Record of the Minutes of the Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 5, 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 10:06 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	Jennifer Ares	Present

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 and Erica Gonzales from BCVWD.

Members of the public who registered and / or attended were: Joyce McIntine, Paul Rodriguez, and David Fenn.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Vela led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Consent Calendar

1. Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2019 will be presented at the August 7 meeting. No action was taken.

VI. Reports

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

No report.

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

Mr. Harder reported that the Return Flow Analysis is 95 percent complete and a draft will be submitted to members this month.

Mr. Harder reminded the Committee that a request for data was received. Legal Counsel Montoya authorized release of the information.

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

Mr. Montoya explained that the Riverside Superior Court has approved
the amended judgment changing the terms and correcting the
scrivener's error on the basin capacity.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Consideration of Resolution 2019-02 Amending Section 7 of the Rules and Regulations of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee adopt Resolution No. 2019-02.

Counsel Montoya explained that the Ad Hoc Committee met on April 16 and May 7 including Members Jaggers and Zoba, and Counsel Montoya. The rules were reviewed regarding transfer of rights from an overlying party to an appropriative party and how that supply will be earmarked and credited, making sure that Rule 7 conforms with the judgment.

The Ad Hoc Committee prepared a revision to Rule 7 eliminating several provisions that did not have a basis in the judgment, Montoya explained. Montoya noted that Mr. Jaggers had noticed what appears to be a missing term in the judgment and the rules should reflect how the situation would be applied and enforced by the Watermaster. He recommended tabling the item to allow for more discussion and consideration of the language to clear up any inconsistencies. Mr. Jaggers suggested further discussion at the Ad Hoc Committee level.

Mr. Montoya recommended an abundance of caution and that this return to the Ad Hoc Committee, with a recommendation brought back to the Board. He explained there are inconsistencies that may have arisen at the scrivener's level and the Ad Hoc Committee will consider.

Chair Vela requested some clarification. Montoya and Jaggers responded. Chair Vela called for any public comment; there was none. The item was tabled.

B. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin through May 27, 2019

Recommendation: None.

Engineer Blandon reviewed the report and updated the Committee on YVWD Well 34 where the sounding device had been lost. New equipment has been installed. He noted that data from Oak Valley Well 5 has been inconsistent and is being investigated.

Blandon pointed out increased water levels at BCVWD Wells 2 and 25. Mr. Jaggers explained that BCVWD has made some operational changes in pumping from the area of the mound, not in the west side of the basin.

Two new monitoring wells have been added in the western portion of the basin, Blandon reported.

Chair Vela updated the Committee on Well 15. The anticipated street project that would have affected the well has been shelved.

C. A Comparison of Production and Allowable Extractions through April 2019

Recommendation: None.

Engineer Blandon explained the purpose of the report and Mr. Jaggers noted a correction on the table.

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

IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members:

Member Warsinski advised that the City of Beaumont will be nominating a primary and alternate member for the Watermaster Committee. He thanked the Committee for its working together for the best for the basin.

X. Announcements

A. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Attest:

Daniel Jaggers, Secretary

Beaumont Basin Watermaster