

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Wednesday, December 6, 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 10:04 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>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>

Thierry Montoya was present representing legal counsel for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Thomas Harder and Hannibal Blandon were present as a consultants and engineers of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Members of the public who registered or were in attendance were: Jennifer Ares, William Clayton, Jeff Davis, David Fenn, Fran Flanders, Dan Jagers, Lynda Kerney, Mike Kostelecky, Steve Lehtonen, and Tom Shalhoub.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Vela led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

None.

V. Consent Calendar

Chairman Vela announced the Consent Calendar would be tabled to the February 2018 meeting.

VI. Reports

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

Engineer Hannibal Blandon advised that the draft annual report will be submitted to the Committee at the February meeting, with the final ready for approval at the special meeting in March, in order to complete the report and submit it to the State on time.

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

Legal Counsel Thierry Montoya advised that all have submitted their committee members and alternates. He will file a motion with the Riverside County Superior Court for approval of all members.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin through November 27, 2017

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Engineer Hannibal Blandon updated the Committee on groundwater monitoring wells, including a new monitor at Well #5. Additional wells are being sought in the west portion of the basin. South Mesa Well #4 proved incompatible with the monitoring probe.

Mr. Blandon reported on fluctuations in water levels from May 2015 through November 2017. He drew attention to Banning #8 which has seen a 20 foot decline over the last two years. In response to a question from Member Jorritsma, he noted that the Noble Creek Well level has increased by 80 feet in the last 18 months.

B. Potential Storage Losses Evaluation – Progress Report

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Mr. Tom Harder, hydrogeologist for the Watermaster, reported that he will finish the models in two weeks, then begin running scenarios. He noted that he had been asked to model future scenarios as realistically as possible, and will therefore include recharge activities. He is making sure the data is consistent with the agencies. Preliminary results will be presented at the February meeting.

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, February 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Closed Session: 10:20 a.m.

Watermaster Committee members and alternates: Arturo Vela, Kyle Warsinski, Tony Lara, George Jorritsma, Joseph Zoba, and Jennifer Ares were present in closed session with Legal Counsel Thierry Montoya to discuss the following item:

- 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.

Reconvene to Open Session: 11:00 a.m.
There was no reportable action taken.

XII. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:



Tony Lara, Secretary
Beaumont Basin Watermaster

