

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Wednesday, December 7, 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 10:05 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 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 October 5, 2016

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

VI. Reports

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

Engineer Hannibal Blandon stated that the 2015 Annual Report had been finalized and 2 copies were provided to each member agency. He also reported that proposals for the development of methodologies and policies to account for new yield from capturing local storm water in the basin as well as for groundwater storage losses had not been finalized yet but would be by the next meeting.

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

Legal Counsel Thierry Montoya reported on the discussions he had been involved in with legal counsel for the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) related to its application for a groundwater storage account. He also outlined a recommended framework for how to make adjustments to future storage accounts, to address concerns about impacts to water quality from recycled water recharge, as well as the potential limitation of drilling and constructing new wells by allowing recycled water recharge. Legal Counsel Montoya stated he would provide a memo to the members of the Watermaster Committee, and once a framework is settled upon, a Resolution could be voted on by the Committee as soon as the next meeting.

VII. Discussion Items

- A. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin through November 29, 2016 [Memorandum No. 16-19, Page 11 of _]

Recommendation: No recommendation

Engineer Blandon reported on trouble encountered with instrumentation that logs well water levels and steps that had been taken to remedy the situation, including sending the equipment still under warranty back to the manufacturer, as well as logging well water levels by hand. Member Eric Fraser suggested looking at different vendors for monitoring equipment as a result of the lack of technical support from the vendors of the defective equipment. Member Zoba directed Engineer Blandon to work with Jennifer from Yucaipa Valley Water District to look at other solutions for monitoring equipment issues.

- B. Discussion Regarding the Creation of a Return Flow Policy for Beaumont Basin [Memorandum No. 16-20, Page 14 of _]

Recommendation: No recommendation

Member Fraser provided an overview of how return flows could be now be identified and tied back to specific areas to which those return flows occur. He suggested working with legal counsel to implement a final rule or ordinance that identifies how those return flows would be credited, utilizing the data from the Safe Yield Study.

After further discussion among the Committee Members, Member Fraser made a motion to direct staff to develop a return flow policy in which the individual retail agencies are credited appropriately for the return flows that occur within their service area as a result of their activities, and that such a policy be brought back to this governing body at the next meeting for consideration. The motion was seconded by Member Zoba and passed 5-0.

- C. Conditions Related to the Groundwater Storage Agreement in the Beaumont Basin for the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency [Memorandum No. 16-21, Page _ of _]

Recommendation: Pending

Member Zoba stated that except for what was discussed by Legal Counsel Montoya earlier in the meeting, the Committee is ready to move forward related to the SGPWA Groundwater Storage Agreement subject to the five conditions and that an update would be provided at the next meeting.

SGPWA General Manager Jeff Davis addressed the Committee and made a commitment to having something for Committee consideration at the February meeting.

VIII. Topics for Future Meetings

- A. Groundwater Storage Agreement in the Beaumont Basin for the San Gorgonio 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
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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, February 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Attest:

Eric Fraser, Secretary
Beaumont Basin Watermaster