

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
August 7, 2013**

Meeting Location:

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

City of Banning	Duane Burk	Absent
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

In the absence of Chairman Duane Burk, Member George Jorritsma chaired this meeting. Art Vela was present as the alternate representing the City of Banning in the absence of Duane Burk. Thierry Montoya was present representing legal counsel for the Watermaster.

Members of the public who registered their attendance were: Luwana Ryan, Ted Haring, John Jeter, Bill Dickson, John Guldseth, Fran Flanders, Patsy Reeley, Dick Reeley, Beth Berkman, Bob Wall, Barbara Voigt, Mary Ann Melleby and Jan Leja.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

George Jorritsma led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

Luwana Ryan has requested that the Committee consider changing the meeting time to evening or late afternoon as per the Riverside County Grand Jury recommendation.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes June 5, 2013

Member Eric Fraser motioned to approve the item of the consent calendar. Member Joseph Zoba seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, with Dave Dillon (City of Beaumont) being absent.

VI. Reports

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

Thomas Harder provided the report in the absence of Hannibal Blandon who was running late and not present at this time. Mr. Harder advised the Committee that comments have been received on the Annual Report from the Yucaipa Valley Water District and they are waiting for the comments from the others. Overlyer data requests are out but still waiting for the information from the overlyer pumpers in the area for the safe yield calculation. Also, Mr. Blandon wished to advise the Committee that they have been informally approached by Wildermuth Consulting with a data request and data sharing regarding the Beaumont Basin.

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

Mr. Montoya reported that ground water storage agreements are separate from the CEQA compliance requirements and would still be required.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Independent Accountant's Financial Report of Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster [Memorandum No. 13-17]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee receives and files the Independent Accountant's Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2013.

Member Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the Financial Report. Member Eric Fraser motioned to receive and file the Independent Accountant's Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2013; Member Joseph Zoba seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0, with Dave Dillon (City of Beaumont) being absent.

B. Status Report on the Preparation of the 2012 Annual Report [Memorandum No. 13-18]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Hannibal Blandon provided an overview on the status of the 2012 Annual Report and outstanding items of the report were discussed by the Committee.

C. Review of the Draft Application for Groundwater Storage Agreement [Memorandum 13-19]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Member Joseph Zoba, noting that no comments or requests for changes had been received on the application, moved to approve the Application for Groundwater Storage Agreement; Member Eric Fraser seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed 4-0, with Dave Dillon (City of Beaumont) being absent.

D. Overview of Data Collection for Groundwater Monitoring [Memorandum No. 13-20]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Mr. Blandon discussed the difficulty with obtaining data for groundwater monitoring from the overlying users. The Committee discussed ways to collect the data and ensure that the data is being collected.

Member Eric Fraser motioned to have each Committee Member Agency install meters for the overlayers within their service area boundaries within the Basin and seek reimbursement from the Watermaster for those costs. Member Joe Zoba seconded the motion, adding that a wireless read project for the future should be considered. After discussion, the motion passed 4-0, with Dave Dillon (City of Beaumont) being absent.

VIII. Topics for Future Meetings

A. Other Topics

- 2012 Annual Report to be brought back in a red-lined format for adoption
- Discussion item on the unmetered overlying users
- Contract for the 2013 Annual Report to be presented for consideration

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, October 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Pro Tem George Jorritsma made the announcement above.

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

Chairman Pro Tem George Jorritsma recessed the meeting to the study session at 10:35 a.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. 13-21]

Mr. Thomas Harder discussed aspects of the report with the Committee.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Pro Tem George Jorritsma adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

George Jorritsma, Chairman Pro Tem
Beaumont Basin Watermaster