

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Wednesday, October 4, 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 10:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

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| <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>George Jorritsma</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| <i>Yucaipa Valley Water District</i> | <i>Joseph Zoba</i> | <i>Present</i> |

Keith McCullough was present representing legal counsel for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Members of the public who registered their attendance were: Mike Kostelecky, Fran Flanders, Steve Lehtonen, Tom Harder, and Hannibal Blandon.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Vela led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

None.

V. Consent Calendar

Member Zoba moved to approve the meeting minutes for August 2, 2017, and August 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Member Lara.

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| AYES: | Jorritsma, Lara, Vela, Warsinski, Zoba |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| STATUS: | Motion Approved |

VI. Reports

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

Engineer Hannibal Blandon gave a brief report.

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

Legal Counsel Keith McCullough stated there has been follow up with the City of Banning, the City of Beaumont and the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District regarding appointment of representatives to this Committee. A motion will be submitted to the Riverside Superior Court.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Nomination of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee - Secretary

Recommendation: That the members of the Watermaster Committee nominate an individual from the Watermaster Committee to be Secretary.

Member Zoba nominated Tony Lara of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District as Secretary of the Watermaster Committee. The motion was seconded by Member Warsinski.

AYES: Jorritsma, Lara, Vela, Warsinski, Zoba
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
STATUS: Motion Approved

B. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin through September 25, 2017

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Engineer Hannibal Blandon drew attention to a map of well locations for potential water level monitoring. He indicated new locations of Beaumont-Cherry Valley Well 21 in the Chicken Ranch area, and in Desert Lawn. If successful, there will be sixteen wells located throughout the basin.

Engineer Blandon continued with a status report of the water level monitoring being done.

C. Potential Scenarios to be Evaluated using the Groundwater Model for Analyzing Basin Losses

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Mr. Tom Harder, hydrogeologist for the Watermaster, presented three scenarios and alternates to determine water losses. He reminded the group that the losses must be accounted for in order to keep water balances whole and to avoid trouble with the County in ten years.

He noted that in August, he presented scenarios to the committee and on August 30 presented a Technical Memorandum with five scenarios for analysis using a model to determine how storage losses change with different stresses in the basin, including fault lines.

Mr. Harder presented detail on three scenarios and sub-scenarios for entering into the model. The group discussed the variables of recharge, stormwater capture, hydrologic conditions (drought vs. wet), additional wells, and development. Mr. Harder requested submission of written comments within the following week.

D. Independent Accountant's Financial Report of Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee receives and files the Independent Accountant's Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2017.

Member Lara moved to receive and file the Independent Accountant's Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Member Jorritsma.

AYES: Jorritsma, Lara, Vela, Warsinski, Zoba
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
STATUS: Motion Approved

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

There were no comments.

X. Announcements

- A. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Closed Session: 10:54 a.m.

- A. Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation, Government Code section 54956.9:
 - i. Case: *San Geronio Pass Water Agency v. Beaumont Basin Watermaster, et al.*, Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIC 1716346.

There was no reportable action taken.

XII. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Attest:

Tony Lara, Secretary
Beaumont Basin Watermaster