

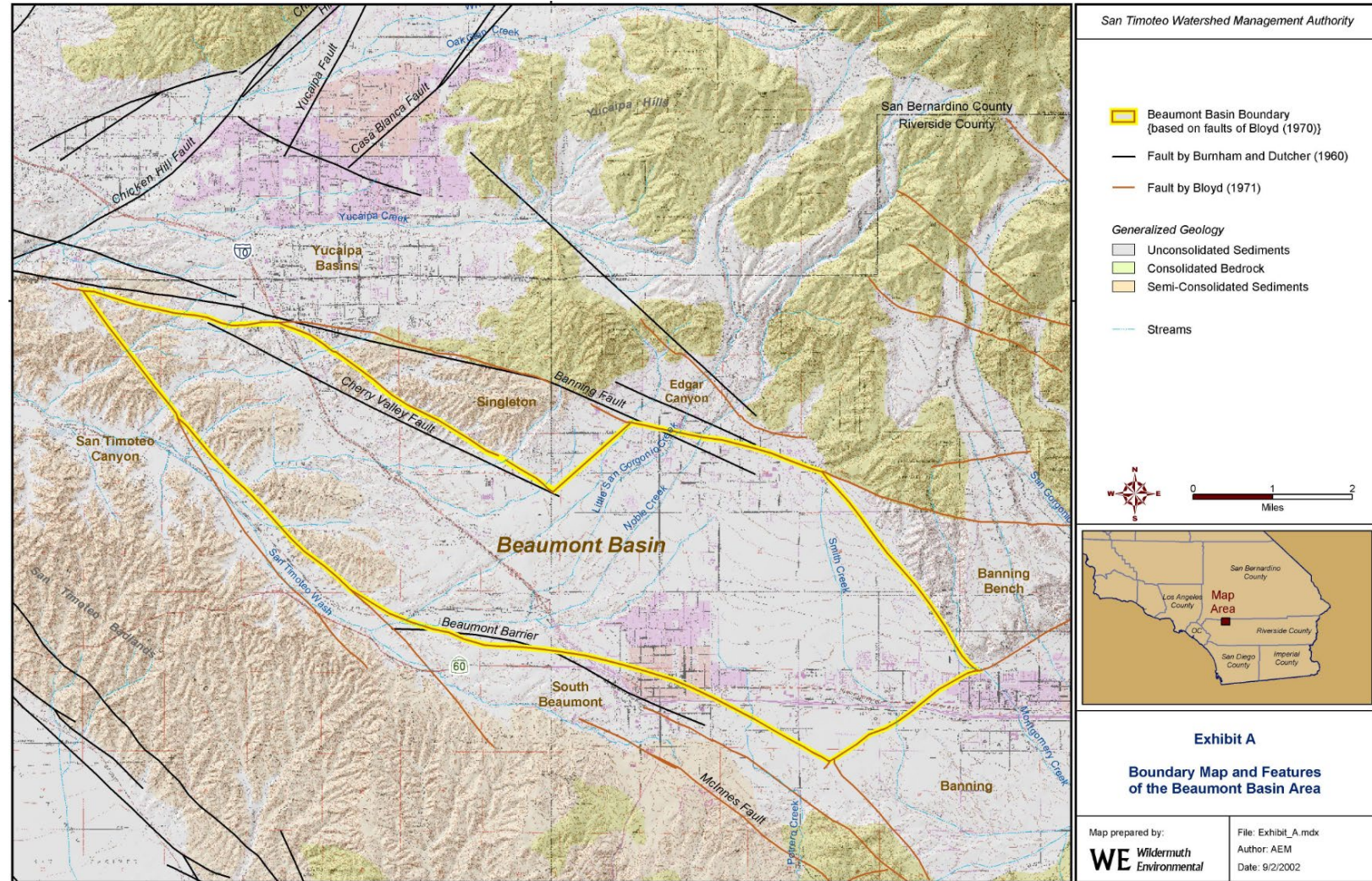


Beaumont Basin Watermaster Overview

UNDERSTANDING THE ADJUDICATION AND HOW IT WORKS

What is the Beaumont Basin?

