

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Wednesday, October 5, 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 10:04 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. 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, Fran Flanders, Tom Riedman, Mike Kostelecky, David Fenn, Tom Harder, Jeff Davis, Mary Ann Melleby, John Covington, and Hannibal Blandon.

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 August 3, 2016

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

VI. Reports

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

Engineer Hannibal Blandon stated he had nothing to report.

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

Legal Counsel Thierry Montoya reported that Member Arturo is officially a member of the Watermaster and Michael Rock is the alternate for the City Banning, as approved by the Riverside Superior Court. Legal Counsel Montoya is working with the City of Beaumont to identify who the member and the alternate will be so that the appropriate motion and declarations can be put together.

Legal Counsel Montoya also reported on the proposed groundwater monitoring site of the Icon facility, that an agreement had been penned roughly six months ago but no access has yet been given to the Watermaster for groundwater monitoring. Legal Counsel Montoya offered to send a letter to Icon's corporate and local offices, with the agreement attached. The letter would request that the Watermaster be permitted to install groundwater monitoring equipment, and if not, that a court order would be pursued by the Watermaster. Chairman Vela verbalized his support for such a letter, and Legal Counsel Montoya stated he would send the letter, and that if necessary, would come back to the Watermaster for approval before seeking a court order.

VII. Discussion Items

- A. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin [Memorandum No. 16-14, Page 9 of 97]

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. Overview of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and Nitrate (N) in the Beaumont Basin and Surrounding Area [Memorandum No. 16-15, Page 17 of 97]

Recommendation: No recommendation

Engineer Blandon reported on water quality data issues that were presented in the 2015 Consolidated Annual Report and Engineering Report. Discussion among several Members and Engineering Blandon followed regarding the potential reasons for TDS level spikes at various locations in the Beaumont Basin, namely at Beaumont-Cherry Valley Well No. 21. Engineer Blandon stated he will look into a potential reason for the spikes in the levels at this particular well and report on that at the following meeting.

C. Adoption of the 2015 Consolidated Annual Report and Engineering Report [Memorandum No. 16-16, Page 25 of 97]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee adopts the 2015 Consolidated Annual Report and Engineering Report

Member Fraser moved to adopt the 2015 Consolidated Annual Report and Engineering Report, with the understanding that the shape files are updated. The motion was seconded by Member Zoba and passed 5-0.

D. Concept for the Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the San Timoteo Basin 8-2.08 [Memorandum No. 16-17, Page 26 of 97]

Recommendation: Pending

Member Zoba provided background information on the reasons for creating a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the San Timoteo Basin that would involve the Yucaipa Valley Water District, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency with additional stakeholders being the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and the Watermaster Committee. He stated that management of the GSA would be very similar to what the Watermaster does already.

Chairman Vela proposed having two GSAs, one of which would be the Watermaster, which has exclusive rights over the adjudicated portion of the Beaumont Basin. The second GSA would have exclusive rights over the remaining portion of the San Timoteo Basin. Member Zoba explained that the end result would be the same because the Watermaster is already considered to be sustainable by virtue of the stipulated judgment.

Member Zoba stated that no decision is needed unless there are strong feelings one way or the other. Chairman Vela asked Legal Counsel Montoya whether he sees any inconsistencies or issues between newly formed GSA and the Watermaster. Legal Counsel Montoya replied in the negative, stating he couldn't foresee any issues arising between the two entities.

E. Application by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) for a Groundwater Storage Agreement in the Beaumont Basin [Memorandum No. 16-18, Page 28 of 97]

Recommendation: Pending

Member Zoba reported that he had met with the General Manager of the SGPWA since the most recent Watermaster Committee meeting to discuss the Agency's application for a groundwater storage agreement. As a result of that meeting, Member Zoba stated that he devised five stipulations or conditions to a potential agreement. He noted that these conditions had not yet been vetted by the SGPWA, and went on to explain each of those conditions.

Member Fraser voiced his support of the five conditions outlined, and suggested that they be sent to the SGPWA Board of Directors to be formally reviewed and at that point Legal Counsel could draft a final resolution granting a storage account with the stipulated conditions.

After further discussion, Member Zoba moved to continue this item at the next Watermaster meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Kyle Warsinski and passed 5-0.

VIII. Topics for Future Meetings

- A. Groundwater Storage Agreement in the Beaumont Basin for the San Geronio Pass Water Agency
- B. Development of a methodology and policy to account for new yield from capturing local storm water in the basin
- C. Development of a methodology and policy to account for groundwater storage losses in the basin resulting from the spreading of additional water sources
- D. Development of a methodology and policy to account for recycled water recharge
- E. Develop a protocol to increase the accuracy and consistency of data reported to the Watermaster
- F. Develop a policy to account for transfers of water that may result when an Appropriator provides water service to an Overlying Party

Engineer Blandon stated that items B., C., and D. presented opportunities that the Watermaster could take advantage of in the next year, and offered to prepare proposals for those items to be considered as part of the Watermaster budget for the next fiscal year. Member Fraser suggested that Legal Counsel Montoya work with Watermaster Members to develop a framework that mirrors the indirect potable reuse regulations as adopted by the State of California, as a basis for item D. Chairman Vela asked Legal Counsel Montoya whether this framework was something that could be developed by the December meeting, and Legal Counsel Montoya responded affirmatively.

Member Warsinski suggested it wouldn't hurt to have a quote for the services that would be rendered under items B. and C. Engineer Blandon stated that he would work on getting a proposal to the Watermaster by the December meeting for consideration.

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, December 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Attest:

Eric Fraser, Secretary
Beaumont Basin Watermaster