

Resolution No. 2004-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER IN SUPPORT OF AB303 GRANT APPLICATIONS THAT FURTHER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BEAUMONT BASIN

Recitals

WHEREAS,

- A. The Beaumont Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) was created on February 4th, 2004 pursuant to the stipulated judgment in San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority versus City of Banning, et. al; the Watermaster consists of representatives of the Cities of Banning and Beaumont, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD), South Mesa Water Company (SMWC) and the Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD).
- B. The Watermaster has, among other responsibilities, the responsibility to monitor groundwater production and to replenish overproduction by parties to the Judgment;
- C. The Beaumont Basin (Basin) is about 24 square miles in area and the effective depth of the aquifer is unknown; the total storage in the basin likely exceeds 2 million acre-ft; the Basin is believed to be in overdraft;
- D. The Judgment provides for the pumping of a temporary surplus of 160,000 acre-ft; the parties to the Judgment and other agencies are concerned about the future potential for subsidence that may occur as a result of past and future groundwater pumping from the Basin;
- E. BCVWD and Banning are: responsible for the supply and delivery of potable and non potable water within their service area; the major groundwater pumpers in the Beaumont Basin and; developing new deep groundwater wells and large recharge facilities;
- F. BCVWD and Banning have plans to develop several deep wells in the Beaumont Basin that will tap deep water bearing sediments in the San Timoteo formation whose characteristics are not well understood; the parties to the Judgment and other agencies are interested in assessing these characteristics and determining the feasibility of using the deep aquifer for a water supply;
- G. The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency is a State Water Project Contractor and is responsible for acquiring and delivering imported water from the State Water Project and other sources; the San Gorgonio Pass Water

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Agency is not a member of the Watermaster nor is it a party to the Judgment; that said, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency is interested in developing a supplemental water and conjunctive-use master plan that will benefit Watermaster and the water users in its service area.

- H. The San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority is a joint powers agency that has developed a watershed management program for a portion of the San Timoteo watershed that includes the Beaumont Basin; the San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority, as part of the implementation of the San Timoteo Watershed Management Program started the litigation that resulted in the Judgment;
- I. The San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority, in conjunction with its member entities and other agencies, has developed detailed monitoring programs, some of which are being implemented; the San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority, at the request of the Watermaster has developed a monitoring program to assess the occurrence of subsidence from past groundwater pumping and future pumping pursuant to the Judgment;
- J. The San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority has also prepared a work plan to develop a supplemental water and conjunctive-use master plan that will benefit Watermaster and the water users in its service area; the San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority has also budgeted and authorized the engineering and scientific investigations to develop the supplemental water and conjunctive-use master plan;
- K. The San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency are interested in working together to develop the supplemental water and conjunctive-use master plan.

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

Section 1. Support the subsidence monitoring efforts of the San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority and the related 2004 AB303 Grant Application submitted by the San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority on behalf of all producers in the Basin, as a means to understanding the relationship of groundwater pumping to subsidence and fissuring in the Basin; that the knowledge gained from this monitoring program will be used to refine the groundwater pumping and storage programs in the Basin leading to a sustainable supply for the area's pumpers and the people of California;

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Section 2. Support the deep aquifer research efforts of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and Banning and the related 2004 AB303 Grant Application submitted by BCVWD on behalf of all the producers in the Basin, as a means to understanding the production characteristics and hydrology of the deep aquifers in the Basin; that the knowledge gained from this research will be used to site wells and operate the Basin in a sustainable way for the area's pumpers and the people of California;

Section 3. Support the development of a supplemental water and conjunctive-use master plan and the related 2004 AB303 Grant Application submitted by the San Geronio Pass Water Agency on behalf of all pumpers in the Basin, as a means to implement the most reliable and cost efficient supplemental water supply system; that the resulting plan, when implemented, will benefit Watermaster, the parties to the Judgment, the area's pumpers, and the people of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2004.

BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER

By */s/ George Jorritsma*

Chairman of the Watermaster

Attest:

/s/ C.J. Butcher

Secretary of the Watermaster