

**Minutes**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
May 26, 2005

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California, on May 26, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Appropriative Pool**

Ken Jeske, Chair	City of Ontario
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water Company
Rita Kurth	Cucamonga Valley Water District
J. Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bill Stafford	Marygold Mutual Water Company
Mike Maestas	City of Chino Hills

**Agricultural Pool**

Glen Durrington	Crops
Pete Hettinga	Dairy

**Non-Agricultural Pool**

Bob Bowcock	Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)
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**Watermaster Board Members Present**

John Anderson	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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**Watermaster Staff Present**

Sheri Rojo	Finance Manager
Gordon Treweek	Project Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

**Others Present**

Rick Hansen	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Steven Lee	Ag Pool Legal Representative
Craig Parker	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

The Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Jeske at 9:10 a.m.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

There were no additions or reorders made to the agenda.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held April 28, 2005

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of April 2005
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period March 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2004 through March 2005

*Motion by Bowcock, second by Kinsey, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items A through B, as presented***

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS****A. AKB05020 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – CHINO BASIN DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT**

Chair Jeske stated that this item is for the Memorandum of Agreement between Chino Basin Watermaster and Inland Empire Utilities Agency and a presentation on this item was given at the Pool Committee meetings. Mr. Kinsey noted that he hopes there is long term cost benefits by entering into this agreement. Chair Jeske asked if there were any other comments or questions.

*Motion by Kinsey, second by Garibay, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve AKB05020 Memorandum of Agreement for the Chino Basin Data Exchange System Development between Chino Basin Watermaster and Inland Empire Utilities Agency, as presented***

**B. 2005/2006 WATERMASTER BUDGET**

Chair Jeske stated this item is for the approval of the 2005/2006 Watermaster Budget and noted a presentation was given at the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool meeting. Chair Jeske inquired if the Committee Members wanted to see the presentation at this meeting; there were Agricultural Pool members present and the presentation was not given at the Agricultural Pool meeting. It was noted that the Committee Members wanted to view the presentation at this meeting. Ms. Rojo stated there was a budget workshop held recently which went very well. Ms. Rojo reviewed the prior vs. current year increases and decreases. The budget is broken down into three sections; Administration, OBMP, and Implementation Projects. Administration costs are down slightly, the OBMP costs are up slightly – mostly due to the DataX Program, and the Implementation Project section has gone up substantially. In the Implementation Projects section there has been a cost reduction in Groundwater Quality, Basin Water Quality, and Storage & Conjunctive Use. Cost increases have been attributed to Ground Level Monitoring, Hydraulic Control (water quality & level - recharge/well monitoring), Recharge Monitoring, and MZ1 Monitoring. A brief discussion ensued with regard to debt service. Ms. Rojo stated that Mr. Treweek will be giving a detailed presentation on the Recharge Program. The question regarding security issues was presented. Ms. Rojo noted that the majority of the security issues are regarding putting up new non-climbable fences around the SCADA equipment and other expensive equipment along with increasing the distance of posted signs. The question regarding making security enhancements at basins that are owned by other entities was presented. Mr. Treweek noted that Watermaster is responsible for security at a facility during periods that we are recharging water along with the responsibility that the facilities are safe, have lockable gates, and are posted with signs at 150 foot intervals as opposed to the 300 foot intervals they are at present. There has been vandalism and theft over this past year as construction has gone on; hardening of the security of high value items will be put in place which will be in the form of non-climbable chain link fencing. The question of who is responsible for flood control purposes was presented. Mr. Treweek stated that the Flood Control District is responsible for flood control purposes; however, at any time that Watermaster is recharging water, whether imported water or recycled water, then Watermaster

