

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

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>Daniel Jagers</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.

Tom Harder and Hannibal Blandon were present as consultants and engineers for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Staff present were: Mark Swanson, Bill Clayton, and Erica Gonzales from BCVWD.

Members of the public who registered or attended were: Fran Flanders and John Covington.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Vela led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments: None.

V. Correspondence:

- A. Correspondence dated September 26, 2018 from Yucaipa Valley Water District - Transfer of 29.57 Acre Feet of Overlying Water Rights in the Beaumont Basin for Tract No. 32702-3 (80 lots) Pursuant to Beaumont Basin Watermaster Resolution No. 2017-02

No action was required. Mr. Jagers requested a running balance of overlying rights transfers. Mr. Zoba said this could be provided.

VI. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Member Jorritsma and seconded by Member Jagers to approve the Meeting Minutes of the following dates:

1. Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2018

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| AYES: | Jagers, Warinski, Jorritsma, Vela, Zoba |
| NOES: | None. |
| ABSTAIN: | None. |
| ABSENT: | None. |
| STATUS: | Motion Approved |

VII. Reports

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

Mr. Blandon reported on the scope of work for the return flow.

B. Report from Hydrogeological Consultant – Thomas Harder, Thomas Harder & Co.

Mr. Harder gave a brief report.

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

Legal Counsel Thierry Montoya reported that at a hearing on Sept. 17 the court appointed Mark Swanson the alternate member for BCVWD. The adjudication case has been assigned to a new judge.

A status conference is set on November 6 and the new judge has various questions. The judge noted a clerical error on page 7, line 26 of the judgment: the basin safe yield reads 8,610 AF. This must be amended to reflect 8,650 AF. He recommended a resolution to amend the error, and counsel will send a draft to the Board members for review.

VIII. Discussion Items

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

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee received and files the Independent Accountant's Financial Report. For the period ending June 30, 2018.

Mr. Zoba noted this is a routine item. There was no discussion.

It was moved by Member Zoba and seconded by Member Jagers to receive and file the Independent Accountant's Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2018.

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| AYES: | Jagers, Warinski, Jorritsma, Vela, Zoba |
| NOES: | None. |
| ABSTAIN: | None. |
| ABSENT: | None. |
| STATUS: | Motion Approved |

- B. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin through September 25, 2018.

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Mr. Blandon gave a report. He noted that levels declined in Yucaipa Well 44. The cable was pulled and it was realized that no data had been recorded for the last six months. It will be replaced on Oct. 3.

Declining levels were also noted at Banning M-8, and M-9. The Oak Valley well requires replacement of a probe, and BCVWD 2 requires replacement of the communications cable.

- C. Comparative Groundwater Production and Allowable Extractions through August 2018

Recommendation: No recommendation. Information Only.

Total extraction through August was 14,424; total production was 9,040.

- D. Consideration of Task Order No. 17 with ALDA Inc. for the Development of a Return Flow Methodology for the Beaumont Basin.

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approve Task Order No. 17 as a Special Project Expense for a sum not to

exceed \$40,140 and direct the Treasurer to invoice specific Appropriators based on anticipated benefit.

Mr. Thomas Harder reported that Task 1 has been completed – contact was made with the BCVWD, City of Banning, and YVWD; all are sending information on water deliveries. Water deliveries will need to be tied to APNs. It will be helpful to understand the size of the parcels in order to understand the amount of water delivered according to size.

Task 2, he continued, is to apply methodologies to the most recent calendar year. Task 3 is to reevaluate return flow, and Task 4 will be to compose the tech memo.

Member Jorritsma indicated that South Mesa should not be funding any part of Task Order 17. Member Warinski said he does not see the benefit for the City of Beaumont and suggested the three water agencies pay for the work. Member Zoba suggested the concept of return flow would change over time, and there should be a proportional share of those benefitting. Members Vela and Jagers suggested there is indeed benefit to the City of Beaumont.

After discussion, it was moved by Member Zoba and seconded by Member Jagers to proceed with Task Order 17 and split the cost between BCVWD, YVWD, and the City of Banning.

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| AYES: | Jagers, Warinski, Jorritsma, Vela, Zoba |
| NOES: | None. |
| ABSTAIN: | None. |
| ABSENT: | None. |
| STATUS: | Motion Approved |

E. Discussion Regarding the Perfection of Appropriative Rights Following the Conversion of Overlying Water Rights to Appropriative Rights.

Counsel Montoya advised that this memo supercedes the previous memo and summarized the content.

Mr. Jagers commented that this is a complex issue affected by legislation in California. He voiced concern that if not all of transferred right is used and there is a significant amount left over, it will affect the agencies over time.

Chairman Vela asked for clarification on use of water on overlying property; if transferred water may be used outside the property from which it comes. Counsel Montoya indicated that judgement and case law grants the appropriator latitude, and said he agrees with Member

Jaggers and said there is need to set a clear plan. Zoba suggested reviewing the transfer steps at the December meeting.

IX. Topics for Future Meetings

- A. Development of a methodology and policy to account for new yield from capturing local stormwater 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
- F. Discussion of Overlier return flow credit and how it might be managed

X. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members

Chair Vela reiterated the storage loss methodology. Mr. Harder assured the tech memo would be finalized and distributed to the Committee this week.

Mr. Warinski announced that Mr. Jakher is no longer working for the City of Beaumont, so a new primary member will need to be appointed.


XI. Announcements

- A. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

XII. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Attest:



Daniel Jaggers, Secretary
Beaumont Basin Watermaster