- A groundwater basin underlying Beaumont, Banning, Cherry Valley, and Calimesa
- Common source of supply for:
 - Cities and water districts (appropriators)
 - Overlying landowners (ag, golf, private lands)
- Historically overdrafted
- Court-adjudicated in 2004



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10 FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, RIVERSIDE COURT

11 SAN TIMOTEO WATERSHED)
12 MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, a public)
13 agency,)

14 Plaintiff,)

15 vs.)

16 CITY OF BANNING, a municipal)
17 corporation; BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY)
18 WATER DISTRICT, an irrigation)
19 district; YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER)
20 DISTRICT, a county water district;)
21 PLANTATION ON THE LAKE LLC, a)
22 California limited liability)
23 company; SHARONDALE MESA OWNERS)
24 ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated)
25 association; SOUTH MESA MUTUAL)
26 WATER COMPANY, a mutual water)
27 company; CALIFORNIA OAK VALLEY)
28 GOLF AND RESORT LLC, a California)
limited liability company; OAK)
VALLEY PARTNERS LP, a Texas limited)
partnership; SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)
SECTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS)
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, a)
California corporation; SUNNY-CAL)
EGG AND POULTRY COMPANY, a)
California corporation; MANHEIM,)
MANHEIM & BERMAN, a California)
General Partnership; WALTER M.)
BECKMAN, individually and as)
Trustee of the BECKMAN FAMILY TRUST)
dated December 11, 1990; THE ROMAN)
CATHOLIC BISHOP of San Bernardino,)

CASE NO. RIC 389197

STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF
JUDGMENT ADJUDICATING
GROUNDWATER RIGHTS IN THE
BEAUMONT BASIN

Why was it adjudicated?

- Safe yield estimated at 8,650 acre feet per year
- Production exceeded safe yield
- Rapid planned development increased demand
- Need to:
 - Protect overlying and appropriative rights
 - Prevent continued overdraft
 - Enable recharge and storage projects
- Adjudication was about stabilizing the basin and protecting long-term reliability

What is safe yield?



According to the Judgment, the Safe Yield is the “maximum quantity of water which can be produced annually without causing long-term depletion



Safe Yield in the Beaumont Basin was initially set to 8,650 acre-feet per year



The Safe Yield forms the basis for allocating water rights



The Judgment requires that the Safe Yield be updated every 10 years

2013 Safe Yield update = 6,700 acre-feet per year

2023 Safe Yield update = 7,100 acre-feet per year

The Judgment requires a “Physical Solution” to bring the basin into balance

- The Physical Solution:
 - Allowed continued pumping
 - Avoids waste and damage to the basin and/or the other parties to the Judgment
 - Provides flexibility across the basin
 - Supports recharge, groundwater storage, and conservation efforts
- The Physical Solution is the engine that makes the adjudication functional by encouraging:
 - Groundwater replenishment
 - Storage of imported water
 - Development of conjunctive use programs

Water rights are allocated first to the overlyer pumpers and the remainder is allocated to the appropriators

OVERLYER PUMPER

- Landowners over the basin
- Have water rights tied to land ownership
- Groundwater is typically pumped and used on the overlyer property
- Overlyers were assigned water rights in the initial Judgment, which allows them to pump up to that amount annually

APPROPRIATIVE PARTY

- Pumpers that pump from one property to distribute water to another property
- Typically water districts/companies that pump for municipal supply
- In the Beaumont Basin, appropriators have no set water right, but rather a percentage of the water that the overlyers did not pump

The appropriative parties also received a 10-year “controlled-overdraft” of the basin



This was known as “temporary surplus” water



The intent of the temporary surplus was to provide the appropriators with time to implement water supply projects, while also creating space for storing water



This amount was not to exceed 160,000 acre-feet in the first 10 years of the Judgment



After the 10-year period expired, the temporary surplus water was placed into the appropriator storage accounts for future use

The Watermaster is the court-appointed administrator of the Judgment

- The Watermasters tasks include:
 - Monitors pumping in the basin
 - Administers replenishment
 - Manages storage agreements
 - Levys assessments to pumpers in the basin
 - Prepares annual reports
 - Administers and enforces the Judgment
- The Court retains full jurisdiction over the Beaumont Basin. The Watermaster is a court appointed contract administrator.