is responsible. The question regarding a share of cost was presented. Mr. Treweek stated that the Flood Control has been cooperative in absorbing maintenance costs to date. A brief discussion regarding the types of locks used at the basins ensued. Ms. Rojo stated that the recharge program maintenance costs, which is the O&M on an annual basis, does not include the damage related from the recent storms. Management Zone 1 (MZ1) was budgeted to begin a development of the long term management plan and the piezometer replacement, which were the largest cost increases for the MZ1 area. Mr. Kinsey offered some comments regarding the special referee workshop held recently regarding MZ1 costs and if those costs were included in this presented budget. Mr. Wildermuth noted that the costs that are included in the budget are for the central area and include a new piezometer. Chair Jeske stated that because there is money allotted in the budget for a particular item it does not mean it has to be done; if there is a disagreement with one of the items it was requested that item and cost decisions be taken through the Watermaster process for MZ1. Mr. Kinsey offered comment regarding the costs and the influence those costs reflect on the assessments. Counsel Fife stated that it was felt that one of the recommendations that will come out of the special referee's workshop is a recommendation that the MZ1 Committee be more organized in its future plans. The comment that attending the budget workshop made it much easier to understand the budget process was noted. Ms. Kurth asked to go on record with the comments that were made by Mr. DeLoach at the Appropriative meeting on May 12, 2005 regarding the money being contributed by Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) to the Watermaster budget in the amount of \$520,000 dollars and that there is an equity issue there which there is no cost sharing for by other MET member agencies. Ms. Rojo stated that in meeting with IEUA this past week it was noted that they are actually contributing \$1.4 million dollars towards various projects and programs.

*Motion by Kurth, second by Garibay, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve the 2005/2006 Watermaster budget, as presented***

#### **C. STIPULATION WITH CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PROTEST AGAINST APPLICATION**

Counsel Fife stated this is a fairly short stipulation and was discussed at length at the pool meetings; there is no further update since that meeting. This stipulation states Watermaster is not in any way infringing on Cucamonga's pre-1914 surface water rights up in the northern part of the basin

*Motion by Garibay, second by Kurth, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve the stipulation with Cucamonga Valley Water District for withdrawal of their protest against the Watermaster application, as presented***

### **III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

#### **A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

##### **1. Attorney-Manager Meetings**

Counsel Fife stated that the next meeting will be held today at 1:00 p.m. at the offices of Cucamonga Valley Water District. Materials have been previously distributed via email; additional copies are available.

##### **2. Santa Ana River Application Process**

Counsel Fife stated that the only new information to update the committee members on is the stipulation, which was just approved. The only protest left on the application is from the Department of Fish and Game and discussions will continue with them. In general, this process was started because Orange County Water District and Western Municipal Water District indicated they were going to come out with final copies of their EIR's and move forward with a hearing on their applications. To date nothing has been reported on as to when that might take place.

3. North Gualala Litigation  
Counsel Fife stated that ACWA is going to be filing an amicus brief on this case, Tom Bunn will be writing that brief. The case is on appeal and briefs had not been filed yet and counsel is not yet recommending that Watermaster file an amicus brief; we are waiting to see how the arguments develop. Watermaster on behalf of adjudicated basins, in general, would have a particular perspective in this litigation and might want to have a say in any appellate court decision that comes out. It appears very highly likely that counsel will recommend that Watermaster file an amicus brief.
4. MZ1 Special Referee Workshop Update  
Counsel Fife noted there was a special referee workshop held yesterday and the workshop went very well. Very good discussions took place at the workshop and the purpose of the workshop was to assess where Watermaster is in implementing the MZ1 Interim Plan. Counsel Fife noted that at the end of the workshop the Ms. Schneider and Mr. Scalmanini were both comfortable that in fact Watermaster has been making progress and are doing what was intended to get done. There was a sense from Ms. Schneider and agreed upon by the attending parties that a lot of data has been collected and it is time to move on to a long term plan.

