

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Wednesday, August 30, 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 11:02 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: John Ohanian, Kathryn Hallberg, Bruce Granlund, Matt Porras, Mike Kostelecky, Fran Flanders, David Castaldo, and Hannibal Blandon.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Vela led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

Judy Bingham quoted from minutes of the Watermaster meeting held on May 11, 2010. She proceeded to express her opinion regarding Member Kyle Warsinski's previous vote on the issue on the agenda for the current meeting and asked who is here to represent the people of Beaumont.

V. Reports

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

Engineer Hannibal Blandon reported on the anticipated timeline of the delivery of the final 2016 Consolidated Annual Report and Engineering Report, with distribution scheduled for the October 4, 2017 meeting.

He then presented a Preliminary Recharge and Recovery Scenarios Technical Memorandum, which provides five different scenarios for evaluating areas of recharge and potential water losses and recoveries from the basin, given a number of different conditions. There was some

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

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

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2017-02 Approving the Transfer of Overlying Water Rights to Specific Parcels – Oak Valley Partners [Memorandum No. 17-22, Page 3 of 22]

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

Engineer Blandon presented a map showing the parcels owned by Oak Valley Partners and pointed out that the parcels in blue are those listed in the Resolution.

Legal Counsel McCullough provided his firm's opinion that all designated quantified rights in the original judgment are subject to adjustment based upon a re-determined safe yield, and that it was well-contemplated within the judgment.

Member Joe Zoba moved to approve Resolution 2017-02.

Member Tony Lara expressed the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District's desire to have return flows be credited back to an appropriator based on development and other activities in that service area. That led to a discussion among the Members and Engineer Blandon about the Watermaster's current methodology of accounting for return flows.

Judy Bingham expressed her opinion regarding the involvement of the law firm AlvaradoSmith in the decision to transfer water rights. She shared her opinion regarding the validity of the 2004 adjudication of the Beaumont Basin, and the formation of the San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority (STWMA) and this Watermaster Committee. She stated that Oak Valley Partners transferred all of their water rights over to the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District to provide water for the Fairway Canyon development, leaving them with no water rights to transfer.

Member Zoba made an amended motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 with added language regarding the crediting of return flows back to an appropriator based on development and other activities in that service area.

The amended motion died for lack of a second. Member Zoba moved to approve Resolution 2017-02 as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Art Vela and a roll call vote was taken, with Members Zoba, Warsinski, Vela, and Armstrong voting in favor of the motion and Member Lara against.

VII. 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.

VIII. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members

Member Zoba noted that in looking at the agenda, three agencies have only one individual assigned to the Watermaster, and expressed his viewpoint regarding the adjudication as a peace treaty among all of the Member agencies, ensuring they all know how the Basin is going to be managed. He requested that Legal Counsel forward a letter to the general manager or city manager of each agency as an encouragement to assign an individual from the agency so that each agency would have an alternate and regular Member. There was a consensus among the other Members for Legal Counsel to move forward with the suggestion.

IX. Announcements

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

X. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Attest:

Tony Lara, Secretary (Alternate)
Beaumont Basin Watermaster