



Groundwater Quality Evaluation
Committee for the
Beaumont/Cherry Valley Area.

Minutes

Location: San Geronio Pass Water Agency
1210 Beaumont Ave., Beaumont, CA 92223
Thursday, August 21, 2008, 11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Nancy Hall, Bruce Cash, Carl Workman, Behrooz Mortazavi, Cindy Li, Luwanna Ryan, Lori Smith, John Watkins, Jaime Hurtado

Item	Discussion	Action
	<p>Mr. Watkins welcomed all those in attendance and informed Committee members that lunch has been provided for them by Supervisor Marion Ashley's Office.</p>	
<p>1. Approval of Minutes of July 3, 2008</p>	<p>The minutes from the meeting that took place on July 3, 2008 were distributed to those in attendance and Mr. Watkins requested review. Mr. Cash requested that an addition be made to include in the Q & A portion of the minutes, about his request to have presentations by Wildermuth, California State Department of Health, and Cherry Valley Water District.</p> <p>Mr. Cash requested that the first line in the last paragraph of the minutes be changed from Beaumont Water District to Banning Water District.</p> <p>Mr. Watkins announced that the minutes as well as other items presented and/or discussed at the meeting will be posted on the Riverside County Environmental Health web site: www.rivcoeh.org.</p>	<p>Mrs. Smith noted and will make corrections.</p>
<p>2. Presentation on agency Research Activities in the Area by Peter Martin, US Geological Service</p>	<p>Mr. Watkins introduced Peter Martin from the U.S. Geological Service. Mr. Martin, comes from San Diego and is the Program Chief Scientist for Desert Studies at the California Water Science Center. To help with the presentation was Allen Christensen, Project Hydrologist for the California Water Science Center.</p>	

	<p>Mr. Martin and Mr. Christensen gave a presentation of “Geology, Ground-Water Hydrology, Geochemistry, and Ground-Water Simulation of the Beaumont and Banning Storage Units, San Gorgonio Pass Area, Riverside County, California.” Following the presentation, there was a question and answer period between the presenters and members of the Committee.</p>	
<p>3. Presentation on Activities and Water Quality Issues in the Area by Steve Williams, California Department of Public Health</p>	<p>Mr. Watkins introduced Steve Williams, District Engineer for the Southern California Drinking Water Field Operations Branch, as well as Paul Richter, Associate Sanitary Engineer. They deal with the large water systems and also work with Riverside County Environmental Health on Water Quality issues with public drinking water systems. Mr. Richter and Mr. Williams presented the “Drinking Water Analyses Results Report” for the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District. This included testing results for the several different wells in the area. Following the presentation, there was a question and answer period between the presenters and members of the Committee.</p>	
<p>4. Appointment of Committee Chairperson & Vice Chairperson for the Resident and the Technical Sub-Committees</p>	<p>Appointment of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson is needed primarily for the resident committee because the technical committee is made up of non-voting members, and are here to assist and have input for the committee as a whole. Mr. Watkins requested recommendations for these two positions.</p> <p>Mr. Watkins suggested that someone from the resident committee could be appointed as the Chairperson and someone from the technical committee be appointed as Vice Chairperson. Mr. Watkins asked for recommendations. Joe Zoba nominated Bruce Cash to be appointed as Chairperson. Mr. Watkins asked if there were any other suggestions. It was agreed that Mr. Cash should be appointed as Chairperson. Mr. Watkins also requested nominations for the Vice Chairperson, Mr. Zoba nominated Luwanna Ryan. Mr. Watkins asked if there were any objections to these two being Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. There were none. Mr. Cash and Ms. Ryan accepted the nominations.</p>	<p>Mr. Bruce Cash has accepted the nomination to act as Chairperson.</p> <p>Mrs. Luwanna Ryan has accepted the nomination to act as Vice Chairperson.</p>