## **B. CEO/STAFF REPORT**

1. ACWA Update  
Ms. Rojo commented that Mr. Manning attended the ACWA conference and on the back table there is a handout regarding legislative updates, which were passed out at the conference. Ms. Rojo noted that Mr. Manning gave a detailed update at the pool meetings on this handout.
2. MWD System Overview Study Update  
Ms. Rojo stated that an update was given by a member of the Metropolitan Water District for the long term shutdown plans at the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural pool meeting and were on the agenda to give that update at this meeting; however, they are not currently present.
3. Assessment Package Update  
Ms. Rojo stated that a few people have volunteered to help on reviewing the assessment package as it relates to last year's assessment package using the new program that Watermaster developed and put together. It was noted that parties have requested a workshop on the assessment package take place and that has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2005. Notices for that meeting will be sent out shortly. Ms. Rojo stated that a copy of last years assessment package will accompany the notice and felt it would be helpful before we rolled out this current year's package especially because staff wanted to try and split the process into two categories. One would be the water activity and once the water activity is summarized then staff can go ahead and relate the dollars based on the water activity.
4. Legislative Update  
Ms. Rojo stated that Mr. Atwater and Ms. Davis will cover this item in the Inland Empire Utilities Agency section.
5. Recharge Basin Repair Update  
Ms. Rojo stated that Mr. Treweek will be giving an update on where Watermaster is on the recharge basin project and on storm damage. Mr. Treweek noted that on the back table is a handout provided on the summary of the storm water recharge to date. It was felt that this storm season is now over and that 15,642 acre-feet of captured storm water has recorded at the Deer Creek Measuring Station. Mr. Treweek noted that this basin was

very fortunate in receiving 50 inches of rainfall which is about three times an average year. There are two major areas that are going to be worked on this summer; the first one will be Basin Availability and the second is Basin Capacity. IEUA and Watermaster have developed a wish list of needed improvements to be made to the basins, this list was made available at a prior meeting; this list consists of about \$10 million dollars worth of grant funded items from prop 13 and DWR. The more difficult challenge deals with basin capacity and Mr. Treweek drew a diagram to clearly show why this is such a challenge. A discussion ensued with regard to flood control policy and the retention of water in regards to dam safety regulations. Ms. Rojo noted that Mr. Atwater and Mr. Manning have met with Pat Mead from Flood Control recently and stated there are more meetings set for the future. Mr. Atwater stated that things are going to work out with Flood Control. Chair Jeske noted that the snow pack will melt within the next 60 days and encouraged staff to work with Flood Control to work something out for this year as well as for long term. A brief discussion ensued with regard to habitats forming in the basins.

6. Chino I and Chino II Desalter Projects Ground Water Draft Monitoring and Mitigation Plan Update

Ms. Rojo stated this item is regarding the Chino I and Chino II Desalter projects; this item was moved from the potential action section of the agenda to the reports and updates because it was decided that Watermaster needs only to receive and file the submitted Monitoring and Mitigation Plan. It was noted that staff has been working a lot with the CDA on the issues of this plan and there is resolve. A question regarding the staff report and negotiations regarding duplicate monitoring was presented. Ms. Rojo stated that it has been decided the monitoring issue between the CDA and Watermaster is going to be discussed further to determine whether cost sharing would be justified and whether or not a cooperative agreement needs to be formed.

**C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY**

1. MWD Status Report – Richard Atwater

Mr. Atwater stated that at the last Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool meeting a presentation was given on the system overview study and since that meeting IEUA staff has met with Metropolitan Water District's senior management and engineering staff on the isolation valves at the Rialto Pipeline and it appears that shutdown will not take place in January.

2. Recycled Water Report – Tom Love

Mr. Atwater stated that IEUA will start spreading recycled water in Hickory & Banana Basins within the next month or so after the permit is approved

Added Comment:

Mr. Atwater commented on the recent Leadership Breakfast held at IEUA and stated that he could provide copies of the new budget. Mr. Atwater stated that Ms. Davis will be giving a presentation on the Regional Water Conservation Budget today. It was noted that there were no rate increases either on sewer or on imported water.

3. Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Report – Tom Love

No comment was made regarding this item.

