

**MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 17, 2023

The Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Chino Basin Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on August 17, 2023.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

• **NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Brian Geye, Chair	California Speedway Corporation
Alexis Mascarinas	City of Ontario

• **AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Bob Feenstra	Dairy
Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CDCR

• **APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Chris Berch, Second Vice-Chair	Jurupa Community Services District
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Marty Zvirbulis	Fontana Union Water Company
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company
Marty Zvirbulis	Nicholson Family Trust

• **APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Nicole deMoet for Braden Yu	City of Upland
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Water District
Nicole deMoet for Braden Yu	West End Consolidated Water Company

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

James Curatalo	Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative
Bob Bowcock	CalMat Co.
Manny Martinez	Monte Vista Water District
Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
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.
Alexandria Moore	Executive Assistant I/Board Clerk
Ruby Favela Quintero	Administrative Analyst
Kelli Hills	Office Specialist/Receptionist
Alonso Jurado	Water Resource Associate

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Garrett Rapp West Yost
Veva Weamer West Yost

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Brad Herrema Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Eduardo Espinoza Cucamonga Valey Water District
Oscar Ramos Fontana Water Company
Joel Ignacio Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Jesse Pompa Jurupa Community Services District
Bryan Smith Jurupa Community Services District
Matt Litchfield Three Valleys Municipal Water

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Natalie Avila City of Chino
Eric Grubb Cucamonga Valley Water District
Rob Hills Cucamonga Valley Water District
Ben Roden Cucamonga Valley Water District
Ben Lewis Golden State Water Company
Cathy Pieroni Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Christiana Daisy Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Kevin O'Toole Orange County Water District
John Lopez Santa Ana River Water Company
David De Jesus Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Laura Roughton Western Municipal Water District
Joshua Aguilar Western Municipal Water District
Ryan Shaw Western Municipal Water District
Richard Rees WSP USA

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(0:00:04) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

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 June 15, 2023

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of May 2023
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of May 2023
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023
6. Cash Disbursements for the month of June 2023
7. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of June 2023
8. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
9. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023
10. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
11. Cash Disbursements for July 2023 (Information Only)

C. WATER TRANSACTION – NICHOLSON FAMILY TRUST TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction: The purchase of 3.5 acre-feet of water from Nicholson Family Trust by Fontana Water Company. This purchase is made from Nicholson Family Trust's Annual Production Right/Operating Safe Yield first, then any additional from Storage.

D. WATER TRANSACTION – SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY TO CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction: The purchase of 403.02 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company by Cucamonga Valley Water District. This purchase is made from San Antonio Water Company's Excess Carryover Account. Cucamonga Valley Water District is utilizing this transaction to produce its San Antonio Water Company shares.

E. WATER TRANSACTION – WEST END CONSOLIDATED WATER COMPANY TO CITY OF UPLAND

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction: The purchase of 708.3 acre-feet of water from West End Consolidated Water Company by City of Upland. This purchase is made from West End Consolidated Water Company's Excess Carryover Account. The City of Upland is utilizing this transaction to produce its West End Consolidated Water Company shares.

F. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT – APPROPRIATIVE POOL

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the Application for Local Storage Agreement submitted on behalf of the Appropriative Pool members as presented.

(0:02:45)

Motion by Ms. Amada Coker, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, Chair Geye called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed unanimously among those present.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. WATERMASTER AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE AGREEMENT

Provide advice and assistance.

(0:03:30) Ms. Nelson gave a report. The committee gave no further advice.

B. RMPU PROJECT 23A POTENTIAL CHANGE OF SCOPE

Give direction to Watermaster staff and IEUA's Project Manager to accept or deny the change of scope to Project 23a without changes to Task Order No. 9.

(0:04:26) Mr. Kavounas prefaced and invited Mr. Nakano to give a report. A discussion ensued. The committee did not provide direction, no decision was made. The Appropriative Pool Committee decided to take Business Item II.B. into confidential session at a later time.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. August 4, 2023 Hearing (City of Ontario Motion re 2022-23 Assessment Package; Court Tour of Chino Basin)
2. Court Tour of Chino Basin
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
4. Court of Appeal Case No. E080457 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021-22 Assessment Package)
5. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
6. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:29:40) Mr. Herrema stated that his report remained unchanged from those given at the Pool Committee meetings last week.

B. ENGINEER

1. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
2. Board-Requested Recharge Project Analysis
3. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee
4. 2022 State of the Basin Report

(0:30:04) Mr. Malone stated that his report remained unchanged from those given at the Pool Committee meetings last week.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

None

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Long Term Planning Efforts
2. Other

(0:30:45) Mr. Kavounas stated that his report remained unchanged from those given at the Pool Committee meetings last week.

E. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

1. MWD Update (Written)
2. Water Supply Conditions (Written)
3. State and Federal Legislative Reports (Written)

F. METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

None

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

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ September 21, 2023