

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
June 5, 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 10:00 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. Thierry Montoya was present representing legal counsel for the Watermaster.

Members of the public who registered their attendance were: John Ohanian, John Covington, Carl Kym L.A., Barbara Voigt, Bob Wall, Mary Ann Melleby, Ron Duncan, John Jeter, Ken Munoz, Patsy Reeley, Cameton McCook, Mark St. Angelo, Charles Martin, Betty Beckman, Ted Haring, Jack Nelson, Jan Leja, Vicky Elisalda, Tom Linton, Brie Dickson, and Ray Morris.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

George Jorritsma led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

Judy Bingham advised the Committee of a proposed warehouse to be located in the City of Beaumont to be the largest ever seen in this region.

Fran Flanders also commented on the proposed warehouses to be brought to Beaumont and advised the Committee of water quality issues that are being questioned within the report on the proposal.

John Ohanian wanted to let the Committee know that the overlyers are interested in the safe yield study, they wish to participate in the choosing of methodology and be involved in the process.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes April 10, 2013

Member Joseph Zoba motioned to approve the item 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 wished to remind the Committee Members that there are monitoring wells throughout the Basin that have data that have not been collected and may be overridden.

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

Mr. Montoya reported that on May 3rd the Court ruled in favor of the City of Beaumont's Motion and that the safe yield expenses are to be considered special project expenses.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 [Memorandum No. 13-10]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approves the amended budget as presented for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Member Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the amended budget, including the special project costs as ruled by the Court. Chairman Duane Burk motioned to approve the amended budget; Member Kyle Warsinski seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

B. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 [Memorandum No. 13-11]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approves the proposed budget as presented for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Member Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the 2013-2014 Proposed Budget. Member Joseph Zoba motioned to approve the Proposed Budget; Chairman Duane Burk seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

C. Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 4 with Alda, Inc. for On Call Technical Support Services [Memorandum 13-12]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approves Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 4.

Member Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the Amendment. Member Joseph Zoba motioned to approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 4; Member Eric Fraser seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

D. Review of the Draft Application for Groundwater Storage Agreement [Memorandum No. 13-13]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Mr. Blandon and Mr. Montoya provided an overview of the Draft Application for Groundwater Storage Agreement. After discussion, Member Eric Fraser motioned to accept the Draft Application as presented; Member Joseph Zoba seconded the motion; the motion failed to pass 2-3 with Member Kyle Warsinski, Member George Jorritsma, and Chairman Duane Burk dissenting.

- E. Application for Groundwater Storage Agreement from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians [Memorandum No. 13-14]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Chairman Duane Burk provided an overview of the Application from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. The application was discussed by the Committee Members, representatives of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and the Watermaster legal counsel.

Public Comments on Item:

Dr. Blair Ball commented that he views the Committee as protectors of the water quality and that it is prudent to revise an application with current changes after it has been dormant for 10 years.

John Jeter stated that the application is a simple document that needs to be taken and moved forward.

Chairman Duane Burk motioned to approve the application with 20,000 acre feet of storage; Member Kyle Warsinski seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-2 with Member Eric Fraser and Member Joseph Zoba dissenting.

- F. Status Report on the Preparation of the 2012 Annual Report and Operating Safe Yield [Memorandum 13-15]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Public Comment on Item:

John Covington commented on some discrepancies found within the report that he has provided to the Watermaster Engineering consultant, Mr. Blandon.

Mr. Blandon stated that the Draft report has been presented to the Committee. The only comments that have been received so far were from Mr. Covington. Additional comments are to be presented to Mr. Blandon for the next meeting.

Mr. Blandon also stated that the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District has provided information regarding overlayers that they have been serving. However, the other agencies have not presented any of this information.

VIII. Topics for Future Meetings

- A. Monitoring Wells Data Collection Issues
- B. Audit
- C. Other Topics

Chairman Duane Burk requested the Draft Application for Water Storage Agreement to be brought back. Member Joseph Zoba requested the 2012 Draft Annual Report back.

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, August 7, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Duane Burk made the announcement above.

XI. Recess the Meeting to a Beaumont Basin Watermaster Special Project Committee

Chairman Duane Burk recessed the meeting to the study session at 12:01 p.m.

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XII. Reconvene the Meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster – Special Project Committee (Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District, City of Banning, Yucaipa Valley Water District, South Mesa Mutual Water Company)

A. Status Report on the Groundwater Model Update and Redetermination of Safe Yield [Memorandum No. 13-16]

Public Comment:

Judy Bingham inquired as to why the City of Beaumont was still present for the Special Committee meeting.

Mr. Blandon and Mr. Thomas Harder provided an overview of the report and items of the report were discussed by the Committee.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Duane Burk adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Duane Burk, Chairman
Beaumont Basin Watermaster