

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER
ADOPTING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ABANDONMENT AND
DESTRUCTION OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION WELLS**

WHEREAS, the Beaumont Basin Watermaster, pursuant to that certain judgment adjudicating groundwater rights in the Beaumont Basin (Riverside County Superior Court Case No. 389197, filed on February 4, 2004) authorizes the Watermaster to develop and administer a program for the construction, reconstruction, abandonment and destruction of groundwater extraction wells, and the permitting thereof;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside enacted Riverside County Ordinance No. 682.3, which Ordinance is entitled "Riverside County Ordinance Regulating the Construction, Reconstruction, Abandonment and Destruction of Wells" (hereafter referred to as the "Riverside County Policy");

WHEREAS, the Watermaster has reviewed the Riverside County Policy and has determined that, with minor modifications, we are satisfactorily served as appropriate regulations governing the construction, reconstruction, abandonment and destruction of groundwater extraction wells, and the permitting thereof, in the Beaumont Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Beaumont Basin Watermaster hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of Standards

Subject to all of the provisions of this Resolution, the Watermaster hereby adopts, by this reference, Riverside County Ordinance No. 682.3, An Ordinance Regulating the Construction, Reconstruction, Abandonment and Destruction of Wells in the Beaumont Basin (hereafter referred to as the "Beaumont Basin Wells Policy").

Section 2. Adoption of Regulation Re: "Sounding Tubes"

There is hereby adopted the following well construction policy which shall apply to all new wells constructed after July 20, 2004, which policy shall be incorporated into, and made a part of, the Beaumont Basin Well Policy:

"All wells shall be provided with a one (1) inch access pipe, capped at the bottom and perforated with at least three (3) holes per foot of no less than 1/20th of a square inch each and free from burrs, over the lower 40 feet. (Each hole is approximately equivalent to a ¼ inch drilled hole or two hack saw cuts ½ inch long.) This pipe will extend from above the pump to the surface and may be secured to the discharge pipe and well cap. The top of the pipe shall be kept sealed by a threaded or equivalently secure cap or plug. The purpose of this pipe is for measuring water levels."

Section 3. Exempt Provisions of the Riverside County Policy

The following provisions of the Riverside County Policy (Ordinance No. 682.3) shall not be enforced by the Watermaster:

- a. Section 23, "Public Nuisance Abatement".
- b. Section 26, "Violations and Penalties".

Section 4. Notice

Notice of the adoption of this Resolution shall be mailed to all Parties to the Judgment, and to any other person who requests such notice. The notice shall specify that a copy of the Beaumont Basin Well Policy may be obtained upon request and upon payment of a fee sufficient to recoup the cost of printing.

MOVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of July, 2004, upon the following vote:

City of Banning: aye
City of Beaumont: aye
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District: aye
South Mesa Mutual Water Company: aye
Yucaipa Valley Water District: aye

Dated: July 20, 2004

BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER

By _____

GEORGE JORRITSMA, Chairman of the
BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER