Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Meeting Location:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
560 Magnolia Ave.
Beaumont, CA 92223

I. Call to Order

Chair Arturo Vela called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

City of Banning	*Arturo Vela*	*Present*
City of Beaumont	*Jeff Hart*	*Present*
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	*Dan Jaggers*	*Present*
South Mesa Water Company	*David Armstrong*	*Present*
Yucaipa Valley Water District	*Joseph Zoba*	*Present*

Hannibal Blandon and Thomas Harder were present as engineers for the BBWM.
Thierry Montoya was present as BBWM legal counsel.
Steve Stuart of Dudek was present as BBWM administrator.

Members of the public who registered and / or attended:
Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Nyles O'Harra, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Mike Kostelecky, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Lance Eckhart, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Emmett Campbell, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Ron Duncan, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Larry Smith, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Thaxton Van Belle, City of Beaumont
Mark Swanson, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
Robert Rasha, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
Cenica Smith, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
Derek Hoffman

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Vela led the pledge.

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Resolution 2022-08: Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding Same

B. Meeting Minutes
   a. October 5, 2022 Regular Meeting

C. Status Report on Water Level Monitoring throughout the Beaumont Basin through November 15, 2022

D. A Comparison of Production versus Extraction Credits through October 2022

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES:	Hart, Armstrong, Jaggers, Vela, Zoba
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None
STATUS:	Motion Approved

VI. Reports

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

Mr. Blandon reported that wells were elevated by means of Google Earth so there are discrepancies in elevations. He recommended engaging a surveyor.

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

No report.

C. Report from Administrative Consultant – Steve Stuart, Dudek

Mr. Stuart recalled that upon engagement of Dudek in August, Chair Vela recommended production of a summary and development a framework for addressing the list of issues. He said he hopes to have a draft ready by the end of the year. Conversations are beginning regarding how to address Basin storage, water levels, and other concerns of the BBWM. He said he regards this as a working document to help tackle the issues in 2023.

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

Mr. Montoya noted that the agreement between the BBWM and Mr. Harder's firm has been fully executed. He said he spoke with the counsel for South Mesa Water District regarding amending the member alternate status.

He said he also spoke to Yucaipa Valley Water District counsel Greg Newmark regarding how YVWD can confirm any additional water transfers between Oak Valley Partnership to YVWD through the Form 5 process confirming water service to their parcels in addition to the 180.03 acre-feet that were previously granted.

He commented on the Rules and Regulations of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster as provided by Mr. Stuart and recommended a chronological listing of all amendments on the cover sheet.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Consideration Resolution 2022-09: To Amend Section 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Watermaster adding Groundwater Level Measuring and Reporting Procedures

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2022-09

Mr. Stuart reported that no comments on the draft document had been received. He presented the document for consideration as an amendment to the Rules and Regulations under Section 3.

Mr. Stuart and Counsel Montoya clarified that despite the redline in other sections of the Rules and Regulations document in the meeting agenda packet, the only Section for amendment today is Section 3.0 adding 3.3 Groundwater Level Measuring and Reporting Procedures.

Mr. Jaggers indicated he was supportive of the changes but recommended reviewing all previous resolutions making amendments. He noted that the redline Section 7 seems to be a working copy.

It was moved by Member Hart and seconded by Member Armstrong to adopt Resolution 2022-09: To Amend Section 3 of

the Rules and Regulations of the Watermaster adding Section 3.3 Groundwater Level Measuring and Reporting Procedures.

AYES:	Hart, Armstrong, Jaggers, Vela, Zoba
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None
STATUS:	Motion Approved

B. Letter of Support for Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District's Urban Community Drought Grant Application

Recommendation: Approve the Letter of Support

Member Jaggers explained the BCVWD well replacement project and the pursuit of grant funding. He requested the support of the BBWM and presented the draft letter for consideration.

Chair Vela invited public comment. There was none.

It was moved by Member Vela and seconded by Member Jaggers to approve the Letter of Support for Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District's Urban Community Drought Grant Application.

AYES:	Hart, Armstrong, Jaggers, Vela, Zoba
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None
STATUS:	Motion Approved

C. Meeting Teleconferencing Procedures

Recommendation: Direct staff as desired

Member Jaggers explained the changes in law related to remote meeting attendance and the Governor's plan to rescind the State declaration of emergency at the end of February, 2023. AB 2449 allows continued remote participation, he said, and provided details on available options.

Members Zoba noted that each member of the Committee has alternate members assigned, and although AB 2249 may be helpful, it is not necessarily imperative. He recommended reverting to the regular Brown Act methodology. Mr. Montoya indicated that if AB 2449 procedures were to be followed the Committee would need to adopt a resolution.

Chair Vela invited public comment. There was none.

It was moved by Member Zoba and seconded by Member Jaggers to return to original Brown Act procedures for meeting attendance in person while continuing to offer remote broadcast abilities.

AYES:	Hart, Armstrong, Jaggers, Vela, Zoba
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None
STATUS:	Motion Approved

D. Task Order No. 2 for Groundwater Level Monitoring Services in 2023

Recommendation: Approve Task Order No. 2 for a sum not to exceed $28,370

Mr. Thomas Harder described historic groundwater monitoring activities by ALDA Inc. The proposal is to continue that work, which has been beneficial in monitoring the health of the basin and for the groundwater modeling to be done in 2023. He detailed the tasks included. The total cost is for calendar year 2023, he advised.

Member Zoba recommended future discussion on setting up a database to make the information available in real time online. Mr. Harder stated he has begun conversations about this and a regional database with Mr. Stuart.

In response to Member Zoba, Mr. Harder advised that that even if automated, this activity would not go away completely. Ideally, the information would be obtainable remotely, but staff still makes site visits to download information. Mr. Blandon concurred.

Chair Vela invited public comment. There was none.

It was moved by Member Zoba and seconded by Member Jaggers to approve Task Order No. 2 for Groundwater Level Monitoring Services in 2023 for a sum not to exceed $28,370 and instruct the Treasurer to invoice the BBWM Committee members.

AYES:	Hart, Armstrong, Jaggers, Vela, Zoba
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None
STATUS:	Motion Approved

VIII. Topics for Future Meetings

A. Budget Update

B. Discussion of well elevation survey

C. Monitoring of future west side well sites and methodologies, and potential collaboration with USGS

D. Procurement Policy

E. Evaluation of Storage Issues in the Basin (tabled from 12/2/2021 meeting)

F. Development of a methodology and policy to account for groundwater storage losses in the basin / groundwater management

G. Incidental discharge

H. Development of a Recycled Water Policy

I. Development of a return flow accounting policy

IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members

Chair Vela advised that he will submit documents to Mr. Montoya for appointment of Nate Smith as alternate for the City of Banning.

X. Announcements

a. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for February 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

b. Future Meeting Dates:

i. April 5, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

ii. June 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

iii. August 2, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

iv. October 4, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

v. December 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

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

Attest:

Daniel Jaggers, Secretary
Beaumont Basin Watermaster