The Judgment outlines who is to sit on the five member Watermaster board

Banning, City of



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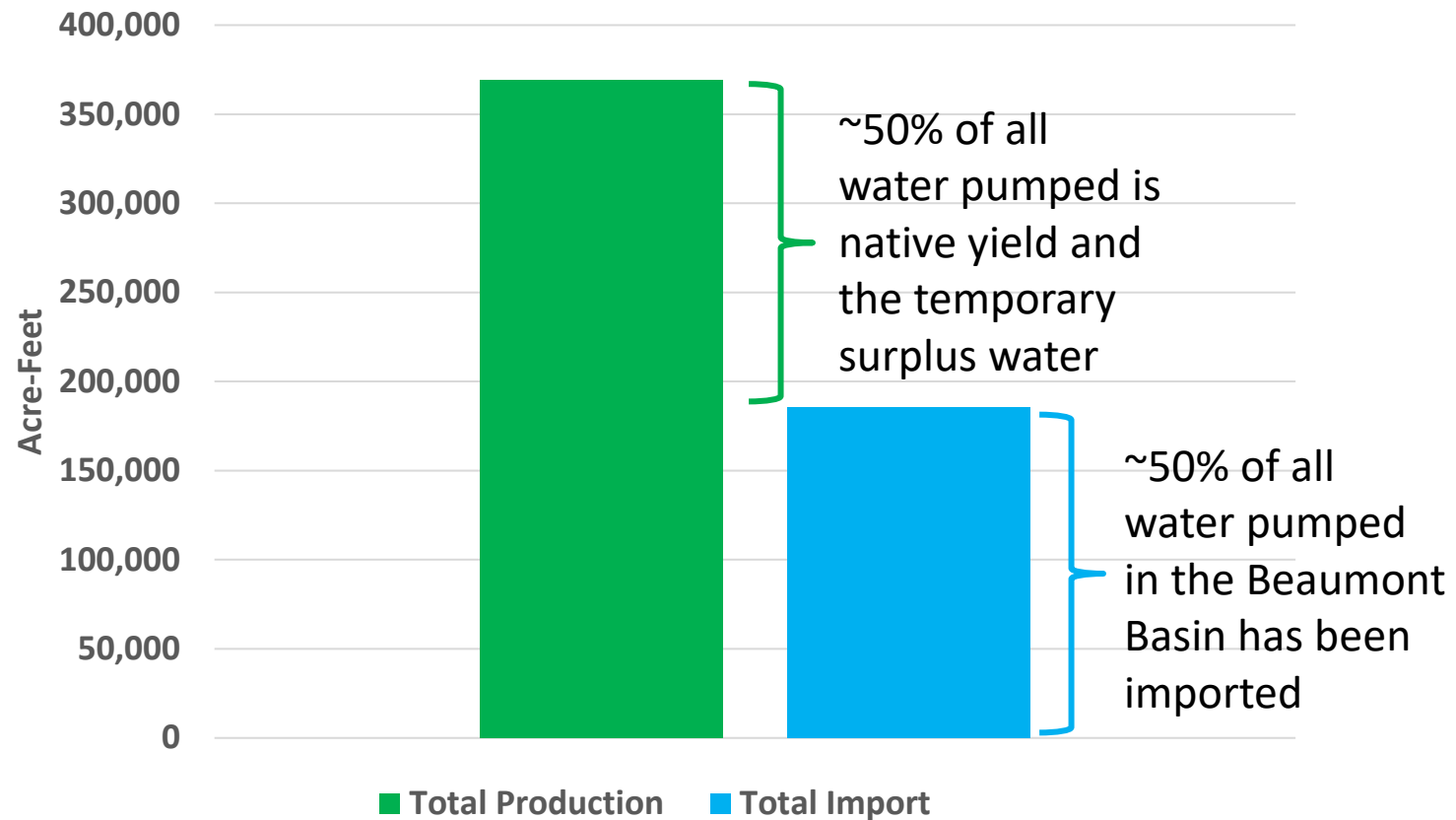
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Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District

South Mesa Water Company

Yucaipa Valley Water District

Total Imported Water vs. Total Production in the
Beaumont Basin
2003 - 2025



How has the
Judgment
performed
over 23
years?



Thank you
