Minutes CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 18, 2010

The Advisory Committee meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga CA, on March 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT WHO SIGNED IN

Appropriative Pool

Robert DeLoach, Chair Cucamonga Valley Water District

Ken Jeske City of Ontario

Mark Kinsey Monte Vista Water District

Dave Crosley

Bill Kruger

Anthony La

Raul Garibay

City of Chino

City of Chino Hills

City of Upland

City of Pomona

Tom Harder Jurupa Community Services District
Charles Moorrees San Antonio Water Company
Josh Swift Fontana Union Water Company
Robert Young Fontana Water Company

J. Arnold Rodriguez

Santa Ana River Water Company
Ben Lewis

Golden State Water Company

Agricultural Pool

Jeff Pierson Ag Pool – Crops

Jennifer Novak State of California Department of Justice

Pete Hall State of California, CIM

Non-Agricultural Pool

Kevin Sage Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)

Watermaster Board Members Present

Michael Camacho Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Watermaster Staff Present

Ken Manning CEO

Ben Pak Senior Project Engineer
Danielle Maurizio Senior Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck Mark Wildermuth Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

Others Present Who Signed In

Ron Craig
Steve Nix
City of Chino Hills
John Mura
City of Chino Hills
Mike Maestas
City of Chino Hills
City of Ontario
Steven Lee
Reid & Hellyer

Ryan Shaw Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Rich Atwater Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Terry Catlin Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Chris Berch Mike Sovich Marty Zvirbulis Gil Aldaco Inland Empire Utilities Agency Three Valleys Municipal Water District Cucamonga Valley Water District City of Chino

Chair DeLoach called the Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

Mr. Manning noted a revised agenda was distributed that added other Metropolitan Member Agencies under Reports/Updates.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held February 18, 2010

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. Cash Disbursements for the month of January 2010
- 2. Watermaster Visa Check Detail for the month of January 2010
- 3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010
- 4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010
- 5. Budget vs. Actual July 2009 through January 2010

Motion by Jeske, second by Kinsey, and by unanimous vote, Non-Agricultural Pool voted no **Moved to approve Consent Calendar item A and B, as presented**

C. INTERVENTION INTO THE AGRICULTURAL POOL

Intervention of Rafael Treto into the Agricultural Pool

Motion by Jeske, second by Kinsey, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Consent Calendar item C, as presented

II. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Peace II SEIR

Counsel Fife stated this item is regarding the Peace II Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and was reported on at the Pool meetings. Counsel Fife stated the report is in its final stages of preparation and revisions are continuing to be made.

2. Non-Agricultural Pool Information Requests Status

Counsel Fife stated last week, legal counsel for Watermaster and legal counsel for the Appropriative Pool, met with the legal counsel for the Overlying Non-Agricultural Pool and reviewed the many information requests that were submitted over the last 30 days. Counsel Fife stated there is a handout on the back table regarding an account that Watermaster counsel provided to the Non-Agricultural Pool legal counsel and this table also shows what is still outstanding. Counsel Fife stated during this meeting legal counsel tried to give the Non-Ag legal counsel everything they had asked for. This item is to provide the parties with an update on this ongoing process. Mr. Garibay inquired about costs and expenses for this endeavor. Counsel Fife noted this is a Watermaster expense; however, all expenses are being separately tracked that are associated with this matter.

3. <u>Database and Record Management</u>

Counsel Fife stated while going through the Non-Agricultural Pool litigation process over the last 60 days, several administrative processes have been looked at that had not been looked at and/or reviewed in a long time. Counsel Fife stated counsel and staff has been assessing service lists, active parties' lists, etc. and in reviewing those types of lists, it has

been identified they are not all 100% up-to-date with name changes, deletions, or additions, etc. and with the creation of the new Policy Manual and the research being done regarding the information requests he noted this has been a useful exercise to see where shoring up needs to be done. Counsel Fife stated Watermaster records will be examined carefully to ensure that strict procedures are being complied with. Counsel Fife reviewed some of the areas that will be reviewed and updated including parties who need to become part of the Judgment through interventions. Mr. Manning commented on this upcoming endeavor for cleaning up Watermaster records, lists, and needed interventions. Counsel Fife noted the reason to address this now is so that the parties will know why there are so many interventions on upcoming agendas. This process will eventually include contacting parties from the Pools, Advisory Committee, and other committee member representatives and alternate representatives to be able to updated all Watermaster lists; this will be a full act to tighten up procedures.

B. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. 2010 Basin Plan Amendment

Mr. Wildermuth stated Wildermuth Environmental is a consultant to the Basin Monitoring Task Force and Andy Malone and he has been working on this project since 1996. Mr. Wildermuth stated Wildermuth Environmental is currently in the process of helping the task force help the Regional Board through the Basin Monitoring Task Force to update the Basin Plan. Mr. Wildermuth reviewed the Basin Plan Amendment Projects related to N/TDS Management Plan spreadsheet items #1 through #11 in detail and it was noted that the spreadsheet was put together by the Regional Board. Mr. Wildermuth reviewed #11 in greater detail because of the interest the City of Riverside has in it to change the nitrogen objective in Chino South. Mr. Wildermuth offered comment regarding changing objectives and how it affects the Chino Basin and its parties. Mr. Manning stated staff's recommendation to Wildermuth is for them to start working with Watermaster on developing a letter in opposition of this change. In writing that letter of opposition, Mr. Manning anticipates being able to have discussions regarding this situation. Mr. Manning noted Watermaster is not going to willingly absorb costs of others without talking about mitigating measures first. Mr. Manning discussed item #6 in detail and a brief discussion regarding cost differences ensued.

