

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Groundwater Quality Evaluation Committee for the Beaumont/Cherry Valley Area

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Establishment of a Groundwater Quality Evaluation Committee for the Beaumont/Cherry Valley Area consisting of representatives from the local community and County Departments to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisor's on groundwater quality issues.

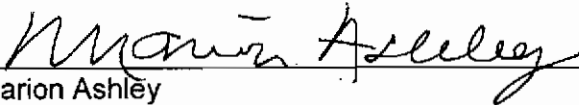
BACKGROUND:

A water quality report that was prepared for the area determined that sub-surface disposal systems had the potential to further impact the groundwater quality in the area. This report was reviewed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and local governmental agency staff. The reviewing agencies determined that the report was credible and deserved further review to address options to lessen groundwater degradation in the area.

Purpose and Direction of the Committee:

The committee shall review technical data presented by regional experts and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, Cities of Beaumont and Banning, and the Board of

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Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District regarding growing concerns of groundwater quality in the Beaumont water basin area. The committee is expected to accomplish the following:

1. Conduct bi-monthly committee meetings
2. Examine the overall water quality of the Beaumont/Cherry Valley region
3. Review independent technical studies regarding the current and future status of groundwater quality in the area
4. Identify potential threats to groundwater quality
5. Identify possible *mitigation* measures and the cost effectiveness of each measure
6. Present Committee's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, Cities of Beaumont and Banning, Calimesa, and the Board of the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District, 5th District Pass Area Municipal Advisory Committee, Santa Ana Region Water Quality Control Board, Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, San Geronimo Pass Water Agency, San Timoteo Watershed Authority, Yucaipa Valley Water District, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and other interested entities.