

**Record of the Minutes of the  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster Meeting  
September 21, 2011**

**Meeting Location:**

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

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Roll Call**

A.	City of Banning:	Duane Burk	Present
B.	City of Beaumont:	Dave Dillon	Absent
C.	Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District:	Eric Fraser	Present
D.	South Mesa Water Company:	George Jorritsma	Present
E.	Yucaipa Valley Water District:	Joseph Zoba	Present

Members of the public who registered their attendance were: John Halliwill, John Guldseth, Judy Bingham, Bill Brocon, Kyle Warsinski, Hisam Bahai, Mary Ann Melleby, Duane Burk, Ken Ross, Parley Kennelly, Mark St. Angelo, John Covington, Barbara Voigt, Jennifer Ares, Fran Flanders and Knute Dahlstrom.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Jorritsma led the pledge.

**IV. Public Comments** At this time, members of the public may address the Beaumont Basin Watermaster on matters within its jurisdiction; however, no action or discussion may take place on any item not on the agenda. To provide comments on specific agenda items, please complete a Request to Speak form and provide that form to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Chairman Jorritsma invited Judy Bingham to address the Committee on an item not on the agenda. Ms. Bingham announced that there will be a meeting called the LESJWA Water Summit on October 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the main topic being the City of Beaumont's financial commitment and responsibility in contributing to the health and quality of their region's water resources.

Chairman Jorritsma invited Fran Flanders to address the Committee on an item not on the agenda. Mrs. Flanders stated that a conflict of interest exists by having Mr. Aklufi and Mr. Wildermuth work with both the City of Beaumont and the Watermaster.

**V. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve Minutes of April 7, 2011
- B. Unaudited Financial Report - June 30, 2011

Member Zoba moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Member Burk seconded. The motion passed with Member Fraser abstaining and Member Dillon absent.

## **VI. Discussion Items**

- A. Reorganization of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee - Appointment of Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) [Watermaster Memorandum No. 11-01]

Recommendation: That the members of the Watermaster conduct nominations for the appointment of officers of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Chairman Jorritsma called for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster:

Member Fraser moved to nominate Member Burk. Member Zoba seconded. The motion passed with Member Dillon absent.

Member Jorritsma turned the meeting over to Chairman Burk.

Newly appointed Chairman Burk called for nominations for the office of the Vice Chairman:

Member Zoba moved to nominate Member Jorritsma for the office of the Vice Chairman. Chairman Burk seconded. The motion passed with Member Dillon absent.

Chairman Burk called for nominations for the office of the Secretary:

Member Zoba moved to nominate Member Fraser to the office of the Secretary. Chairman Burk seconded. The motion passed with Member Dillon absent.

Member Fraser moved to nominate Member Zoba to the office of the Treasurer. Member Jorritsma seconded. The motion passed with Member Dillon absent.

- B. Presentation of Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 [Watermaster Memorandum No. 11-02]

Recommendation: This agenda item is presented for discussion by the Watermaster members with the goal of adopting an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

After a brief report from Member Zoba, Member Jorritsma moved to approve. Chairman Burk seconded. The motion passed with Member Dillon absent.

- C. Status Report Related to the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2009/10 and 2010/11 [Watermaster Memorandum No. 11-03]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Chairman Burk invited Luwana Ryan to address the Committee on this item. Mrs. Ryan commented on the scope of work projected. She referred to Task 1.3, Estimated Pumping from Parties with Unmetered Wells, and suggested that the Committee review the Rules and Regulations because the first year in the Committee's activities direction was given to survey and to meter every well in the Beaumont Basin. She indicated that she only knows of one well that has been metered so far. She further suggested that the Committee surveys and meters all wells in the Beaumont Basin to better know where these wells are and how much they are pumping.

Member Zoba reported that a draft report will be presented at the next Committee meeting with the possibility of adopting the report at the November meeting.

- D. Review of Draft Basin Accounting Agreement Between Beaumont Basin Watermaster and San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency [Watermaster Memorandum No. 11-04]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Chairman Burk invited Jeff Davis, General Manager of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency to report on this item. He indicated that this item was discussed at previous meetings, and it was the Committee's recommendation to have the Agency draft an agreement for the Committee's review and approval.

After report, Member Fraser moved to table this item until all members have an opportunity to review and have a better understanding. Member Jorritsma seconded. The motion passed with Member Dillon absent.

Chairman Burk invited Luwana Ryan to address the Committee on this item. Ms. Ryan commented on Item 5.0 of the Draft Accounting Agreement indicating that the item does not abide by the Beaumont Basin Water Master Rules.

- E. Adoption of Resolution No. 2011-01, A Resolution of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Adopting Amendment to Rule 2.12 "Annual Report" of the Rules and Regulations of the Watermaster [Watermaster Memorandum No. 11-05]

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2011-01 as presented.

Member Fraser moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-01. Member Jorritsma seconded. The motion passed with Member Dillon absent.

- F. Preparation of a Request for Proposals for Annual Reporting Services [Workshop Memorandum No. 11-06]

Recommendation: Authorize the preparation of a Request for Proposals for annual reporting services.

Chairman Burk invited Judy Bingham to address the Committee on this item. Ms. Bingham asked the Committee if the Annual Reporting Services Proposal will be advertised, put out to bid, or if it was going to be given to Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Member Zoba requested authorization to take the lead in preparing a draft RFP. He indicated a draft RFP will be presented at the next meeting.

Member Jorritsma moved to authorize Member Zoba to draft RFP. Member Fraser seconded. The motion passed with Member Dillon absent.

- G. Overview of Legal Services for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster [Watermaster Memorandum No. 11-07]

Recommendation: No recommendation

Chairman Burk invited Judy Bingham to address the Committee on this item. Ms. Bingham commented that there has always been conflicts by having Aklufi serve as the legal counsel for STWMA, the City of Beaumont and the Watermaster. She recommended that the Watermaster hire independent legal services.

After a brief report from Member Zoba, Member Fraser moved to prepare an RFP for legal services. Member Zoba seconded. The motion passed with Member Dillon absent.

Member Fraser was directed to prepare RFP for legal services.

## **VII. Watermaster Member Comments**

Chairman Burk commended Member Jorritsma for his time of service as the Chairman of Watermaster.

Member Zoba thanked Member Jorritsma for his time of service as the Chairman of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Member Zoba requested authorization to spend \$1800 for the audit for the Watermaster. And he will present ratification at the next Committee meeting.

Member Zoba addressed an email that was apparently circulated prior to the meeting questioning the preparation of meeting agenda items by members of the Watermaster. He stated that Watermaster members provide agenda topics and the preparation of meeting memorandums serve the purpose of providing background information for the public and to facilitate discussions at the meeting.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Burk adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

/s/ Duane Burk

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Duane Burk, Chairman of the  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster