

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
August 1, 2012**

Meeting Location:

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

City of Banning	Duane Burk	Present
City of Beaumont	Dave Dillon	Absent
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	Eric Fraser	Present
South Mesa Water Company	George Jorritsma	Present
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Joe Zoba	Present

Kyle Warsinski was present as the alternate representing the City of Beaumont in the absence of Member Dave Dillon.

Also present was Thierry Montoya, a representative from Alvarado Smith, legal counsel for the Watermaster.

Members of the public who registered their attendance were: Samantha Adams, Judy Bingham, John Halliwill, Luwana Ryan, Patsy Reeley, and Fran Flanders.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Member George Jorritsma led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

Fran Flanders has asked that the Watermaster to continue to follow the past rules of the Brown Act even though it is no longer required.

Judy Bingham has asked if legal counsel has responded to the previous request about naming a general manager for the Watermaster for the courts. Mr. Montoya stated that there is no requirement for the Watermaster to appoint a general manager.

Pasty Reeley expressed her concern on the preparation of timely minutes.

Luwana Ryan discussed unused overlyer rights and stated that the appropriator who is impacted should be the one getting the overlyer rights and it should not be divided among all the overlyers.

V. Reports

A. Report from Engineering Consultant – Hannibal Blandon, Alda Inc.

Mr. Blandon reported that they are working on two reports, the 2011 Annual Report and the Bi-Annual Report. The draft of the 2011 Annual Report should be available before the October 2012 meeting. Mr. Blandon has proposed a workshop immediately after, or as part of the regular meeting, held in October, in order to discuss specific issues relating to the management of the basin.

B. Report from Legal Counsel – Thierry Montoya, Alvarado Smith

Thierry Montoya reported on AB1464 and the Brown Act, including the 72 hour notice requirement.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Adoption of the 7th and 8th Year Annual Report

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee receive and file the combined 7th and 8th Annual Report document.

Samantha Adams noted that pursuant to the direction of the Watermaster Committee changes were made to the Annual Report, noting changes that occurred in Section 3, related to the recharge section of the Report.

Public Comment: John Halliwill commented that as a resident of Beaumont he would like to see the Watermaster Committee take action on the recommendations that were made in the Report. Mr. Halliwill also commented on using figures for recharge when there is question as to what is actually being recharged into the basin.

Motion was made by Member George Jorritsma to receive and file the Report. Motion was seconded by Member Duane Burk. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Review of the Draft Basin Accounting Agreement Between the Beaumont Basin Watermaster and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

Recommendation: None

Member Joe Zoba provided the members of the Watermaster Committee with a brief history of the Agreement. The members of the Committee discussed various aspects of the Agreement. Legal counsel and the Watermaster Engineer also commented on the Agreement.

Member Joe Zoba motioned to reject the Agreement. Member Eric Fraser seconded the motion, noting that the Agency is welcome to resubmit an application. Motion passed 5-0.

VII. Topics for Future Meetings

A. Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012

B. Draft 2011 Annual Report of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster

C. Draft Beaumont Basin Watermaster Engineering Report No. 3

D. Other Topics

Chairman Duane Burk requested that the recommendations in the Annual Report be added to this list.

VIII. Watermaster Committee Member Comments

None

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Duane Burk adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Duane Burk, Chairman
Beaumont Basin Watermaster