2. Recharge Master Plan Update

Mr. Wildermuth stated Wildermuth has been working with Black & Veatch and Wagner & Bonsignore on the draft report. There is a workshop coming up that Bob Wagner is coming to and he will present storm water findings at that workshop.

C. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. <u>Legislative Update</u>

Mr. Manning stated he was recently in Sacramento to attend the Inland Empire Legislative function and at that time he was able to go to the capital and meet with some members of the legislature. Mr. Manning noted he is the president of the California Groundwater Coalition and during his visit he was asked by assembly member Huffman, to co-sponsor AB2304. Mr. Manning explained the draft AB2304 in detail.

2. Recharge Update

Mr. Manning stated January was a good month for recharge and noted 90% of recharge was from storm water. The most recent recharge spreadsheet is available on the back table for review. February appears to be a good month also for storm water capture for recharge.

3. ALCOA Monitoring Wells

Mr. Manning stated this topic was discussed about a year or so ago. The ALCOA offsite wells were installed in 1999/2000 and there part of the offsite groundwater monitoring network. Those wells were monitoring the issue if migration of salt plums from ALCOA.

The Regional Board has determined the pollution has not reached the groundwater and has given ALCOA a No Further Action letter. Mr. Manning stated instead of ALCOA destroying the wells, Watermaster has been in discussions with them to try and take over those wells and that appears to be what will take place. Agreements are being worked on presently to transfer those wells over to Watermaster and are being defined as equipment. A discussion regarding these monitoring wells ensued.

4. Turner Basins/Guasti Park Task Force

Mr. Pak gave the Turner Basin/Guasti Park Demonstration Project presentation. Mr. Pak offered background history on this item. Mr. Pak noted a Technical Work Group has been formed which consists of San Bernardino County Park and Flood Control District, City of Rancho Cucamonga, City of Ontario, Chino Basin Watermaster, Chino Basin Water Conservation District, and Inland Empire Utilities Agency. Mr. Pak reviewed the preliminary concept and discussed the enhancement concepts. Mr. Pak discussed the implementation work plan schedule. Mr. Manning noted the schedule presented is a very aggressive schedule. Mr. Manning stated the plan is a very attractive plan in terms of attracting grant funds to the partnership mainly because of all the parties that are participating and the diverse interests are both being achieved within the plan and potential use by the public. A discussion regarding this project ensued.

D. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

1. Recycled Water Update

Mr. Atwater gave an executive summary on what took place at Dry Year Yield meeting this morning. Mr. Atwater stated there is a workshop scheduled for March 31, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss water supply conditions. Mr. Atwater reviewed the recycled water numbers.

Mr. Atwater stated there is a budget workshop scheduled for next Thursday with the Regional Sewage Committee on all our budgets and a board workshop on March 31, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Atwater noted all the budget documents are on the IEUA website.

2. MWD Water Rates and Budget Update

Mr. Atwater stated on April 13, 2010 the Metropolitan Water District board is scheduled to approve both the rates effective January 1, 2011, and the Water Supply Allocation.

3. State Water Project Allocation Update

Mr. Atwater noted the State Water Project Allocation is still at 15%.

4. IEUA Monthly Water Newsletter

No comment was made regarding this item.

5. Monthly Water Use Report

No comment was made regarding this item.

6. State and Federal Legislative Reports

Mr. Atwater stated that the Regional Board did approve the water softener permit amendment for IEUA and here in the Chino Basin.

7. Community Outreach/Public Relations Report

Mr. Atwater stated the IEUA leadership breakfast is on March 23, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. at IEUA.

8. Peace II PEIR Schedule

No comment was made regarding this item.

Added Comment:

Mr. Atwater reviewed the handout dated June 14, 2009 regarding Bay Delta Conservation Plan Activities – JPL Decision Support Remote Sensing and Monitoring Opportunities in detail. A discussion regarding this matter ensued.

F. OTHER METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

No comment was made regarding this item.

III. <u>INFORMATION</u>

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Kinsey stated when the parties change their Pool and Advisory representatives; they are supposed to notify Watermaster who the designated representative is going to be and their alternate. Mr. Kinsey stated Watermaster might send out a letter each year to all the parties asking to either confirm what staff already has or to supply Watermaster with the new names, addresses, and email addresses to keep records current.

Mr. Kinsey stated this notice is for the Appropriative Pool members who are present that there is a special Appropriative Pool closed session meeting held here at Watermaster on March 25, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VI CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Pursuant to the Advisory Committee Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Pool meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

No confidential session was held.

VII. <u>FUTURE MEETINGS</u>

Thursday, March 18, 2010	8:00 a.m.	IEUA DYY Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, March 18, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, March 18, 2010	2:00 p.m.	MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, March 25, 2010	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, March 25, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Recharge Master Plan Workshop @ CBWM
Thursday, April 8, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
* Thursday, April 8, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative Meeting @ CBWM
* Thursday, April 8, 2010	2:30 p.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, April 15, 2010	8:00 a.m.	IEUA DYY Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, April 15, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Wednesday April 21, 2010	9:00 a.m.	RMP Half Day Workshop @ Rancho Central Park
Thursday, April 22, 2010	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM

^{*} Notes a different day than the regularly scheduled 1st Thursday of every month meeting and will return to the normal schedule on May 6, 2010

Minutes Approved: April 15, 2010