

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 21, 2022

The Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA., and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on April 21, 2022.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE

Chris Berch, Chair	Jurupa Community Services District
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chris Quach for Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Nicole deMoet for Braden Yu	City of Upland
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company
Josh Swift	Fontana Union Water Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
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Brian Lee	San Antonio Water Company

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE

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

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE

Jeff Pierson, Second Vice-Chair	Crops
Gino Filippi for Ron LaBrucherie, Jr.	Crops
Marilyn Levin for Larry Cain	State of California – DOJ
Pete Hall	State of California – DOJ

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Curatalo	Minor Representative
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WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. and Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
David Huynh	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Laura Yraceburu	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost
Garrett Rapp	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL

Alexis Mascarinas	City of Ontario
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District

Rob Hills
Tarren Alicia Torres
Ben Lewis
Andy Campbell
Joshua Aguilar
Jerry Burke
Christiana Daisy
Todd Minten
Tariq Awan
David De Jesus
Sylvie Lee
Matthew Litchfield
Laura Roughton
Richard Rees

Cucamonga Valley Water District
Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Golden State Water Company
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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Santa Ana River Water Company
State of California – CDCR
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
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Western Municipal Water District
Wood plc

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Berch called the Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Wilson conducted the roll call and announced that quorum was present.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

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 March 17, 2022

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of February 2022
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of February 2022
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period February 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022
6. Cash Disbursements for March 2022 (Information Only)

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

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

The transfer of 3,500.0 acre-feet of water from the City of Chino to Fontana Water Company. This transfer is made from the City of Chino's Excess Carryover Account. Date of Application: January 16, 2020.

(0:03:27)

Motion by Mr. Ron Craig seconded by Mr. Jeff Pierson, and passed unanimously.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

None

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino Superior Court Emergency Order
2. Ag Pool Appeal of November 5, 2021 Order
3. April 8, 2022 Hearing
4. Governor's Executive Order N-7-22
5. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:04:01) Mr. Kavounas stated that the legal counsel report is unchanged from what was given to the Pools last week and that in Mr. Herrema's absence, Ms. Yraceburu is available to answer any questions. The Committee declined to hear the reports again.

B. ENGINEER

1. Safe Yield Data Collection and Evaluation Update
2. Status Report on the Update of the Chino Basin Maximum Benefit SNMP

(0:04:38) Mr. Rapp stated that the Engineer's Report remain unchanged from last week; the Committee declined to hear them again.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

None

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Regional Water Supply/Drought Update
2. Watermaster Board Workshop
3. Other

(0:05:06) Mr. Kavounas invited Mr. Aguilar to report on the Regional Water Supply/Drought Update. Mr. Kavounas shared with everyone that a Watermaster Board Workshop will take place next Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Frontier Project. Ms. Levin raised a question regarding the Evergreen Storage Agreements. 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)

(0:13:34) Mr. Campbell gave an update on the efforts of the Groundwater Recharge Coordinating Committee. A discussion ensued.

F. METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. Litchfield with Three Valleys Municipal Water District gave a report and indicated that in March 2022 the State announced the 15% allocation was reduced to 5%. Since that time, water levels rose significantly and MWD will make a final announcement on May 15, 2022. Mr. Litchfield also announced that the TVMWD Board adopted a resolution authorizing an application to the bureau of reclamation for a water smart grant wherein they are seeking \$200k. Mr. Litchfield thanked the Watermaster for providing a letter of support for this effort.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Craig expressed his appreciation to Mr. Campbell and IEUA for their efforts on the GRCC program and care for the recharge basins. He also congratulated IEUA and TVMWD for the good outcome related to the drought and State Water Project allocations by MWD.

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 Berch adjourned the Advisory Committee meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Secretary: 

Approved: May 19, 2022