

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

Meeting Location:

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

I. Call to Order

Member George Jorritsma called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

<i>City of Banning</i>	<i>Arturo Vela</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>City of Beaumont</i>	<i>Kyle Warsinski</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District</i>	<i>Eric Fraser</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>South Mesa Water Company</i>	<i>George Jorritsma</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Yucaipa Valley Water District</i>	<i>Joseph Zoba</i>	<i>Present</i>

Kyle Warsinski was present as the alternate representing the City of Beaumont in the absence of Member Dave Dillon. Arturo Vela was present as the alternate representing the City of Banning in the absence of Chairman Duane Burke. Thierry Montoya was present representing legal counsel for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Members of the public who registered their attendance were: John Jeter, Bill Dickson, John Halliwill, Bob Wall, Fran Flanders, Tom Harder, Mary Ann Melleby, Jack Nelson and Hannibal Blandon.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Jorritsma led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

No public comment was received at this time.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2015

Member Joseph Zoba motioned to approve consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Member Eric Fraser and passed 5-0.

VI. Reports

- A. Report from Engineering Consultant - Hannibal Blandon, ALDA Engineering

Engineer Hannibal Blandon stated he would present several of the discussion items later in the meeting.

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

Legal Counsel Thierry Montoya stated he would provide recommendations to the Committee in regard to the Allocation of Unused Overlying Production to Appropriator Parties discussion item later in the meeting.

VII. Discussion Items

- A. Status Report on the Installation of Water Level Monitoring Equipment at Twelve (12) Sites in the Beaumont Basin [Memorandum No. 15-10, Page 9 of 15]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Engineer Blandon gave an update on the installation of new monitoring equipment at nine initial sites. He reported that there are 15 sites being considered for monitoring, with 9 sites being owned by Appropriators and 6 others by either Overlying Parties or other parties not identified in the judgment. The Committee is in contract negotiations with 4 of those 6 parties.

- B. Response to Questions Asked About Groundwater Production Over and Above Safe Yield in the Beaumont Basin [Memorandum No. 15-11, Page 11 of 15]

Recommendation: For informational purposes only.

Engineer Blandon provided a response to questions from the previous meeting regarding groundwater production in excess of the safe yield of the Beaumont Basin. He explained that the combination of the natural basin safe yield, the annual overdraft allowed by the Stipulated Judgment, and the water imported annually for recharge would be greater than the annual production. He concluded by stating that the pumping and recharge in the basin is in balance, as evidenced by relatively stable groundwater levels throughout most of the basin over the last few years.

- C. Discussion Regarding the Allocation of Unused Overlying Production to Appropriator Parties [Memorandum No. 15-12, Page 13 of 15]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee instructs Watermaster Counsel to provide a legal opinion regarding the allocation of unused overlying production beyond Fiscal Year 2012/13 based on the recently adopted Beaumont Basin Safe Yield of 6,700 acre feet per calendar year.

Engineer Blandon provided a brief overview of Section 7.8 of the Watermaster Rules and Regulations, which outlines the process for distributing adjudicated water not produced by Overlying Parties to the Appropriators. He advised that the Watermaster Committee instruct Legal Counsel to provide guidance on how the allocation of such water should be determined in future years, since the accounting of basin conditions was switched from a Fiscal Year basis to a Calendar Year basis in 2012 and the result of that was overlapping periods for the initial Safe Yield and the revised Safe Yield.

Legal Counsel Montoya advised that the allocation of unused production by Overlying Users on a calendar year basis be done in the same way as it was done for a fiscal year basis. He noted that this would require a recalculation of Overlying Users production from previous calendar years.

- D. Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 [Memorandum No. 15-13, Page 14 of 15]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee schedules the final budget for consideration at the next Watermaster meeting.

Member Zoba gave a presentation on the proposed budget and noted that it includes an increase in Administrative expenses from the prior year due to the consolidation of the Annual Report and the Engineering Report. He also mentioned that during the current fiscal year, the Watermaster concluded work on the safe yield study, a special project between some of the Watermaster Members, and the remaining balance is shown as a credit for those participating agencies in the draft budget. Member Zoba motioned to present the final budget for consideration at the next Committee meeting. Member Fraser seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

VIII. Topics for Future Meetings

- A. Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16
- B. Recycled Water Recharge Policy
- C. Review of Draft 2014 Consolidated Annual Report

IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members

No comments from the Watermaster Committee Members were made.

X. Announcements

- D. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Member Jorritsma made the announcement above.

XI. Adjournment

Member Jorritsma adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Attest:

Eric Fraser, Secretary
Beaumont Basin Watermaster