

**MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 21, 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 September 21, 2023.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Brian Geye, Chair	California Speedway Corporation
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- **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
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Osar Ramos for Marty Zvirbulis	Fontana Union Water Company
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Water District
Oscar Ramos for Marty Zvirbulis	Nicholson Family Trust

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

Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Braden Yu	City of Upland
Braden Yu	West End Consolidated Water Company

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

James Curatalo	Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative
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
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost
Carolina Sanchez	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Jiwon Seung	Cucamonga Valey Water District
Andy Campbell	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Joel Ignacio	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Steve Smith	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Carol Boyd	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Natalie Avila	City of Chino
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Rob Hills	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Peter Dopulos	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Derek Hoffman	Fennemore Law
Ben Lewis	Golden State Water Company
John Russ	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Michael Hurley	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Kevin O’Toole	Orange County Water District
John Lopez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Michael Mayer	San Bernardino County-Department of Public Works
David De Jesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Nicole deMoet	West End Consolidated Water Company
Laura Roughton	Western Municipal Water District
Mallory Gandara	Western Municipal Water District

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(0:00:12) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

(0:03:35) The agenda was amended to add Business Item II.C.

(0:03:41)

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

Moved to approve the addition of Business Item II.C. to the agenda as presented.

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 August 17, 2023

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The monthly financial reports are being redesigned and will be available next month.

C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2023-1

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP status Report 2023-1, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

(0:03:41)

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Chris Berch, 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. 2023 RECHARGE MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

Recommend Board approval of the 2023 RMPU as presented, adopt Resolution No. 2023 – 06, and file with the Court.

(0:04:28) Mr. Kavounas stated the item as provided to the Pool Committees last week was amended and invited Mr. Herrema to walk through the updates.

(0:08:53)

Motion by Mr. Justin Scott-Coe, seconded by Ms. Amanda Coker, Chair Geye called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed unanimously among those present.

Moved to approve Business Item II.A. as presented.

B. BOARD-REQUESTED RECHARGE PROJECT ANALYSIS

Approve and recommend Watermaster Board approval to move forward with gathering necessary information and documentation for each project to be considered grant-ready and prepare the Work Plan.

(0:09:42) Mr. Kavounas prefaced the item and invited Mr. Nakano to give a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:10:10)

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

Moved to approve Business Item II.B. as presented.

C. INCREASE OF FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 DRY YEAR YIELD PROGRAM DELIVERY

Approve an increase of the annual delivery limit from 25,000 acre-feet to 50,000 acre-feet for Fiscal Year 2023/24.

(0:11:07) Mr. Kavounas prefaced the item and invited Mr. Nakano to give a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:19:19)

Motion by Mr. Ron Craig, seconded by Mr. Cris Fealy, Chair Geye called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed unanimously among those present.

Moved to approve Business Item II.C. as presented.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. Court Tour of Chino Basin
2. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E080457 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021-22 Assessment Package)
4. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
5. Court of Appeal Case No. E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re Challenge to 2022-23 Assessment Package)
6. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:20:13) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
2. Model Update and Required Demonstrations
3. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee
4. 2022 State of the Basin Report

(0:22:41) Mr. Malone stated that his report remained unchanged from those given at the Pool Committee meetings last week.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Long Term Planning Efforts
2. Other

(0:25:02) Mr. Kavounas gave a presentation on the Long-Term Planning efforts. A discussion ensued. Mr. Kavounas stated that two water transfers from August 2023 Pool Committee agendas missed the September Advisory Committee agenda this month will be brought to the Advisory Committee and Board agendas in October 2023. There is no impact to the agencies involved in the transfers.

D. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

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

(0:34:10) Mr. Smith gave a presentation on storm and recycled water capture.

(0:45:50) Mr. Ignacio gave a report on RMPU Project 23a, and stated that conditions were met, and we were able to increase the infrastructure, drop losses from 65 AF to 12 AF. He thanked everyone for their support and collaboration on this project. A discussion ensued.

(0:48:33) Mr. Hurley gave an update on MWD indicating Metropolitan Water District will likely have additional water next year for recovery programs such as DYY.

E. METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

1. Ground Water Recharge Program Update (Oral)

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 9:50 a.m.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ October 19, 2023