

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

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 10:03 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, Carl Kymla, Bill Dickson, Fran Flanders, Tom Harder, Hannibal Blandon, Tom Shalhoub and Bob Wall.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Joseph Zoba 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 October 7, 2015
2. Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2015

Member Eric Fraser motioned to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Member Arturo Vela and passed 5-0.

VI. Reports

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

Engineer Hannibal Blandon stated that he would be presenting several of the Discussion Items and had nothing to present at this time.

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

Legal Counsel Thierry Montoya reported that he had worked with Scott Sommer and John Covington to draft a water storage agreement with the Morongo Tribe, that a working copy had been sent to Members Fraser and Zoba for their review and comment, and that once the final language was agreed upon, the agreement would be presented to the Committee for adoption at the next meeting.

VII. Discussion Items

- A. Reorganization of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer [Memorandum No. 16-01, Page 15 of 48]

Recommendation: That the members of the Watermaster either reaffirm the existing officers or conduct nominations for the appointment of officers of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Member Zoba motioned to nominate Arturo Vela as Chairman and George Jorritsma as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Member Fraser and passed 5-0. Member Warsinski motioned to reaffirm Members Fraser and Zoba as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. The motion was voted on and passed 5-0.

- B. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin [Memorandum No. 16-02, Page 16 of 48]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Engineer Blandon gave a status report of the water level monitoring project, which included discussion of water levels at sites being monitored, proposed monitoring agreements for new sites, and troubleshooting of monitoring equipment issues. He noted that these issues would be addressed prior to the next Committee meeting.

- C. Discussion Regarding Task Order No. 9 with ALDA Inc. for the Preparation of the 2015 Consolidated Annual Report, Estimate of the Basin Safe Yield, Update of the Groundwater Model, and Associated Consulting Services [Memorandum No. 16-03, Page 24 of 48]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approves Task Order No. 9 for a sum not to exceed \$81,940.00.

Engineer Blandon provided an overview of the Task Order No. 9, noting the difference between a short-term Basin Safe Yield calculation for internal Committee purposes and a long-term calculation for external legal purposes. After discussion, Member Zoba motioned to approve the Task Order No. 9. Member Vela seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

- D. Discussion Regarding Task Order No. 10 with ALDA Inc. for the Installation, Maintenance, and Data Collection of Water Level Monitoring Equipment in 2016 [Memorandum No. 16-04, Page 30 of 48]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approves Task Order No. 10 for a sum not to exceed \$18,840.00.

Engineer Blandon provided an overview of the Task Order No. 10, noting that while there are currently 12 active probes, there is a potential for 6 additional probes, for a total of 12. Member Fraser motioned to approve the Task Order No. 10. Member Warsinski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

- E. Overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and Proposed Basin Boundary Revisions [Memorandum No. 16-05, Page 34 of 48]

Recommendation: Pending

Member Zoba presented a proposed revision to the Beaumont Basin boundaries under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Discussion followed regarding the concept of the legality of the Watermaster revising the boundaries due to the nature of the stipulated judgment. Other ideas were introduced and discussed, and Member Fraser motioned to accept the proposed boundary as identified, and to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District and Beaumont Basin Watermaster to establish a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) to manage the proposed sub-basin. Member Zoba seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

VIII. Topics for Future Meetings

- A. Recycled Water Recharge Policy

There was no discussion in regard to a Recycled Water Recharge Policy

IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members

Member Fraser stated that a draft MOU regarding the establishment of a GSA for the Beaumont Basin boundary will be brought before the Committee at a future meeting.

X. Announcements

- A. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment