the year.

Member Lara moved to adopt Option "A" with the option to modify the amount throughout the year. Member Dillon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Application for a Groundwater Storage Agreement for the City of Banning and the City of Beaumont [Watermaster Memorandum No. 10-015]

Samantha Stevens with Wildermuth Environmental provided a brief report on this item.

Chairman Jorritsma invited Luwana Ryan to address the Commission on this item. Ms. Ryan requested that the Commission discuss the name for storage accounts for those entities who are not water purveyors in the Beaumont Basin and their fiscal availability to extract water. She further requested that SGPWA discuss future lack of supply over the retailers' actual needs. She further commented on the interest of SGPWA in getting credit on return flows but the Ground Storage Agreement excludes credit from returned flows.

Chairman Jorritsma invited Dr. Blair Ball to address the Commission on this item. Dr. Ball expressed his opinion in regards of the agreements to be approved indicating that the two agreements needed to be voted on separately. He briefly spoke about the agreement between the City of Beaumont and the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District which has never been signed. He recommended that the Commission separate the two agreements and that the City of Beaumont provide an explanation as to the need to increase its storage.

John Halliwill indicated that this is the first time that he hears that there is a problem with the agreement between the City of Beaumont and the District. He indicated that as an individual he would like to see the document finalized. He further requested that Member Dillon review the agreement and see if they can agree on what needs to be modified.

Chairman Jorritsma invited John Ohanian from Oak Valley Partners to address the Commission. Mr. Ohanian expressed his opinion indicating nobody is really augmenting the water in the Beaumont Basin and he is glad that the City of Beaumont is making the effort to recharge water. He would like to see the agreement issue resolved.

After discussion, Member Zoba moved to approve both agreements as provided. Member Burk seconded. The motion passed with Member Lara opposing.

D. Request by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency to Negotiate a Storage Agreement with the Watermaster [Watermaster Memorandum No. 10-016]

Chairman Jorritsma invited Jeff Davis, General Manager of the San Gorgonio Pass Agency to provide a report on this item. Mr. Davis indicated that the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency is looking forward to working with the Watermaster. He indicated that the Agency has been putting water in the ground in the Beaumont Basin since 2003. He quoted Regulation 8.2 of the Watermaster Rules and Regulations. He indicated the agreement will be slightly different from the Groundwater Storage Agreements currently signed from members of the Watermaster. He requested that an ad hoc committee be authorized to meet with the Agency and discuss the conditions a draft an agreement that satisfy the conditions and goals of both agencies.

After discussion, Member Zoba recommended that Agency coordinate with Staff at the District to schedule a workshop between the Agency and the Watermaster.

E. Discussion Regarding the Collection and Compilation of Water Production Information Related to the Preparation of the Annual Report [Watermaster Memorandum No. 10-017]

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation.

After discussion, an ad hoc committee was formed to draft an RFP to contract with other engineering companies to complete the Watermaster Annual Report.

Member Zoba moved to set up an ad hoc committee to draft an RFP to complete the next Watermaster Annual Report and bring back to the next meeting. Member Lara seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Members Zoba and Burk were appointed to draft an RFP to complete the next Watermaster Annual Report.

F. Authorization to Reimburse Yucaipa Valley Water District for Website Related Expenses [Watermaster Memorandum No. 10-018]

RECOMMENDATION: That the members of the Watermaster authorize the payment of \$318.34 to YVWD from reserve funds.

After brief report from Member Zoba, Member Zoba moved to authorize payment of \$318.34 to YVWD. Member Burk seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Watermaster Member Comments

Staff was directed to schedule a Workshop with the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency for November.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Jorritsma adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Anthony Lara, Secretary to the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster