

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER TO CONFIRM AND ADOPT SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY'S ("SGPWA") APPLICATION FOR GROUNDWATER STORAGE AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO STATED CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Stipulated Judgment establishing the Beaumont Basin Watermaster (Riverside Superior Court Case No. 389197) empowers the Beaumont Basin Watermaster to adopt appropriate rules and regulations for the conduct of Watermaster affairs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority, the Beaumont Basin Watermaster established principles of groundwater storage in the Beaumont Basin via Resolution No. 2005-01, the foundation for San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Application for Groundwater Storage Agreement; and

WHEREAS, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency is a state water contractor formed in 1961 for the purpose of importing water from the State Water Project into the San Gorgonio Pass area; and

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency service area includes the Beaumont Basin; and

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency submitted to the Beaumont Basin Watermaster a Groundwater Storage Application requesting, in pertinent part, to store up to 10,000 acre-feet of water in the Beaumont Basin through artificial recharge of water from the State Water Project, via proposed recharge facilities to be located in the southwest corner of Brookside Avenue and Beaumont Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Beaumont Basin Watermaster issued copies of SGPWA's Groundwater Storage Application to members of its Watermaster Committee for review; and,

WHEREAS, the Beaumont Basin Watermaster met on numerous occasions to discuss SGPWA's Groundwater Storage Application agreeing to support such under the following conditions:

1. The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency shall add imported water to their Groundwater Storage Account via spreading basins when the quantity of imported water available to the Region exceeds the demands and/or requests for imported water by the Watermaster Committee members as provided in the SGPWA application.

2. The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency may recharge the excess imported water in the Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility, or any other location approved by the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.
3. The imported water stored by the SGPWA pursuant to the conditions herein and the Groundwater Storage Application, will be made available, at any time, to the members of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster consistent with the laws, resolutions, ordinances, and policies of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.
4. Members of the Watermaster Committee shall maintain the right(s) of first refusal to purchase imported water placed in storage by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency at times when the San Gorgonio Pass water Agency determines that it has stored supplemental water available for sale, transfer, or exchange. At such times, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency shall notify all Watermaster Committee members via electronic mail a minimum of 60 calendar days prior to any sale, transfer, or exchange of any supplemental water in the storage account of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency to any person, entity, or Watermaster member. The Watermaster shall determine what amount(s), if any, of the stored imported water available by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency will be purchased individually or collectively by the Watermaster Committee members, which right(s) of first refusal must be exercised in writing received by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency within 60 calendar days notice was sent by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Beaumont Basin Watermaster reviewed and discussed this Resolution on June 6, 2017 to take this matter up, finding that the foregoing is true and accurate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER that it does hereby accept SGPWA's Groundwater Storage Application and does hereby grant SGPWA a water storage account pursuant to SGPWA's Groundwater Storage Application, subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution, and subject to the Judgment establishing the Beaumont Basin Watermaster (Riverside Superior Court Case No. 389197), its rules and regulations for the Beaumont Basin - to include groundwater storage in the Beaumont Basin by Non-Appropriators - a classification applying to SGPWA in the amount of 10,000 acre feet.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of June 2017.

BEAUMONT BASIN WATERMASTER

By:

Art Vella, Chairman of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster