

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 17, 2021

The Advisory Committee meeting was held via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on June 17, 2021.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON CALL

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE

Jeff Pierson, Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Pete Hall	Agricultural Pool – State of California –CIM
Marilyn Levin for Carol Boyd	Agricultural Pool – State of California –DOJ

APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE

Chris Diggs, Vice-Chair	City of Pomona
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Scott Burton	City of Ontario
Steven Ledbetter	City of Upland
John Bosler	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Josh Swift	Fontana Union Water Company
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company
Steven Popelar for Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Stephanie Reimer for Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Stephanie Reimer for Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Water District
Brian Lee	San Antonio Water Company

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE

Brian Geye, 2 nd Vice-Chair	California Speedway Corporation
Bob Bowcock	CalMat Co.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON CALL

Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
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WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON CALL

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. and Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Water Resources Senior Associate
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Vanessa Aldaz	Administrative Assistant

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON CALL

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost
Lucy Hedley	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Amanda Coker	City of Chino
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario

Nicole deMoet
Braden Yu
Eduardo Espinoza
Jiwon Seung
Tarren Torres
James Curatalo
Brenda Fowler
Ben Lewis
Joshua Aguilar
Shivaji Deshmukh
Bill Schwartz
Jeff Davis
David De Jesus
Matthew Litchfield
Richard Rees

City of Upland
City of Upland
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Fontana Union Water Company
Fontana Water Company
Golden State Water Company
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Monte Vista Water District
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Wood plc

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(0:01:03) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Note: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to voting unless any members, staff, or the public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

A. MINUTES

Approve as presented:

1. Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 20, 2021

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of April 2021
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of April 2021
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021
6. Cash Disbursements for May 2021 (Information Only)

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction:

The transfer of 500 acre-feet of water from the City of Chino to Monte Vista Water District.

D. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve Cucamonga Valley Water District's Application for Recharge and direct Watermaster staff to account for this supplemental water recharged in Cucamonga Valley Water District's existing Local Supplemental Storage account.

E. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT (ONAP)

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the proposed agreements on the condition that Watermaster's approval of Storage Agreements authorizing storage in excess of 500,000 acre-feet Safe Storage Capacity beyond June 30, 2021 are subject to Watermaster's further exercise of discretion to limit and reduce storage in accordance with the Peace Agreement.

F. REFUND OF PRIOR ASSESSED RECHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS

Approve refund of the carry-over monies for the previously assessed Recharge Improvement Projects Funds of \$1,234,582.42 with the upcoming November 2021 Assessment Package.

(0:05:12) A voice vote was taken, and the results are attached to these minutes.
Motion by Mr. Ron Craig, seconded by Mr. Chris Diggs, and passed unanimously.
Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to receive and file.

(0:06:42) Mr. Kavounas offered to give the same presentation that was given at the Pool Committee meetings. The Advisory Committee declined to receive the presentation again.

(0:08:25) A voice vote was taken, and the results are attached to these minutes.
Motion by Mr. Chris Diggs, seconded by Mr. Ron Craig, and passed unanimously.
Moved to recommend to the Watermaster Board to receive and file the 2020 Annual Report of the Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. May 28, 2021 Hearing
3. June 25, 2021 Hearing
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

The Engineer's Report was given before the Legal Counsel Update.

(0:31:06) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. 2020 State of the Basin: Groundwater Quality

(0:10:15) Mr. Malone introduced the item and handed off to Ms. Hedley (West Yost) who gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Audit of Recharge O&M Expenses
2. FY 2020/21 Ongoing Auditing Activity by Fedak & Brown, LLP
3. Pool Budget Process, Approvals, and Invoicing

(0:34:43) Mr. Joswiak stated that he had nothing new to report since the prior Pool Committee meetings. A discussion ensued.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Expenses Paid by Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool
2. Agricultural Pool Well Tax Discussion
3. Other

(0:52:43) Mr. Kavounas gave a report and invited Mr. Tellez Foster to give a report and show a table regarding grant opportunities for disadvantaged communities. A discussion ensued.

E. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

1. MWD Update (Written)
2. State and Federal Legislative Reports (Written)
3. Community Outreach/Public Relations Report (Written)

No oral report was given.

F. METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

(1:04:20) Mr. Litchfield reported that Mr. Adel Hagekhalil has replaced the retired Mr. Jeff Kightlinger as new General Manager for Metropolitan Water District.

(1:05:36) Mr. Deshmukh reported on an information item provided to the IEUA Board regarding the Chino Basin Program. He also reported that the MWD Board unanimously approved grant funding for upgrades to the Montclair Basin.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

A Confidential Session may be held during the Advisory Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pierson adjourned the Advisory Committee meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ July 15, 2021

Attachments:

1. 20210617 Advisory Committee Volume Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar and Business Item II.A.

Attachment 1 to 20210617 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Agency	Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar	Business Item II.A.
City of Chino Hills	Craig, Ron		yes	yes
		Wiley, Mark		
City of Chino	Crosley, Dave		yes	yes
		Coker, Amanda		
		Jakher, Amer		
		Castro, Vivian		
Cucamonga Valley Water District	Bosler, John		yes	yes
		Espinoza, Eduardo		
		Krishnan, Praseetha		
Fontana Union Water Company	Swift, Josh		yes	yes
		Tarango, Eric		
		Zielke, Seth		
Fontana Water Company	Fealy, Cris		yes	yes
		Tarango, Eric		
Jurupa Community Services District	Berch, Chris			
		Letulle, Chander		
		Popelar, Steven	yes	yes
Monte Vista Water District	Scott-Coe, Justin			
		Reimer, Stephanie	yes	yes
City of Ontario	Burton, Scott		yes	yes
		Jones, Courtney		
City of Pomona	Diggs, Chris, Vice-Chair		yes	yes
City of Upland	Yu, Braden			
		Ledbetter, Steven	yes	yes
		deMoet, Nicole		
Minor 1 - Monte Vista Irrigation Company	Scott-Coe, Justin			
		Reimer, Stephanie	yes	yes
Minor 2 - San Antonio Water Company	Lee, Brian		yes	yes
		Layton, Teri		
Agricultural Pool	deBoom, Nathan			
	DeHaan, Henry			
	Feenstra, Robert		yes	yes
	Huitsing, John			
	LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron			
	Pierson, Jeff, Chair			
	Pietersma, Ron			
	Vanden Heuvel, Geoffrey			
		Filippi, Gino		
		Hofer, Paul		
		Llamas, Ruben		
	Boyd, Carol			
	Hall, Pete			
		Ahmed, Tamer		
		Bettencourt, Miles Terry		
	Cain, Larry			
	Golden-Krasner, Noah			
	Larabee, Gregor			
	Levin, Marilyn			
Non- Agricultural Pool	Geye, Brian, Second Vice-Chair		yes	yes
		Bowcock, Bob		
	Brundage, Kathleen			
		Heustis, Alma		
	Quach, Christopher			
	Jones, Courtney			
OUTCOME:			Passed Unanimously	Passed Unanimously