

**Record of the Minutes of the  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster  
February 6, 2013**

**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 10:06 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	Joseph Zoba	Present

Kyle Warsinski was present as the alternate representing the City of Beaumont in the absence of Member Dave Dillon. Keith McCullough was present representing legal counsel for the Watermaster.

Members of the public who registered their attendance were: R. Morris, John Jeter, Mary Ann Melleby, Gail Papariam, Pasty Reeley, John M. Halliwill, Gordon Woodward, Fran Flanders, and Jack Nelson.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Keith McCullough led the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. Public Comments**

John Ohanian has asked the Committee to have a study session with the overlyers at the next meeting to allow the overlyers and the appropriators an opportunity to discuss as a group and in public the management of the basin.

Mark St. Angelo stated that the Committee failed to make a timely decision on the application for a storage account by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and has requested that the Committee add to their next meeting an agenda item to make a decision on the application.

**V. Consent Calendar**

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2013

Member Joseph Zoba motioned to approve the item of the consent calendar. Member Kyle Warsinski seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

## **VI. Reports**

### **A. Report from Engineering Consultant – Anibal Blandon, Alda Engineering**

Anibal Blandon stated that he has provided the Committee with the revised storage application that was prepared, in conjunction with legal counsel, as directed by the Committee in December. Mr. Blandon also stated that a meeting with the overlyers would be helpful in getting the necessary information for producing correct numbers that have been difficult to get.

### **B. Report from Legal Counsel – Keith McCullough, Alvarado Smith**

Keith McCullough stated that there have been no further responses received to the production data requests that were previously mailed out. Mr. McCullough also stated that the Committee should agendize the review of the application that was developed and presented to the Committee. Mr. McCullough then gave an overview of the application process to date of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians stating that the application is still pending.

## **VII. Discussion Items**

### **A. Discussion Regarding the Annual Report for Calendar Year 2011 [Memorandum No. 13-04]**

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee receives and files the Calendar Year 2011 Annual Report.

Anibal Blandon discussed the changes that were made and provided an overview of the Report. Member Eric Fraser advised the Committee and Mr. Blandon that earlier this morning the overlyer information that the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District has accumulated had been sent to him and that it would change the information presented in the 2011 report, but that should the Committee desire it could just be included in the 2012 report which is currently in progress since it changes figures from the inception. Member Joseph Zoba stated that he would like to review the methodology of the overlyer calculation and suggested that it be addressed as a separate item at the next meeting.

After discussion by the Committee, a motion was made by Member Joseph Zoba to receive and file the Calendar Year 2011 Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Kyle Warsinski. The motion passed 5-0.

### **B. Discussion Regarding the Engineer's Report No. 3 – 2008 to 2011 [Memorandum No. 13-05]**

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee receives and files the Engineer's Report No. 3 – 2008 to 2011.

Anibal Blandon discussed the Engineer's Report stating the issues were the same as with the Annual Report.

A motion was made by Member Eric Fraser to receive and file the Engineer's Report No. 3 – 2008 to 2011. The motion was seconded by Chairman Duane Burk. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Discussion Regarding Task Order No. 3 with Alda, Inc. for the Groundwater Model Update and Redetermination of Safe Yield [Memorandum No. 13-06]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

The City of Beaumont has sent a letter to the Committee members indicating its disputes with Task Order No. 3. Mr. Anibal Blandon discussed the concerns presented with the Committee. Member Kyle Warsinski stated that the City of Beaumont believes that some of the items in the Task Order should be brought to the Committee as separate Task Orders and that some of them should not be split evenly.

After discussion by the Committee, the engineering consultant, and legal counsel, a motion was made by Member Joseph Zoba to approve Task Order No. 3 not to exceed \$229,210. The motion was seconded by Chairman Duane Burk. The motion passed 4-1, with Member Kyle Warsinski in opposition.

**VIII. Topics for Future Meetings**

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

B. Other Topics

The Committee discussed having the workshop after the next meeting to include the following items: draft ground water storage agreement, the coordination of overlayers and appropriators, and the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District spreadsheet and its related methodology.

**IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members**

Member Kyle Warsinski and the Committee requested that legal counsel provide an opinion as to whether the application by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians was considered to fall under the Permit Streamlining Act.

Member Eric Fraser commented that the Watermaster Committee did not need to consist of the current membership. Legal counsel confirmed that a current member could petition the court to be removed.

**X. Announcements**

A. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 am.

**XI. Adjournment**

Chairman Duane Burk adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

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Duane Burk, Chairman  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster