

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
April 10, 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 9:00 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	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: Robert Hoffman, Ken Ross, Luwana Ryan, John Covington, Jack Nelson, Mary Ann Melleby, Fran Flanders and Blair Ball.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

George Jorritsma led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

Niki Magee read into the record regarding Item XII her letter to the Committee Members that as a property owner with water rights, she is unaware of the Beaumont Basis Overlyers Conservation Association organization and that the statement that the organization “consists of an overwhelming majority of those who have overlyer water rights” should be corrected to state “overwhelming majority of the eleven overlying defendants of the stipulated judgment.”

Judy Bingham representing Beaumont Citizens for Responsible Growth invited everyone to visit the group’s website to sign their petition to the district attorney.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes February 6, 2013
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes March 25, 2013

Member Joseph Zoba motioned to approve the items of the consent calendar. Chairman Duane Burk seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

VI. Reports

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

Mr. Blandon provided the Committee Members with the following reports: 2012 Draft Annual Report, 2011 Final Annual Report, and the Final Engineer's Report No. 3 2008-2011. He then stated that there was a form that has been provided to the Committee Members and that has been set out for the Overlyers to take and complete. Mr. Blandon then advised the Committee Members that there is a series of monitoring wells throughout the Basin that Wildermuth Environmental used to collect information from through the summer of 2011. Many of the wells have transducers that appear to no longer be monitored, and the data may be overwriting itself.

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

Mr. McCullough advised the Committee Members that, as directed, he has sent a letter to the legal counsel of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians that their application for storage agreement is continuing and open, inviting additional information and indicating that a new application form for storage agreement may be considered by the Committee at today's meeting. Mr. McCullough also confirmed that the Permit Streamlining Act does not apply to committee activities nor to a pending application for storage agreement.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Status Report on the Preparation of the 2012 Annual Report and Operating Safe Yield [Memorandum No. 13-07]

Recommendation: No recommendation

Member Joseph Zoba indicated that the 2012 Annual Report Draft has been provided to the Committee Members and it has been made available on the Watermaster website. Mr. Blandon and Mr. Thomas Harder provided an overview of the 2012 Annual Report Draft and answered Committee Members questions.

B. Independent Accountant's Financial Report of Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster [Memorandum No. 13-08]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee receives and files the Independent Accountant's Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2012.

Member Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the Independent Accountant's Financial Report. Chairman Duane Burk noted the Report was to be received and filed.

C. Review of Draft Application for Groundwater Storage Agreement [Memorandum 13-09]

Recommendation: No recommendation

Mr. McCullough and Mr. Blandon discussed the preparation of the revised draft application for groundwater storage agreement. The revised application and tangent policy

considerations were discussed by the Committee Members, along with the Engineering and Legal counsels. Mr. Blandon will make changes as commented upon by the Committee Members and resubmit it for Committee approval.

VIII. Topics for Future Meetings

- A. Review and Approval of the 2012 Beaumont Basin Watermaster Annual Report
- B. Review and Approval of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14
- C. Other Topics

Chairman Duane Burk announced the topics for future meetings above. Member Eric Fraser recommended adding a discussion about the metering of producers in the Basin. Chairman Duane Burk added that he would like to see the Morongo Band of Mission Indians' Application for Storage Agreement brought back for consideration by the Committee at the next meeting. Member Eric Fraser asked that additional information to the original application be provided.

IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members

No comments from the Watermaster Committee Members were made.

X. Announcements

- A. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Duane Burk made the announcement above.

XI. Recess the Meeting to a Beaumont Basin Watermaster Study Session

Chairman Duane Burk recessed the meeting to the study session at 10:00 a.m. Jack Nelson replaced Joseph Zoba in representing the Yucaipa Valley Water District for the remainder of the meeting.

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XII. Reconvene to Meeting to a Beaumont Basin Watermaster Study Session

- A. Presentation by the Beaumont Basin Overlyers Conservation Association

The Beaumont Basin Overlyers Conservation Association discussed their concerns with the Committee Members.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Duane Burk adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Duane Burk, Chairman
Beaumont Basin Watermaster