



2020

Optimum Basin Management Program Update

Progress Report - January 2020

Background

The Chino Basin Judgment gave the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) the discretionary authority to develop an Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP) for the Chino Basin, including both water quantity and quality considerations. Watermaster, with direction from the Court, began the development of the OBMP in 1998 and completed it in July 2000. The OBMP was developed in a collaborative public process that identified the needs and wants of all stakeholders; described the physical state of the groundwater basin; developed a set of management goals; identified impediments to those goals; described a series of actions that could be taken to remove those impediments and thereby achieve the management goals; developed and executed agreements to implement the OBMP; and certified a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) pursuant to CEQA with IEUA as the lead agency.

The 2020 OBMP Update was developed through a collaborative stakeholder process, the same way as the 2000 OBMP. A series of public “Listening Sessions” were held by Watermaster throughout 2019 to obtain information, ideas, and feedback from all stakeholders.

Through the Listening Session process, the Chino Basin stakeholders have identified their issues needs, and want, their collective goals for the 2020 OBMP Update, the impediments to achieving the goals and the management actions required to remove the impediments.

The collaborative process has resulted in the creation of two documents:

1. The 2020 OBMP Scoping Report: This document captures all the input from the stakeholders and outlines the estimated effort to implement the proposed activities.
2. The 2020 OBMP Update Report: This is the comprehensive document that includes the history of the OBMP, describes the collaborative process and provides the basis for the development of the 2020 OBMP Implementation Plan Update.

The 2020 OBMP Update requires an Environmental Review of foreseen facilities and projects that could be built as a result of the implementation of the management actions in the updated Implementation Plan. This effort is underway.

For more details on the process and achievements of the listening sessions please refer to our previous newsletters: http://www.cbwm.org/obmp_newsletters.htm.

2020 OBMP Implementation Plan Program Elements (PEs)

New and continuing actions



PE 1- Monitoring Program

- Continue the required monitoring and reporting
- Review and update Watermaster's monitoring and reporting program*



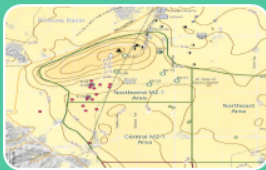
PE 2- Recharge Program

- Complete the 2023 Recharge Master Plan Update
- Implement recharge projects on need and available resources



PE 3 – Supply for Impaired Areas

- Continue CDA Operations



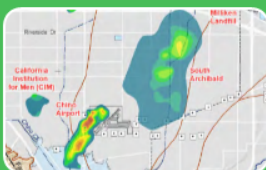
PE 4- Subsidence Management

- Implement Watermaster's Subsidence Management Plan and adapt it as necessary



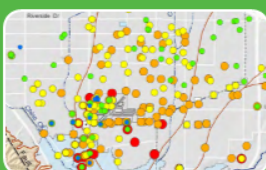
PE 5 – Regional Supplemental Water Program

- Watermaster will support the IEUA, the TVMWD, the WMWD, and/or others in their efforts to improve water supply reliability to ensure those efforts are integrated with Watermaster's groundwater management efforts*



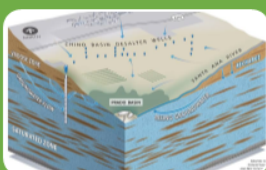
PE 6 – Cooperative Programs with Water Quality Regulators

- Develop an initial emerging contaminants monitoring plan*
- Evaluate need for a Groundwater Quality Management Plan*



PE 7 – Salt Nutrient Management Plan

- Continue to implement the Maximum Benefit Salt Nutrient and Management Plan
- Update every 5 years the water quality projections to evaluate compliance*



PE 8/9 – Storage Management Plan / Storage and Recovery Programs

- Complete and submit to the Court the 2020 Storage Management Plan*
- Develop a Storage and Recovery Master Plan*

* New actions

Monthly Update

During the month of January, the team completed the 2020 OBMP Update Report which is the culmination of the twelve month effort of stakeholders and participants who invested countless hours participating and providing feedback .

The 2020 OBMP Update Report is the compilation of feedback and participation received from all stakeholders who participated in 7 listening sessions throughout 2019. During these sessions the Watermaster stakeholders discuss the need to update the OBMP, what are the Drivers, Trends and Implications that are foreseen that will affect basin management in the upcoming years. The group also analyze the pertinence and validity of the goals established in the 2000 OBMP and reaffirmed the same goals for the 2020 OBMP> Finally, the stakeholders suggested activities that would help in reaching the newly reaffirmed goals.

The Report is divided into four sections:

- 1. Introduction and Background:** Provides the history of the OBMP and an overview of the stakeholder process to develop it.
- 2. 2020 OBMP Goals and Activities:** Outlines the 2020 OBMP Goals and the activities proposed by the stakeholders to achieve them.
- 3. Integration of the 2020 OBMP Update Activities with the 2000 OBMP Program Elements:** This section establishes the relationship between the proposed activities with the already existent Program Elements of the 2000 OBMP Implementation Plan.
- 4. 2020 OBMP Management Plan:** This section delineates all the actions that will continue from the 2000 OBMP as well as the new activities proposed by parties during the 2020 OBMP Update Process. This section also will serve as the basis for drafting the 2020 OBMP Implementation Plan that will occur during the beginning of 2020.

Watermaster received comments from stakeholders until January 22, 2020 and provided answers included as Appendix B in the Final Report released on January 24, 2020.

Next Steps

During February, the 2020 OBMP Update team will release the Initial Study and Notice of Preparation that will kick off the Environmental Review process for CEQA compliance. There will be a Public Scoping Hearing on February 27, at 6 PM at the IEUA Headquarters.

The process will continue with the first of a series of drafting sessions to be convened at Watermaster on March 2nd, at 1:30PM.

A detailed timeline that shows the process to complete the OBMP Update by June 2020 is shown in the next page. For more information please refer to our previous Progress Reports here: http://www.cbwm.org/obmp_newsletters.htm

2020 OBMP Goals



Enhance Basin
Water Supplies



Protect and Enhance
Water Quality



Enhance Management
of the Basin



Equitably Finance
the OBMP

2020 OBMP Update Process

