

**Minutes**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*April 21, 2011*

The Advisory Committee meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga CA, on April 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT WHO SIGNED IN**

**Non-Agricultural Pool**

Ken Jeske, Chair	California Steel Industries
Tom O'Neil	City of Ontario
Brian Gey	Auto Club Speedway

**Appropriative Pool**

Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Marty Zvirbulis	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Scott Burton	City of Ontario
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Charles Moorrees	Santa Ana Water Company
Mohamed El-Amamy	City of Ontario
Robert Young	Fontana Water Company
Josh Swift	Fontana Union Water Company
Anthony La	City of Upland
Tom Harder	Jurupa Community Services District

**Agricultural Pool**

Jeff Pierson	Ag Pool – Crops
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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WHO SIGNED IN**

Charles Field	Western Municipal Water District
Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District

**Watermaster Staff Present**

Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer – Interim CEO
Joe Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Ben Pak	Senior Project Engineer
Sherri Molino	Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Scott Slater	Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck
Andy Malone	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

**Others Present Who Signed In**

Robert DeLoach	DeLoach & Associates
Ryan Shaw	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Christina Valencia	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
David DeJesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Eunice Ulloa	Chino Basin Water Conservation District
Bob Wagner	Wagner & Bonsignore
Gil Aldaco	City of Chino
Bill Kruger	City of Chino Hills

Robert Tock  
Steven Lee  
Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra  
Terry Catlin  
Curtis Paxton  
Sheri Rojo

Jurupa Community Service District  
Reid & Hellyer  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Chino Desalter Authority  
Consultant for Fontana Water Company

Chair Jeske called the Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:00 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 March 17, 2011

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of February 2011
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of February 2011
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period February 1, 2011 through February 28, 2011
5. Budget vs. Actual July through February 2011

**C. WATER TRANSACTIONS**

1. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – The lease and/or purchase of 60.000 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to the City of Ontario. This lease is made first from San Antonio's Annual Production Right, with any remainder to be recaptured from storage. Date of Application: January 26, 2011
2. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – The lease and/or purchase of 60.000 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to the Monte Vista Water District. This lease is made first from San Antonio's Annual Production Right, with any remainder to be recaptured from storage. Date of Application: January 26, 2011
3. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – The lease and/or purchase of 274.294 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to the Monte Vista Water District. This lease is made first from San Antonio's Annual Production Right, with any remainder to be recaptured from storage. Date of Application: January 28, 2011
4. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – The lease and/or purchase of 880.000 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to the City of Upland. This lease is made first from San Antonio's Annual Production Right, with any remainder to be recaptured from storage. Date of Application: January 26, 2011
5. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – The lease and/or purchase of 895.190 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to the City of Upland. This lease is made first from San Antonio's Annual Production Right, with any remainder to be recaptured from storage. Date of Application: February 1, 2011

*Motion by La, second by Pierson, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar items A, through C, as presented***

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS****A. BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Ms. Maurizio stated this exact same presentation has been give to all three Pools. It was noted the presentation on the Budget Amendment did not need to be given at this meeting. Chair Jeske asked for a motion and there was no further comment.

*Motion by Pierson, second by La, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Budget Amendment A-11-04-01 in the amount of \$145,000, as presented***

**B. BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Ms. Maurizio stated this exact same presentation has been give to all three Pools. It was noted the presentation on the Budget Transfers did not need to be given at this meeting. Chair Jeske asked for a motion and there was no further comment.

*Motion by La, second by Moorrees, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Budget Transfers Form T-11-04-01 as presented***

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES****A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT****1. Paragraph 31 Appeal**

Counsel Fife stated the Paragraph 31 appeal is in process and the opening briefs have been filed. The reply briefs are due by May 17, 2011.

**2. Court Hearing Update**

Counsel Fife stated there was a hearing scheduled for tomorrow; however, that hearing has now been moved to July 8, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Counsel Fife stated the purpose of that hearing is the CDA Desalter Resolution; there will be other smaller issues presented as well, including all the Judgment cleanup items and party lists.

Added Comment:

Counsel Fife stated this added item is regarding Watermaster's Water Right Permit 20753. This came about during the Water Rights process in front of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). One of the items that came out of that process was an extended period to move our water rights from permits to license; the State Board gave Watermaster a fifty year period in which to do that process. There are two other water right permits that Watermaster jointly holds with the San Bernardino County Flood Control District; they had much shorter periods of time to go from permit to license. On permit 20753 the period was about to expire, so Watermaster filed a petition with the SWRCB and asked them to amend the deadline to be coterminous with the other water right permits. The period for protest on this amendment expired last week. There were no protests filed and Watermaster is currently working with the SWRCB right now to grant our petition without holding a hearing. Counsel Fife stated the parties will be kept apprised on this matter.

**3. Legal Counsel Budget**

This item was discussed under the Financial Report 2011-2012 Draft Budget.

**B. ENGINEERING REPORT****1. GE Application for Recharge Description and Status**

Mr. Malone stated he will go over this item briefly since it has gone through the Pool process previously this month. Mr. Malone offered comment on what the GE application for recharge is and reviewed a map of the GE Flatiron in detail. Mr. Malone noted GE wants to take their treated water from the Flatiron plume and inject it into wells in the City of Ontario. Wildermuth Environmental is in the process of doing this analysis. Mr. Malone examined the item in detail. A discussion regarding TCE and Chromium treatments ensued. Chair

Jeske offered detailed comments on various wells and basins. A discussion regarding the monitoring of wells to see if there are significant changes of nitrates ensued. Mr. Malone stated Watermaster does not have a plan to specifically track this project; the existing monitoring programs that are in place will continue. Chair Jeske noted GE and Ontario regularly track the water quality at those locations.

### **C. FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **1. 2011-2012 Draft Budget**

Mr. Joswiak stated this is a revised budget presentation from the one presented at the Pool meetings. Mr. Joswiak noted the Budget Workshop took place on April 12, 2011 and this presentation reflects requested changes. Mr. Joswiak gave the 2011-2012 draft budget presentation. A discussion regarding the timing of getting the budget approved ensued. Mr. Joswiak stated the Judgment does not provide ramifications if the budget is not approved in the stated time frame. Mr. DeLoach stated in the 1992/1993 time frame it was moved to align the budget process with all the other agencies that are in the process of producing their budgets. This entire process falls into proper timing for the next step, which would be the Assessment Package process. Mr. Joswiak reviewed what happens to the excess funds. Mr. Joswiak noted there is an Options handout on the back table which discusses three different options with which the assessments could be calculated. Counsel Fife stated there is a memo on the back table that was distributed yesterday regarding the legal budget categories. Counsel Fife described the items in detail; however, noted legal is more of a 'do what comes up out of necessity' budget instead of a true planned budget. Counsel Fife offered comment on how Watermaster legal counsel works for meeting attendance, hearings, etc. A lengthy discussion regarding Counsel Fife's comments and presentation, including the contingency option, ensued. An inquiry was made regarding attendance by Counsel Fife at the Agricultural Pool meetings. Mr. Pierson offered comment on happenings in the past on the Agricultural Pool not getting all the same information as other meetings; however, the Agricultural Pool will discuss this at their next meeting. Mr. Joswiak continued with the 2011-2012 budget presentation options portion. Mr. Joswiak stated the next section of the budget deals with Wildermuth Environmental Inc. and Mr. Malone noted he and Mr. Wildermuth will review that portion. Mr. Wildermuth noted there is a thick detailed handout on the back table which will be referenced for this discussion. Mr. Wildermuth reviewed the engineering budget breakdown in detail. A discussion regarding a possible contingency for engineering, engineering future costs and the need to reduce costs ensued. Mr. Wildermuth continued with his review of the budget process for Wildermuth Environmental. A discussion regarding monitoring and the reduction of monitoring ensued. A question and answer on specific engineering costs ensued. Mr. Joswiak continued with the 2011-2012 budget presentation options portion. Mr. Joswiak stated staff is looking for direction, and a second budget workshop will be scheduled for May once the new Watermaster CEO starts. Chair Jeske recapped the budget discussions. A discussion regarding the presented budget and how to possibly revise the budget ensued. Mr. Joswiak noted the budget will be brought back with the changes discussed today.

### **D. CEO/STAFF REPORT**

#### **1. Recharge Update**

Ms. Maurizio reviewed the current recharge update report and noted the most recent update is on the back table for review.

#### **2. SBX7-6 California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program (CASGEM)**

Ms. Maurizio noted this item has been discussed for many years now and most parties are familiar with this item. Ms. Maurizio stated it is being called optional; however, if you don't do the monitoring and provide the groundwater level monitoring results then funding may be cut. It has been requested that Watermaster provide this information whenever possible. Watermaster will be reporting on behalf of the Chino Basin and the Cucamonga Basins. Ms. Maurizio stated this is basically an expanded data request and is not controversial in

any way. The deadline was around the first of the year; however, Watermaster had logged into their system and made a conditional commitment and staff is now submitting an actual letter of commitment. The draft letter is in the meeting package and after the Board has approved it the letter will be sent out at the end of the month.

Added Comment:

Ms. Maurizio noted to please adhere to the new parking signs outside on San Bernardino Road because of a very upset neighbor across the street who has been complaining about not getting his street swept and access to his mailbox. The back gates will be open for meetings now for parties to use.

**E. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY**

1. MWD Update - oral

Mr. Shaw stated at the last Metropolitan Water District (MWD) board meeting they adopted their budget which would include a rate increase. Mr. Shaw stated they lifted the Water Supply Allocation Plan two months early. Mr. Shaw noted MWD has a lot of water this year which means they might have enough water to have a specific block of replenishment water available. MWD is holding a special board meeting to discuss bringing back the replenishment rate for 200,000 acre-feet of water. Mr. Shaw stated MWD has asked Inland Empire Utilizes Agency (IEUA) to take a poll on who would be interested in purchasing some of that water. Ms. Maurizio stated Watermaster does not currently have a replenishment obligation and no funds on hand to purchase this water. Fontana Water Company expressed a strong desire to purchase this water. A lengthy discussion regarding the MWD water ensued. It was noted staff will start working on this right away.

2. Monthly Water Use Report

No comment was made regarding this item.

3. State and Federal Legislative Reports

No comment was made regarding this item.

4. Community Outreach/Public Relations Report

No comment was made regarding this item.

5. IEUA Monthly Water Newsletter

No comment was made regarding this item.

**F. OTHER METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS**

No comment was made regarding this item.

**IV. INFORMATION**

1. Cash Disbursements for March 2011

No comment was made regarding this item.

2. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

**V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comment was made regarding this item.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

No comment was made regarding this item.

**VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

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

No confidential session was called.

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday, April 21, 2011	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, April 21, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, April 21, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Non-Ag Pool Budget Workshop @ CBWM
Thursday, April 21, 2011	10:30 a.m.	Land Subsidence Committee Mtg. @ CBWM
Thursday, April 28, 2011	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, May 5, 2011	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative Pool Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, May 5, 2011	2:30 p.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Conference Call Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
Thursday, May 19, 2011	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, May 19, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, May 19, 2011	10:30 a.m.	Land Subsidence Committee Mtg. @ CBWM
Thursday, May 26, 2011	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
Friday, July 8, 2011	10:30 a.m.	Watermaster Court Hearing @ Chino Court

The Advisory Committee meeting was dismissed by Chair Jeske at 11:07 a.m.

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

Minutes Approved: May 19, 2011