

**Record of the Minutes of the  
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster  
Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

**Meeting Location:**

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

**I. Call to Order**

*Chairman Arturo Vela 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, Fran Flanders, Carl Kymla, Bill Dickson, John Covington, Jack Nelson, Hannibal Blandon, and Tom Harder.*

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chairman Vela led the pledge of allegiance.*

**IV. Public Comments**

*No public comment was received at this time.*

**V. Consent Calendar**

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2016

*Member Eric Fraser motioned to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Member Jorritsma 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 reported on the status of the filings of declarations for alternate Watermaster Members with the Court.*

## VII. Discussion Items

- A. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin [Memorandum No. 16-08, Page 9 of 91]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

*Engineer Blandon gave a status report of the water level monitoring project, which included proposed monitoring agreements for new sites and issues encountered with several of those sites, discussion of water levels at sites being monitored, and troubleshooting of monitoring equipment issues.*

- B. Status Update on the Refinement of the Beaumont Basin Groundwater Flow Model [Memorandum No. 16-09, Page 17 of 91]

Recommendation: For Information Purposes.

*Tom Harder, hydrogeologist for the Watermaster, gave a status update on the refinement of the Beaumont Basin Groundwater Flow Model, highlighting how three modifications made to the model improved the overall model calibration. He also mentioned that this updated information would be used to evaluate the change in storage for the Annual Report, to be presented at the next meeting.*

- C. Engineer's Opinion on the Application by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) for a Groundwater Storage Agreement in the Beaumont Basin [Memorandum No. 16-10, Page 20 of 91]

Recommendation: For Information Purposes.

*Engineer Blandon gave feedback on the application for a groundwater storage agreement submitted by the SGPWA. Member Fraser stated that his principal concern with the application would be that since the SGPWA is not a party to the stipulated judgment and has no replenishment obligations in the basin, yet controls the imported water supply into the region, retail agencies with replenishment obligations could be adversely impacted if the SGPWA were to deliver water into its storage account prior to delivering to those retail agencies which have basin replenishment obligations. Member Fraser reiterated his support of the application, with a stipulation that the utilization of the storage*

*account would only be made after deliveries to parties to the stipulated judgment are met.*

*At this point, several requests for clarification of both Member Fraser's concern and of the SGWPA application were made, and discussion followed. Member George Jorritsma made a motion to acquiesce to the request of the SGPWA to be granted a water storage account.*

*Member Joseph Zoba stated that his concern was that there is not a plan for implementation, or allocation, in the sense that there could be a scenario that would allow a retail agency to purchase a large quantity of water, to the exclusion of the demands and plans of the other retail agencies for water. Member Fraser voiced his agreement with this concern raised by Member Zoba. Discussion followed among several Members and Mr. Davis regarding the SGPWA's policy related to distributing water among the retailers and whether the SGPWA would agree to certain stipulations and conditions in order for a water storage account to be granted to it. Mr. Davis reiterated that the SGPWA does not want to take any water away from retail agencies but that the storage account would strictly be for water that is surplus to everyone's needs.*

*Member Fraser expressed that he would be more comfortable with incorporating some contingencies into the approval rather than approving the agreement at this meeting. He articulated that he would be willing to craft language for the next meeting that could be incorporated for the next meeting, and that he would welcome input from any Committee Members in preparing that. Member Fraser made a motion to continue the item to the next meeting of this Committee and include dialogue among the Committee Members in order to draft language and bring a more complete package for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee. The motion was seconded by Member Zoba.*

*John Covington, Water Department Manager for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Tribe) advised the Committee that the SGPWA is just applying for space in the Basin, and will still need to bring the details back to the Committee on Forms Two, Three and Four. Additional discussion and comments regarding the benefits and concerns of granting the water storage account to the SGPWA at this meeting, as opposed to at a future meeting, followed. Member Vela took a vote on the motion made by Member Fraser and seconded by Member Zoba, and the motion passed 4-1, with Member Jorritsma voting against.*

D. Consideration of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 [Memorandum No. 16-11, Page 89 of 91]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

*Member Zoba gave a presentation on the proposed budget and reiterated that invoices are provided to the Member agencies when funds are needed or task orders are approved. There were no other comments regarding the proposed budget, and Member Fraser made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget as presented. Member Kyle Warsinski seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.*

## **VIII. Topics for Future Meetings**

### **A. Recycled Water Recharge Policy**

*Member Warsinski provided a background as to why the Recycled Water Recharge Policy is listed a topic for future meetings. Member Vela inquired as to whether it should be removed, and Member Fraser advised that it remain there as reminder moving forward.*

### **B. Draft of the 2015 Watermaster Annual Report**

## **IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members**

*There were no comments from the Watermaster Committee Members.*

## **X. Announcements**

### **A. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

## **XI. Adjournment**

*Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.*

Attest:

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Eric Fraser, Secretary  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster