

**Record of the Minutes of the  
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

**Meeting Location:**

*There was no public physical meeting location due to the coronavirus pandemic. Meeting held via video teleconference pursuant to:  
California Government Code Section 54950 et. seq. and  
California Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20*

**I. Call to Order**

*Chairman Arturo Vela called the meeting to order at 10:00 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>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 (BBWM). Hannibal Blandon and Thomas Harder were present as engineers for the BBWM.*

*Thierry Montoya announced that as of October 1, 2002, Jeff Hart has been appointed as the Watermaster Committee member representing the City of Beaumont, with Robert Vestal as alternate.*

*Members of the public who registered and / or attended:*

*Allison Edmisten, Yucaipa Valley Water District  
Byran Brown, Meyers Nave  
David Armstrong, South Mesa Mutual Water Company  
David Wysocki, Law Offices of David Wysocki  
Greg Newmark, Meyers Nave  
Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District  
Jim Markman, Richards, Watson and Gershon  
John Covington, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District / Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
John Ohanian, Oak Valley Development Company / Oak Valley Partners  
Lance Eckhart, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency  
Logan Largent  
Lonni Granlund, Yucaipa Valley Water District  
Madeline Blua, Yucaipa Valley Water District*

Mark Swanson, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District  
Mike Thompson, San Geronio Pass Water Agency  
Robert Vestal, City of Beaumont

### **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Vela led the pledge.*

### **IV. Public Comments: None.**

### **V. Reports**

*It was moved by Chair Vela and seconded by Member Zoba to continue items A and B to the December 2, 2020 Regular Meeting and approved by the following vote:*

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

**Due to technical issues with recording the teleconference, the remainder of the meeting is transcribed as action only.**

- A. Report from Engineering Consultant – Hannibal Blandon, ALDA Engineering  
*Report continued to December 2, 2020.*
- B. Report from Hydrogeological Consultant – Thomas Harder, Thomas Harder & Co.  
*Report continued to December 2, 2020.*
- C. Report from Legal Counsel – Thierry Montoya, Alvarado Smith  
*Mr. Montoya gave a brief report.*

### **VI. Discussion Items**

- A. Status Report on the Beaumont Basin Water Level Monitoring Program through September 23, 2020  
  
Recommendation: Presentation - no recommendation  
  
*There was no discussion.*

B. A Comparison of Production and Allowable Extractions through August 2020

Recommendation: No recommendation; informational only

*There was no discussion.*

C. Update on Progress to Develop a Return Flow Accounting Methodology (Task 17) and Conduct a Water Quality Impact Evaluation for the Beaumont Basin Adjudicated Area (Task 22)

Recommendation: No recommendation; informational only

Engineer Tom Harder of Thomas Harder & Associates advised the Committee that the company has proceeded as far as possible and now requires data from BCVWD and YVWD. BCVWD is pulling data, but needs some time.

D. San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Request for Data and Model Files

Recommendation: That the Watermaster authorize an expenditure of up to \$6,900 under Task 8 On-Call Services, to cover the expenses associated with the data request

*It was moved by Member Zoba and seconded by Member Jagers to authorize an expenditure of up to \$6,900 under Task 8 On-Call Services, to cover the expenses associated with the data request and approved by the following vote:*

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

E. Discussion Regarding Various Legal Memorandums Regarding the Transfer of Overlying Water Rights to Appropriative Rights

*It was determined that the 2019 Annual Report would be considered at the December 2, 2020 Watermaster Committee meeting.*

*It was further discussed that certain of the Watermaster Committee members would not approve a 2019 Annual Report that accounted for the YVWD / Oak Valley Partners transfer described in the November 2019 Form 5 between YVWD and Oak Valley Partners.*

*Finally, it was discussed that once the 2019 Annual Report was approved without the November 2019 Form 5 transfer accounted for, such approval would constitute an action by the Watermaster and subject the issues related to the November 2019 YVWD / Oak Valley Partners overlying rights transfer to judicial review under the Stipulated Judgment.*

## **VII. Topics for Future Meetings**

- a. Development of a methodology and policy to account for groundwater storage losses in the basin resulting from the artificial recharge of water resources.
- b. Development of a methodology and policy to account for recycled water recharge.

## **VIII. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members**

*Members of the Committee offered comments.*

## **IX. Announcements**

- a. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
- b. Future Meeting Dates:
  - i. Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
  - ii. Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
  - iii. Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
  - iv. Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
  - v. Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
  - vi. Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

## **XI. Adjournment**

*Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.*

Attest:

  
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Daniel Jaggers, Secretary  
Beaumont Basin Watermaster