5. Committee Information Website Announcement	<p>Mr. Watkins informed everyone that we now have a website where information from the meetings can be accessed. The website is www.rivcoeh.org. You can go to that website which is the Riverside County Environmental Health website. There is a link, "Groundwater Quality Committee Information for the Beaumont/Cherry Valley Area" where meeting information will be available.</p>	<p>All information presented at the Beaumont/Cherry Valley Water Quality Committee meetings will be available on the website.</p>
6. Public Comment A. E-mail from Patsy Reeley	<p>The copy of an e-mail sent from Patsy Reeley, a Cherry Valley resident, to Supervisor Ashley's office was distributed. Mrs. Reeley had some concerns about the July 3, 2008 meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Watkins asked if there were any comments or advice in reference to the e-mail. He also informed attendees that he had reformatted the e-mail without changing any of the content to fit onto one page. There were no comments about the e-mail. This document will be added to the web site and also will be included in the attachments for the meeting minutes.</p>	<p>There were no comments for this action item.</p>
7. Future Agenda Topics	<p>Mr. Cash suggested that one presentation per meeting would be sufficient for future meetings. Although both presentations were very informative, they were too lengthy to have two at the same meeting.</p> <p>John Covington wanted to know if it would be feasible to have Wildermuth present at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Cash stated that it would be beneficial to have a presentation by Wildermuth at a future meeting. After questioning, It was the consensus of the attendees that they would like to have Wildermuth, Inc. do a presentation at the next meeting.</p> <p>There was concern expressed about the length of the presentation as well as it being presented in "layman's" terms so that all will be able to understand.</p>	

Mr. Watkins asked if committee members were interested in continuing to meet at this location (San Geronio Pass Water Agency) or somewhere else. There was a suggestion to meet at The Grange.

The consensus was that it would be best to continue meeting at the San Geronio Pass Water Agency, if it is available.

Nancy Hall requested that a letter dated November 9, 2007, from Mr. Steven Rhodes to Supervisor Marion Ashley be included in next month's meeting agenda. Mr. Watkins will look into the possibility of getting a copy of the letter for the September 2008 meeting.

Mr. Watkins will request a copy of the letter from Supervisor Ashley's office for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting in September 2008.

Q&A

Q. A question was raised; Should we have two separate committees meeting at different times or should we have one committee?

A. Mr. Watkins answered that initially the suggestion was to meet separately, but if the committee members would rather we all meet together; then that is up to them.

Q. A suggestion was made that the future meetings should be held in the evenings so that more people can attend them.

A. Mr. Watkins explained that today's meeting was scheduled to accommodate the guest speakers and at the previous meeting there were those who wished to have the meetings during the day.

Q. Nancy Hall felt that having the technical committee meet with the resident committee would be more beneficial. Residents need feedback from the technical people who have more understanding and knowledge of the issues.

- A. Mr. Watkins asked if there was anyone opposed to having the two committees meet together. There were no responses. Therefore, at future meetings, both technical and resident committees will meet together.
- Q. Nancy Hall asked if we have set goals and what we hope to accomplish as a result of these meetings.
- A. Mr. Cash explained that the County of Riverside, Board of Supervisors established the purpose and goals of the committee.
- Q. Ms. Hall felt that she didn't explain her question properly. What she would like to know is; who decides who will make presentations at the meetings and what information are we viewing to make the decisions that the Supervisors hope we will make?
- A. Mr. Cash explained that there is technical data in the binders provided by the County of Riverside. Anything beyond that is up to this panel to decide what information they deem necessary, and that they feel will help all to understand, and then make recommendations back to the Board of Supervisors. The committee will certainly accept any recommendations from people from the communities involved.
- Q. A resident attendee asked; Is this committee an ad hoc committee assembled to reach a decision or is it a long term committee?
- A. Mr. Cash responded saying that it is an ad hoc committee to study this issue and make recommendations back to the Board of Supervisors. We would like to resolve these issues as expeditiously as possible using a level of technical data, some of which you heard today. The goal of this panel is to move this forward as quickly as possible. Right now we are on a monthly regimen and if the panel chooses, we can meet more frequently than that, but right now we will continue with the monthly meetings.

		<p>Mr. Watkins asked for suggestions for dates for a September 2008 meeting. If we want to continue holding the meetings on Thursdays, available dates in September are the 11th, 18th, and 25th.</p> <p>Nancy Hall mentioned that September 25th would not be a good date because that is the same date as the Cherry Valley Acres and Neighbors (CVAN) meetings which are held on the 4th Thursday of each month.</p>	
6.	Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.	