

**Record of the Minutes of the  
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster  
Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

**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 10:02 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>Tony Lara</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>South Mesa Water Company</i>	<i>David Armstrong</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. Tony Lara was present as the alternate representing the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District in the absence of Member Eric Fraser. David Armstrong was present as the alternate representing the South Mesa Water Company in the absence of Member George Jorritsma. Keith McCullough was present representing legal counsel for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.*

*Members of the public who registered their attendance were: Luwana Ryan, Mike Kostelecky, Ashley Gibson, John Covington, Bruce Granlund, Hannibal Blandon, David Dazlih, Ron Duncan, Matt Porras, and Kathryn Hallberg.*

**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 June 7, 2017

*Legal Counsel McCullough pointed out that the proposed minutes contain a note indicating that Mr. Vela was absent and yet later is noted as having led the pledge and voting on an action item, so the note indicating his absence would need to be changed. Member Joseph Zoba moved to approve the*

*consent calendar with the noted change. The motion was seconded by Member Kyle Warsinski and passed 5-0.*

## **VI. Reports**

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

*Engineer Hannibal Blandon stated that he had nothing to report beyond the agenda items he would be commenting on later.*

- B. Report from Legal Counsel - Keith McCullough, Alvarado Smith

*Legal Counsel Keith McCullough stated that he had nothing to report beyond the agenda items he would be commenting on later.*

## **VII. Discussion Items**

- A. Approval of the Watermaster Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 [Memorandum No. 17-17, Page 6 of 34]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 as presented.

*Member Zoba gave a presentation on the proposed budget. Member Tony Lara made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget as presented. Member David Armstrong seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.*

- B. Consideration of Resolution No. 2017-02 Approving the Transfer of Overlying Water Rights to Specific Parcels – Oak Valley Partners [Memorandum No. 17-18, Page 8 of 34]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approves Resolution No. 2017-02.

*Legal Counsel McCullough provided background information on the agenda item. After discussion amongst several Members, Member Lara motioned to defer the item until the next meeting.*

*John Ohanian, project manager for Oak Valley Partners (the Applicant), stated that the transfer of overlying rights in this scenario is consistent with the precepts of the Adjudication, and requested that the Watermaster make a decision on the matter today. Mike Turner, representing the developer of Summerwind Ranch, reiterated the request made by John Ohanian that the Watermaster make a decision on the matter today, specifically that it approves this item.*

*Dan Jagers, speaking on behalf of Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District, shared a few concerns held by the District related to this transfer of water rights.*

*Member David Armstrong seconded the original motion to defer the item until the next meeting.*

*Member Warsinski provided several comments on the item, stating that he was in agreement with the Resolution as stated today.*

*Member Zoba pointed out a conflict in prior overlying designations where the Watermaster provided for a specific amount of acre feet to go to a parcel but is now silent as to what happens in the redetermination of safe yield. Member Zoba stated that he felt that issue has been addressed in Resolution 2017-02, and that the Resolution is good in terms of the amount and works procedurally.*

*Chairman Vela spoke in support of deferring the Resolution and held a vote on the original motion by Member Lara, seconded by Member Armstrong, to defer the vote until the next meeting, and it passed 3-2, with Members Lara, Armstrong, and Vela in favor and Members Warsinski and Zoba opposed.*

*John Ohanian requested that the Watermaster hold a special meeting the following month to revisit Resolution 2017-02. Mike Turner requested that the Watermaster approve the Resolution today with modified language to address the concerns brought up by several Members.*

*After further discussion of a special meeting and dates proposed for said meeting, Member Zoba moved to schedule a special meeting for August 30, 2017 at 11: 00 a.m., to review Resolution 2017-02. The motion was seconded by Member Lara and passed 5-0.*

- C. 2016 Consolidated Annual Report and Engineering Report – Presentation of Draft Report [Memorandum No. 17-19, Page 20 of 34]

Recommendation: No recommendation - For discussion.

*Engineer Blandon presented the draft 2016 Annual Report, which included discussion of groundwater conditions, groundwater production and recharge, transfers and adjustment of rights, and accounting of the storage.*

*Tom Harder, hydrogeologist for the Watermaster, next spoke about water level trends across the basin as well as the operating safe yield for the basin.*

*Engineer Blandon concluded the presentation of the draft 2016 Annual Report with an analysis and discussion of water quality in the basin, detailing levels of common analytes in each well, and provided recommendations to be considered by the Watermaster in the future.*

- D. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin through July 24, 2017 [Memorandum No. 17-20, Page 21 of 34]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

*Engineer Blandon gave a status report of the water level monitoring being done at thirteen locations throughout the basin.*

- E. Consideration of Task Order No. 14 with ALDA Inc. for the Preparation of a Methodology to Estimate Storage Losses from the Beaumont Groundwater Basin at Selected Locations [Memorandum No. 17-21, Page 29 of 34]

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approves Task Order No. 14 for a sum not to exceed \$46,190.

*Tom Harder provided an overview of the scope of services included in the proposed Task Order No. 14 for Preparation of a Methodology to Estimate Storage Losses from the Beaumont Groundwater Basin at Selected Locations.*

*After questions and discussion regarding the proposed timeline in the proposal, Member Warsinski shared the City of Beaumont's perspective regarding its perceived lack of benefit from the work being proposed and its belief that it should be regarded as a special project, and that the City of Beaumont could not participate in the funding of it. Member Zoba moved to approve Task Order No. 14, to be funded by four of the five Members. The motion was seconded by Member Lara and passed 5-0.*

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

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

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

#### **X. Announcements**

- A. A special meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
- B. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

### **XI. Adjournment**

*Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.*

Attest:

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Tony Lara, Secretary (Alternate)  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster