

**Minutes**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*February 16, 2012*

The Advisory Committee meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga CA, on February 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Agricultural Pool

Jeff Pierson, Chair

Pete Hall

Appropriative Pool

Marty Zvirbulis

Scott Burton

Rosemary Hoerning

Raul Garibay

Ron Craig

Dave Crosley

Mark Kinsey

Van Jew

Sheri Rojo

Josh Swift

Tom Harder

Non-Agricultural Pool

Brian Geye

Ag Pool – Crops

Ag Pool – State of California – CIM

Cucamonga Valley Water District

City of Ontario

City of Upland

City of Pomona

City of Chino Hills

City of Chino

Monte Vista Water District

Monte Vista Irrigation Company

Fontana Water Company

Fontana Union Water Company

Jurupa Community Services District

Auto Club Speedway

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bill Kruger

City of Chino Hills

**Watermaster Staff Present**

Danielle Maurizio

Joe Joswiak

Gerald Greene

Sherri Molino

Senior Engineer

Chief Financial Officer

Senior Environmental Engineer

Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Andy Malone

Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

**Others Present Who Signed In**

Seth Zielke

Mike Maestas

Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra

John Bosler

Sandra Rose

Justin Scott-Coe

Terry Catlin

Ryan Shaw

Eunice Ulloa

Curtis Paxton

Fontana Water Company

City of Chino Hills

Cucamonga Valley Water District

Cucamonga Valley Water District

Monte Vista Water District

Monte Vista Water District

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Chino Basin Water Conservation District

Chino Desalter Authority

Chair Pierson called the Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER**

Ms. Maurizio stated there were no additions or reorders to the agenda.

Ms. Maurizio stated there is a replacement version of the staff letter for Business Item A. Watermaster Mid-Year Review, Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments. Ms. Maurizio stated this was emailed out and there is also a copy on the back table; this is the same staff letter that was presented to the Pools.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR****A. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Annual Advisory Committee Meeting held January 19, 2012

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of December 2011
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of December 2011
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period December 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Current Month, Year-To-Date, and Projected Fiscal Year

**C. INTERVENTION INTO THE AGRICULTURAL POOL**

Consider Approval for the Intervention of Tad Nakase (TDN Land Company) into the Agricultural Pool

A discussion regarding the metering for the Intervention ensued. It was decided no language change needed to be made in the motion for approval.

**D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOLUME VOTE**

Consider Approval of the Calendar Year (February – December) 2012 Volume Vote

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

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

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS****A. WATERMASTER MID-YEAR REVIEW, BUDGET TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Ms. Maurizio stated this item is for the Watermaster Mid-Year Review, Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments. Ms. Maurizio stated as mentioned earlier, there is a corrected version which is actually the version seen and approved by the three Pools earlier this month. Ms. Maurizio stated this item has not changed since the Pool meetings and a presentation was given at those meetings on this matter. Ms. Maurizio inquired if this Committee wanted to hear the presentation again. It was noted the presentation did not need to be given at this meeting. A discussion regarding this matter ensued. Chair Pierson asked that when any revised or updated version of a document is sent out to have the document show that it has been updated on the front of the document, and to include the reason as to why there is a revision or update. Ms. Maurizio stated this one is unique because there was not a correction on the document. Mr. Joswiak stated Watermaster has now applied some different internal procedures for these types of transactions.

*Motion by Craig, second by Crosley, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to receive and file the Watermaster mid-year review, and approve the Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments, as presented***

**B. CHINO CREEK WELL FIELD EXTENSOMETER CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**

Ms. Maurizio stated this is for the change order for the extensometer to be installed at the Chino Creek Well Field area. Ms. Maurizio stated this is a reimbursement agreement between Watermaster and the Chino Desalter Authority (CDA) in the amount of \$295,000 plus a 10%

contingency. Ms Maurizio stated what this agreement will do is use the existing CDA contracts to install the extensometer, which will save some costs on this project. Ms. Maurizio stated nothing has changed since the Pool meetings.

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

***Moved to approve staff recommendation for the Chino Creek Well Field Extensometer Construction Change Order Reimbursement Agreement, as presented***

#### **C. CHINO CREEK WELL FIELD EXTENSOMETER LAND LEASE AGREEMENT**

Ms Maurizio stated this is again for the extensometer; however, this one is for the land lease agreement. Ms Maurizio stated nothing has changed since the Pool meetings. Ms Maurizio stated this agreement is for a 10 year lease with two 5-year extension options on it. Ms Maurizio stated this is for the lease from the County of San Bernardino. Ms Maurizio offered the history on this item with regard to the land lease.

*Motion by Burton, second by Crosley, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve staff recommendation for the Chino Creek Well Field Extensometer Land Lease Agreement, as presented***

#### **D. APPLICATIONS FOR RECHARGE**

1. **Consider Approval for Application for Recharge** - The City of Upland has submitted an application for recharge for 9,500.000 acre-feet to be placed into a Local Supplemental Storage Account. Date of Application: November 29, 2011. Consider Approval of the City of Upland's application in so far as Recharge is concerned but expressly condition the Storage element so that it is expressly subject to subsequent Watermaster determinations on: (1) the quantity of Local Supplemental Water in Storage; (2) the priority among all competing applications for Local Storage Agreements; and (3) the general terms and conditions concerning Preemptive Replenishment and Storage.
2. **Consider Approval for Application for Recharge** - San Antonio Water Company has submitted an application for recharge for 2,000.000 acre-feet to be placed into a Local Supplemental Storage Account. Date of Application: December 1, 2011. Consider Approval of SAWCO's application in so far as Recharge is concerned but expressly condition the Storage element so that it is expressly subject to subsequent Watermaster determinations on: (1) the quantity of Local Supplemental Water in Storage; (2) the priority among all competing applications for Local Storage Agreements; and (3) the general terms and conditions concerning Preemptive Replenishment and Storage.

Ms Maurizio stated this item is regarding the applications for recharge for both the City of Upland and San Antonio Water Company (SAWCO). Ms Maurizio stated the City of Upland submitted an application for 9,500.000 acre-feet and SAWCO for 2,000.000 acre-feet of supplemental water. Ms. Maurizio reviewed this item in detail, including the history on applications for recharge. Ms Maurizio stated the Material Physical Injury Analysis (MPI) has been completed for these two applications as well as other applications for storage last month. Ms Maurizio stated the Pools unanimously approved both of these applications for recharge last month; however, they have a 30 day delay before they go to the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board just like water transfers, which also have that time delay. Ms Maurizio stated these two applications have conditions placed on them, one of them is that storage issues still need to be worked through the Watermaster process, and there has been a commitment made to working on that. Ms Maurizio stated there is a condition on the City of Upland's application that they won't recharge any recycled water until a further MPI has been completed; the City of Upland has agreed with this condition. Ms Maurizio stated the City of Upland is a few years away from having that ability to recharge recycled water. Mr. Burton inquired about the timing on getting together on the storage topic. Ms Maurizio stated she is going to report on that under the CEO Staff Report item.

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

***Moved to approve the applications for the City of Upland and San Antonio Water Company Applications for Recharge, excluding the applications for Storage, as presented***

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

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

1. Paragraph 31 Appeal Tentative Opinion

Ms. Maurizio stated a tentative opinion has been issued and now the request has been made for oral arguments on it; there is no date on that yet and as soon as there is a date it will be sent out.

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

1. Recharge Master Plan Update/Storage Issues Review Process

Ms. Maurizio stated this item is for the Recharge Master Plan Update (RMPU). Ms. Maurizio stated there have been three steering committee meetings held since we have revamped the RMPU process. Ms. Maurizio stated at the last meeting a schedule was discussed that is now established to go forward; this was a task schedule. Ms. Maurizio stated there is now a set meeting schedule for this Steering Committee, which has been set for the first and third Thursdays of each month starting at 10:00 a.m. here at the Watermaster office beginning in March. Ms. Maurizio stated the plan with these meetings is to get the report to the court on schedule in June, and to develop the plan for the next few years which will amend the 2010 Recharge Master Plan.

Ms. Maurizio stated with regard to the other part of this item, the Storage Issues Review Process, the chair of the Appropriative Pool Mr. Zvirbulis has begun discussing a potential process with Mr. Jeske. Ms. Maurizio stated it is anticipated to begin that process in the March time frame to discuss storage issues, storage agreements, how to start processing the agreements, and how to deal with the cap, etc.

2. WEI Analysis of Well Design for CDA Well I-20 & I-21

Ms. Maurizio stated the State had requested to have an annular seal placed in the remaining CDA wells; however, well I-20 was already constructed and gravel packed so it was too late to install the annular seal in that one. Ms. Maurizio stated wells I-19 and I-21 will be contracted with the annular seal put in them as requested by the State.

3. Data Release Procedures

Ms. Maurizio stated this is really an Agricultural Pool issue; however, we wanted to provide the same report to all the parties. Ms. Maurizio stated Watermaster is in the process of drafting the letters regarding data release that will be sent to the owners and users of the wells and the taps which were recently duplicate tested by the ABGL Group and Watermaster. Ms. Maurizio stated the draft letter will be circulated shortly to a couple of key parties for review prior to it being sent out. Ms. Maurizio stated the Agricultural Pool recently asked for Watermaster's history regarding Data Release Policies. Ms. Maurizio stated staff looked up that information and that has been forwarded to them.

