

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

Meeting Location:

Due to the continued State of Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19, this meeting was held by teleconference only.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Arturo Vela called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

<i>City of Banning</i>	<i>Arturo Vela</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>City of Beaumont</i>	<i>Jeff Hart</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>Dave Armstrong</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Yucaipa Valley Water District</i>	<i>Jennifer Ares</i>	<i>Present</i>

*Hannibal Blandon was present as engineer for the BBWM.
Thierry Montoya was present as BBWM legal counsel.*

*Members of the public who registered and / or attended:
Lance Eckhart, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Ron Duncan, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Cenica Smith, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
Mark Swanson, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District*

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Vela led the pledge.

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Action Item

- A. Consideration of Resolution 2022-01: Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding Same

Member Jagers briefed the Committee on this resolution required every 30 days to allow the committee to implement the flexibility for teleconference

meetings pursuant to AB 361. Counsel Montoya advised that he had reviewed the resolution and it is consistent with the Brown Act.

It was moved by Member Jaggars and seconded by Member Hart to approve Resolution 2022-01.

AYES:	Armstrong, Hart, Jaggars, Vela, Ares
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	None.
STATUS:	Motion Approved

VI. Consent Calendar

- A. Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2021
- B. Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2021

It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Ares to approve the meeting minutes.

AYES:	Armstrong, Hart, Jaggars, Vela, Ares
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	None.
STATUS:	Motion Approved

VII. Reports

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

Mr. Blandon briefed the Committee on the potential for the Plantation on the Lake well to be a monitoring well and related issues.

- B. Report from Hydrogeological Consultant – Thomas Harder, Thomas Harder & Co.
No report.
- C. Report from Legal Counsel – Thierry Montoya, Alvarado Smith
Nothing to report.

VIII. Discussion Items

- A. Reorganization of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Recommendation: That the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee either reaffirm the existing officers or conduct nominations for the appointment of new officers of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

It was moved by Member Jagers and seconded by Member Armstrong to continue with the current officers:

- *Chair Arturo Vela*
- *Vice Chair George Jorritsma*
- *Secretary Dan Jagers*
- *Treasurer Joe Zoba*

and approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Armstrong, Hart, Jagers, Vela, Ares
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	None.
STATUS:	Motion Approved

B. Consideration of Special Meeting / Workshop

Recommendation: That the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Committee consider setting a date and agenda for a special meeting /workshop

i. Review of Mission Statement:

Watermaster's mission is to manage the yield of and storage within the Beaumont Basin to provide maximum benefit to the people dependent on it.

ii. Topics for Discussion

iii. Engagement of Facilitator

Member Jagers introduced the discussion. Chair Vela noted the possibility of engaging a facilitator. Member Hart offered to provide an outline and framework at the February 2 meeting.

Mr. Jagers reminded that the impetus for this special meeting was to schedule the workshop and agree that a framework to assist with decision making would be helpful.

Member Ares agreed and said something in writing would be helpful. She pointed to suggestions from the consultant regarding things that need to be addressed and rolled into a Request for Proposal. She indicated there may not be need for a facilitator as all understand the path forward. Hart agreed that should be part of the workshop discussion. He reminded that in the past, the Watermaster had a general manager who could facilitate discussion and disseminate information. He noted that challenges of the

Committee are lack of staff to handle certain things and assuring compliance with the Brown Act.

Mr. Jagers added that another challenge for the technical consultant is taking all member input and formulating it and allowing for different viewpoints. Having a third entity to focus all activities and facilitate discussion and resolution may be a way to insulate an entity from trying to maintain balance while performing the technical work.

Member Hart pointed to the RFPs and suggested it may be beneficial to have a facilitator or coordinator to assure there is proper buy-in from all members.

Chair Vela invited public comment. Mr. Lance Eckhart of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency pointed to the technical collaboration and opportunities for public input related to the area's Groundwater Sustainability Plan process and the constraints due to the Brown Act. Any way to work with the area technical managers to bring good collaborative solutions quickly is better, he advised.

Chair Vela indicated the potential for a Technical Advisory Committee to meet outside of the Brown Act and present information to the Board.

Member Jagers suggested that "facilitator" be changed to "coordinator" and Chair Vela agreed.

Chair Vela tabled the item to the February 2, 2022 meeting.

C. Authorize Preparation and Release of a Request for Proposal for annual reporting services

Recommendation: That the Watermaster Committee form an ad hoc committee to develop a Request for Proposal and authorize release of same

Chair Vela reminded the Committee of the discussion at the December 1, 2021 meeting and the vote to extend the term of the contract with ALDA Inc.. There was discussion of the need to go to bid for the services since the original bid was advertised in 2011.

Member Jagers noted that Member Hart has a draft document and they need to meet to review.

Member Hart also noted there is a procurement policy to review. He offered to provide a draft RFP, indicating the two are related. Ideally, the procurement policy would be formed to utilize it for engagement of a consultant.

Chair Vela tasked the current ad hoc procurement policy committee of Members Jagers and Member Hart with development of a Request for Proposal.

IX. Topics for Future Meetings

- a. Development of a methodology and policy to account for groundwater storage losses in the basin / Groundwater management
- b. Scope of work and Request for Proposal for a workshop facilitator / consultant
- c. Incidental discharge
- d. Effect of Court ruling on Production vs Extraction Credits
- e. Development of a recycled water policy

X. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members

None.

XI. Announcements

- a. Special Meeting / workshop date: None set.
- b. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
- c. Future Meeting Dates:
 - i. April 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
 - ii. June 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
 - iii. August 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
 - iv. October 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
 - v. December 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Vela adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Attest:



Daniel Jagers, Secretary
Beaumont Basin Watermaster