

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 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 10:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

<i>City of Banning</i>	<i>Arturo Vela</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>City of Beaumont</i>	<i>(Warsinski)</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District</i>	<i>Daniel Jaggars</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.

Hannibal Blandon and Ben Lewis were present as consultants and engineers for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

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

Members of the public who registered or attended were: Fran Flanders, Mike Kostelecky, Joyce McIntyre, David Fenn, Ben Lewis and John Covington.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Vela led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments: None.

V. Consent Calendar

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

1. Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2018

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

VI. Reports

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

Mr. Blandon reported that he had no report. Mr. Blandon advised that Tom Harder was not in attendance. And that he apologized for being absent. Mr. Blandon stated that Ben Lewis was in attendance as Mr. Harder's representative.

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

No report.

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

Legal Counsel Thierry Montoya reported that there is a status conference on January 26 with the Riverside Superior Court which wants to monitor the amendment of the judgment to fix a clerical error, which will be discussed in a few minutes.

VII. Discussion Items

- A. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin through November 15, 2018

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Mr. Blandon gave a report. New wells are being pursued in the Desert Lawn / Calimesa area. Existing wells in the north portion of the basin are fairly stable. Some equipment is being temperamental. The Noble Creek observation well shows water levels increase by 84 feet since 2016. The increase in the deep aquifer is about 38 feet over the last three years. Levels in the Sun Lakes area have dropped three feet.

In Banning, the three wells are fairly flat. Banning Well 1A is still missing a probe. Some issues have been experienced with communication cable at Beaumont #2. The measuring probe will be sent in for repair.

B. Comparative Groundwater Production and Allowable Extractions through October 2018

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Mr. Blandon pointed out revised numbers. At the end of the year, all four agencies will be adding to their storage accounts. Total extraction through October was about 60 percent of available rights.

C. Status Report on the Development of a Return Flow Methodology for the Beaumont Basin

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Mr. Ben Lewis with Thomas Harder and Company noted that after all data is received the company will conduct an analysis to determine how much of the water deliveries became return flow, and analyze lag time between water applied to the land surface percolating through the subsurface and reaching the water table. This is expected to be completed in February or March of 2019.

Mr. Jagers pointed out Yucaipa should be clarified as the Yucaipa Valley Water District on the slide.

D. Discussion Regarding Task Order No. 18 with ALDA Inc. for the Preparation of the 2018 Consolidated Annual Report, Estimate of the Basin Safe Yield, Update of the Groundwater Model, and Associated Consulting services for 2019.

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approve Task Order No 18 for a sum not to exceed \$95,970.

Engineer Blandon reported that they are currently working on Task Order 15 for the engineering support services for 2019. This replaces that task for the year 2019. The engineers will: prepare the 2018 annual report, estimate of basin safe yield for the current year, update the model to 2018 conditions and provide support services throughout the year. The consulting fee is the same as it has been for the last two years and will stay fixed through 2021, Blandon pointed out.

Chairman Vela clarified it is the same scope of work for the same amount.

It was moved by Member Zoba and seconded by Member Jagers to approve Task Order No. 18 for a sum not to exceed \$95,970 to be divided five ways between the Watermaster Committee members.

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

- E. Discussion Regarding Task Order No. 19 with ALDA Inc. for the Installation, Maintenance and Data Collection of Water Level Monitoring Equipment in 2019.

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee approve Task Order No 19 for a sum not to exceed \$21,520.

Mr. Blandon pointed to Task Order #16 for 2018 monitoring. This new task order replicates the services and the cost for 2019, including maintenance, operation, data collection, and reporting of the water level monitoring locations.

It was moved by Member Zoba and seconded by Member Jagers to approve Task Order No. 19 for a sum not to exceed \$21,250 to be divided five ways between the Watermaster Committee members.

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

- F. Discussion Regarding Draft Resolution No. 2019-01 Amending the Judgment at the Riverside Superior Court's Request to Correct a Clerical Error – An Incorrect Reference to "8,610 Acre Feet" on Judgment, Page 7, Line 26 – Correcting Such to "8,650 Acre Feet"

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee schedule Resolution No. 2019-01 for consideration at the next regular Watermaster meeting on February 6, 2019.

Counsel Montoya reminded the Committee that the Court's desire had been discussed. He noted that he has prepared the resolution and attached amended judgment for first review then decision at the Feb. 6 meeting. This is merely a clerical error, he explained. Exhibit B shows a correct amount of 8,650 Acre Feet; the original judgment had the incorrect number circled and the correct number written. The Court

wants a clean and accurate amended judgment. The document was re-typed, which changed the pagination, he noted.

It was moved by Member Jorritsma and seconded by Member Zoba to approve the scheduling of Resolution No. 2019-01 for consideration at the next regular Watermaster meeting on February 6, 2019.

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

G. Discussion regarding the "Facts About the Beaumont Basin Watermaster"

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee provides comments on the draft document to be included as part of future meeting packets.

Member Zoba reminded that at the last Committee meeting, Watermaster members requested certain information compiled that shows the amount of overlying water rights transferred from Oak Valley Partners to YVWD. At that meeting, Zoba indicated he would put together some facts about the Beaumont Basin Watermaster and he explained the example included in the packet.

There were no questions from the Committee.

VIII. 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 Overlyer return flow credit and how it might be managed

IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members

Member Jagers noted there are three wells the BCVWD owns with the City of Banning. Banning has begun exercising their right to utilize those wells to produce supply from the Beaumont Basin. The BCVWD is tracking the extractions delivered to the City, specifically for a grading operation performed by Pardee Homes which began around October 5. Total production versus what is delivered figure will be presented to the Watermaster engineer for clarification on this year's report. In response to Mr. Blandon, Member Jagers noted all water is being produced and consumed within the Basin. Jagers noted the current numbers amount to about 38.55 acre-feet. Mr. Blandon reminded that the annual report will be presented at the February meeting and the info will be needed as soon as possible.

X. Announcements

- A. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Attest:



Daniel Jagers, Secretary
Beaumont Basin Watermaster