Record of the Minutes of the Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 27, 2019

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 10:02 a.m.

II. Roll Call

City of Banning	Arturo Vela	Present
City of Beaumont	Kyle Warsinski	Present
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	Daniel Jaggers	Present
South Mesa Water Company	George Jorritsma	Present
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Joseph Zoba	Present

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

Hannibal Blandon was present as consultant and engineer for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Staff present were: Bill Clayton, Mark Swanson, James Bean and Erica Gonzales from BCVWD; and Luis Cardenas from the City of Banning. Also present was BCVWD Legal Counsel James Markman.

Members of the public who registered and / or attended were: Fran Flanders, John Ohanian of Oak Valley Partners, David Castaldo of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, and John Covington representing the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Vela led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Consent Calendar

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

1. Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2019

AYES:	5.e.	Jaggers, Jorritsma, Vela, Warsinski, Zoba
NOES:		None.
ABSTAIN:		None.
ABSENT:		None.
STATUS:		Motion Approved

VI. Reports

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

No report.

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

No report.

C. Report from Legal Counsel – Thierry Montoya, Alvarado Smith *No report.*

VII. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Overview of the Consolidated Beaumont Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations

Recommendation: None.

Member Zoba presented the current Rules and Regulations document for discussion. Chairman Vela and Member Warsinski requested a redline version of the document.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2019-02 Amending Section 7 of the Rules and Regulations of the Watermaster

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee adopt Resolution 2019-02.

Member Jaggers reiterated the request for an ad hoc committee and noted comments from the City of Beaumont. Members discussed options for the rules and regulations process. Counsel Montoya recommended appointment of an ad hoc committee, to create a draft of amended rules and regulations, to publish for public comment. Counsel recommended no action on Resolution 2019-02. Chair Vela asked Legal Counsel Montoya to re-read the document and appointed Members Zoba and Jaggers to an Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Regulations. BCVWD Counsel Markman requested to be included via conference call. The request was denied.

It was moved by Member Warsinski and seconded by Member Jorritsma *to take NO ACTION on Resolution 2019-02.*

Jaggers, Jorritsma, Vela, Warsinski, Zoba
None.
None.
None.
Motion Approved

C. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin through March 18, 2019

Recommendation: None.

Member Jorritsma requested information on how much water is pumped from the monitoring wells. Engineer Blandon explained that only two of the 16 monitoring wells are pumping wells.

D. A Comparison of Production and Allowable Extractions through February 2019

Recommendation: None.

There was no discussion.

E. Certification of Groundwater Production and Imported Water Use During Calendar Year 2018

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee certifies the groundwater production, imported water spreading, and change in storage in the Beaumont Groundwater Basin for Calendar Year 2018.

Chairman Vela suggested that due to ongoing discussion regarding transfer of overlying rights, the title of the chart should be changed from "Transfer of Overlying Rights from 2014" to "Appropriation of Overlying Rights from 2014." Mr. Blandon stated that the wording comes from the Rules and Regulations. Member Warsinski suggested adding the word "unused" to clarify.

It was moved by Member Jaggers and seconded by Member Jorritsma to certify the groundwater production, imported water spreading, and change in storage in the Beaumont Groundwater Basin for Calendar Year 2018.

AYES:	Jaggers, Jorritsma, 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 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. Discussion of Overlyer return flow credit and how it might be managed

Member Jaggers stated he would like to move forward with item 8C sooner rather than later; Member Warsinski concurred. Chair Vela indicated it would appear on the next meeting agenda. Member Zoba suggested that Members Warsinski and Jaggers draft a policy.

IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members: None.

X. Announcements

A. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Attest:

Daniel Jaggers, Secretary Beaumont Basin Watermaster