Added Item:

4. Basin Plan Amendment – Added

Ms. Maurizio stated this is to give you an update that the RWQCB approved the Basin Plan Amendment last Friday, which will reduce our surface monitoring requirements. Ms. Maurizio stated this is very good news. Ms. Maurizio stated it is unknown when this will become effective. A brief discussion regarding this matter ensued. Mr. Malone stated he believes this will be starting July 1, 2012.

**C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY**1. MWD Update – Oral

Mr. Shaw stated Metropolitan Water District (MWD) held another budget workshop this week. Mr. Shaw stated the original budget proposal was for a 2- year rate increase of 7.5% and a 5% increase over next 2 years, and there were a lot of mixed feelings on the proposed rate increase. Mr. Shaw stated MWD staff came back with 2 more proposals. Mr. Shaw stated it looks like they might end up with using the 7.5% and 5% increase. Mr. Kinsey offered comment on MWD replenishment rate approaches. Mr. Shaw offered comment on Mr. Kinsey's comment and noted Watermaster and Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) sent out a letter to MWD on this matter. Mr. Shaw stated MWD handed this item over to their long range financial workgroup for them to work on; their first meeting will be held in March. Mr. Garibay inquired about the development of this rate structure and what happens if something comes up before the rate structure has been set. Mr. Shaw stated that is a good question and he believes they will do what they did last year and have it be a board decision. Ms. Rojo asked that the letter that Mr. Shaw mentioned which was sent by IEUA and Watermaster on replenishment water be sent to her.

2. Recycled Water Groundwater Recharge Regulations Update - Oral

Mr. Shaw stated the DPH last year proposed new recycled water recharge and there have been several workshops and meetings taking place. Mr. Shaw stated the DPH is looking at the existing permit that we have as kind of a template for a starting point. Mr. Shaw stated that with the first review of their proposed changes, some of them are good and some of them are bad, their goal is to have revised regulations by the end of 2013. Mr. Shaw stated Water Reuse is taking the lead on taking in those comments initially. Mr. Kinsey inquired about contract renewals or the status of resetting Tier 1 allocation baselines. Mr. Shaw stated with the existing 10 year purchase orders coming up at the end of the calendar year, it is going to be part of this long range financial workgroup process and they are meeting monthly. Mr. Shaw offered further comment on this matter. A discussion regarding this topic ensued.

3. Water Softener Initiative - Oral

No comment was made on this item

4. State and Federal Legislative Reports

No comment was made on this item

5. Community Outreach/Public Relations Report

No comment was made on this item

6. IEUA Monthly Water Newsletter

No comment was made on this item.

**D. OTHER METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS**

No comment was made on this item.

**IV. INFORMATION**1. Cash Disbursements for January 2012

No comment was made on this item.

2. Newspaper Articles

Ms. Maurizio stated the newspaper articles which are provided in the monthly meeting packets have been discussed at all three Pool meetings, and it was decided at those meetings to remove them from the packets entirely. Ms. Maurizio inquired to the Advisory Committee members their preference on this matter. Chair Pierson stated this has been accepted by all three Pools, is that correct? Ms. Maurizio stated that was correct and noted this will be presented to the

Watermaster Board next week. Chair Pierson stated as far as the Advisory Committee is concerned, the newspaper articles can be removed from the meeting packages.

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comment was made on this item.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

No comment was made on this item.

Chair Pierson inquired if a confidential session needs to take place. Ms. Maurizio stated it was requested by the Watermaster Board that the CEO search be placed on all the agendas as a closed session item. Chair Pierson stated the Pools held a confidential session on this matter during their meetings and noted there was no need to go into confidential session today.

**VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

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

1. CEO Search

No confidential session was called.

Ms. Maurizio stated the Agricultural Pool meetings are now going to be held at 2:00 p.m. instead of 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Maurizio stated starting March 1<sup>st</sup> and also on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. will be the Chino Basin Recharge Master Plan Update Steering Committee meeting dates and time. Ms. Maurizio stated this committee will be meeting on a regular basis on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday's of every month at 10:00 a.m.

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS AT WATERMASTER**

Tuesday, February 14, 2012	9:00 a.m.	* CB RMPU Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2012	8:00 a.m.	IEUA DYY Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2012	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2012	10:30 a.m.	Land Subsidence Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2012	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 2012	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative Pool Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 2012	11:00 a.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Conference Call Mtg.
Thursday, March 8, 2012	2:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting <b>(NOTE NEW TIME)</b>
Thursday, March 15, 2012	8:00 a.m.	IEUA DYY Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 2012	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 2012	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

\* Chino Basin Recharge Master Plan Update Steering Committee

Chair Pierson adjourned the Advisory Committee meeting at 9:29 a.m.

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

Minutes Approved: March 15, 2012