4. FY 05/06 Water Conservation Budget – Martha Davis

Ms. Davis stated that imported water purchases in calendar year 2004 stayed within Tier I through conservation, increased use of recycled water, groundwater pumping and record rainfall in November and December. It was noted that future water demands are increasing due to the region's record rate of growth. The IEUA service are will likely stay within Tier I in calendar year 2005 as a result of the wet spring in combination with continued water

conservation, and increasing use of recycled water and groundwater supplies. MWD has increased its rate for Tier II untreated water by \$15, effective January 2006 (from \$412/af to \$427/af). Ms. Davis stated that conservation is a very cost-effective way to meet future growth needs. IEUA, working in collaboration with its retail agencies, is developing new supplies through water efficiency programs that will help residential, retail and commercial customers and save money. Ms. Davis reviewed the FY 2005-2006 conservation program revenues and noted that there are no changes in rates or budgeted revenues. Ms. Davis assessed the regional conservation programs offered through IEUA and retail agencies which included, Residential Programs, Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Programs, Public Education Programs, and Retail Agency Support Programs. The conservation program priorities will build upon current conservation initiatives; expand on outdoor conservation programs and increase marketing, and outreach and rebate incentives. IEUA will expand on collaboration with MWD, Chino Basin Watermaster, Chino Basin Water Conservation District, local Agencies and SAWPA to enhance programs and coordinate conservation messages.

5. Water Resources Report (handout)  
No comment was made regarding this item.
6. Quarterly Recycled Water Report (handout)  
A question regarding the initial blending requirements for the recycled water program was presented. Mr. Atwater noted that the permit states a 20% blend. A discussion ensued with regards to blending at the point of recharge. A question regarding in lieu deliveries was presented. Mr. Atwater stated that the economics issue needs to be worked out and will be encouraged once that has been accomplished. A discussion ensued with regards to in lieu deliveries. Ms. Rojo stated that Brooks and Montclair Basins are now full and that imported water is now being taken in at the San Sevaire Basin. Mr. Atwater stated that today will be a first time ever that state project water will be put into Hickory Basin.
7. Quarterly Chino Basin Facilities Report (handout)  
No comment was made regarding this item.
8. State/Federal Legislation Reports
  - a. Daily Bulletin Article on House Approval of HR 802  
Regional Recycled Water Initiative  
No comment was made regarding this item.
9. Public Relations Report  
No comment was made regarding this item.
10. Presentation on the Conservation Program  
Ms. Davis showed samples of the "Garden in Every School Program" which has gained a lot of press. The schools are seeking IEUA to continue this educational program.

#### **D. OTHER METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS**

Mr. Hansen stated that his first item to present is an information item regarding Mr. Bowcock who is heading up a group that has expanded from the main San Gabriel basin to include Three Valleys and IEUA. Mr. Bowcock has encouraged the parties to think outside the box with a regional planning effort and to take a look at the Rialto Feeder and what MWD has as far as capabilities in moving water. The group is looking at putting MWD water into the San Gabriel Pipeline; keeping water flowing 365 days a year. This announcement was sent out via email and if any party is interested in participating please contact Mr. Hansen. The second item concerns an item that needs to be watched closely with the MET, with the million acre feet that MET is looking for in surplus water and looking at storing that water in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Hansen relayed what took place at a recent meeting with Wes Bannister in his discussions

regarding the water storage. Mr. Bowcock stated that the next meeting regarding this issue is for the WFA Technical Advisory Committee and will be held at Monte Vista Water District at 8:30 a.m. on June 16, 2005.

**IV. INFORMATION**

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comment was made regarding this item.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

No comment was made regarding this item.

**VII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

May 24, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Water Quality Meeting
May 24, 2005	9:00 a.m.	GRCC Meeting @ IEUA
May 25, 2005	10:30 a.m.	MZ1 Special Referee Workshop
May 26, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
May 26, 2005	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
May 26, 2005	1:00 p.m.	Attorney-Manager Meeting @ CVWD
June 9, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
June 21, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
June 23, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
June 23, 2005	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Advisory Committee Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved: June 23, 2005