

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER
ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLES OF GROUNDWATER STORAGE IN THE
BEAUMONT BASIN BY NON-APPROPRIATORS

WHEREAS, there exists in the Beaumont Basin a substantial amount of available groundwater storage capacity; and

WHEREAS, such capacity can be reasonably used for storing supplemental water; and

WHEREAS, the Watermaster desires to establish by this Resolution certain fundamental principles governing the future use of such capacity by non-Appropriators.

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

Section 1. Definitions

As used herein, these terms shall have the following definitions:

- a. **Groundwater Storage Agreement:** a standard form of written agreement between the Watermaster and any Person requesting the storage of Supplemental Water.
- b. **Groundwater Storage Capacity:** the space available in the Beaumont Basin that is not utilized for storage or regulation of Safe Yield and is reasonably available for Stored Water and Conjunctive Use.
- c. **Person:** any non-appropriator individual, partnership, association, corporation, governmental entity or agency, or other organization.
- d. **Storage Program:** Supplemental Water stored in the Beaumont Basin for later use, or the sale of Temporary Surplus.
- e. **Stored Water:** Supplemental Water stored in the Beaumont Basin pursuant to a Groundwater Storage Agreement with the Watermaster.
- f. **Supplemental Water:** water imported into the Beaumont Basin from outside the Beaumont Basin including, without limitation, water diverted from creeks upstream and tributary to the Beaumont Basin and water which is recycled and useable within the Beaumont Basin.
- g. **Temporary Surplus:** the amount of groundwater that can be pumped annually in excess of the Safe Yield of the Beaumont Basin necessary to create enough additional storage capacity to prevent the waste of water.

Section 2. Preferred Groundwater Storage Projects

Preference shall be given to groundwater storage projects that:

- a. Increase the reliability of water supplies;
- b. Reduce the cost of enhancing the reliability of water supplies;
- c. Is proposed by, or is conducted for the benefit of, ratepayers;
- d. Financially benefit ratepayers;
- e. Will not injure existing Overlying and Appropriative Water Rights;
- f. Will not waste water;
- g. Will generate revenue to purchase rights to additional Supplemental Water and/or construct facilities for direct delivery of Supplemental Water or the percolation of Supplemental Water into the Beaumont Basin; and
- h. Will not impair future opportunities to store water in the Beaumont Basin.

Section 3. Types of Groundwater Storage Programs

The Watermaster shall consider two types of Storage Programs:

- a. Projects which propose to rent Groundwater Storage Capacity in the Beaumont Basin: revenue generated thereby shall be used to fund capital facilities; and
- b. Projects which propose the sale of Temporary Surplus: revenue generated thereby shall be used to purchase the rights to additional Supplemental Water supplies.

Section 4. Groundwater Storage Agreement

In order to prevent injury to existing water rights, to prevent the waste of water, and to protect the use of Supplemental Water in storage and the Safe Yield of the Beaumont Basin, no Person may make reasonable beneficial use of the Groundwater Storage Capacity except pursuant to a written Groundwater Storage Agreement with the Watermaster. Without limitation, such Agreements shall include:

- a. The payment of administrative and storage fees to the Watermaster;
- b. The payment of fees for the use of Temporary Surplus;
- c. Accounting for Supplemental Water losses while in storage;
- d. Term limit;

- e. Reasonable limitations on the rates of storage and recovery of Stored Water;
- f. Protection of water quality in the Beaumont Basin.

MOVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April, 2005, upon the following vote:

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

Dated: April 12, 2005

BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER

By /s/ George Jorritsma _____
Chair