

**MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 18, 2024

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 January 18, 2024.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Jeff Pierson, Chair	Crops
Bob Feenstra	Dairy
Tariq Awan	State of California – CDCR
Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CDCR

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

Marilyn Levin for Imelda Cadigal	State of California – DOJ
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• **APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Courtney Jones, Vice-Chair	City of Ontario
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
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Stephanie Reimer for Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
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Marty Zvirbulis	Nicholson Family Trust

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

Braden Yu	City of Upland
Braden Yu	West End Consolidated Water Company

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

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

• **NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Alexis Mascarinas	City of Ontario
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WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

James Curatalo	Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative
Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Edgar Tellez Foster	Acting General Manager
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Daniela Uriarte	Senior Accountant

Alexandria Moore
Ruby Favela Quintero
Rudy Nunez
Alonso Jurado
Jordan Garcia
Erik Vides

Executive Assistant I/Board Clerk
Administrative Assistant
Office Specialist/Receptionist
Water Resources Associate
Senior Field Operations Specialist
Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Laura Yraceburu for Brad Herrema
Scott Nelsen
Andy Malone
Garrett Rapp

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Eide Bailly, LLP
West Yost
West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Jimmie Moffatt
Oscar Ramos
Andy Campbell
Steven Smith
Jesse Pompa
Bryan Smith

Cucamonga Valley Water District
Fontana Union Water Company
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Jurupa Community Services District
Jurupa Community Services District

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Carol Boyd
Imelda Cadigal
Marilyn Levin
Gino Filippi
Natalie Avila
Chad Nishida
Nicole deMoet
Eduardo Espinoza
Rob Hills
Jiwon Seung
Derek Hoffman
Michael Hurley
Eddie Lin
John Russ
Manny Martinez
John Lopez
David De Jesus
Nicole deMoet
Mallory O'Conner
Laura Roughton
Richard Rees

Agricultural Pool – State of CA
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Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Agricultural Pool – Crops
City of Chino
City of Ontario
City of Upland
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Fennemore Law
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Monte Vista Water District
Santa Ana River Water Company
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
West End Consolidated Water Company
Western Municipal Water District
Western Municipal Water District
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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(0:00:41) 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:

Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2023

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Reports for the Reporting Periods Ended October and November 2023.

C. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 2024 INVESTMENT POLICY – RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve Resolution 2024-01 – Resolution of the Chino Basin Watermaster, San Bernardino County, California, Re-Authorizing the Watermaster’s Investment Policy.

D. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 46TH ANNUAL REPORT (FISCAL YEAR 2022/23)

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the 46th Annual Report, and direct staff to file a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

(0:04:17)

Motion by Mr. Chris Diggs, seconded by Mr. Brian Geye, Chair Pierson 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

None

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. December 1, 2023 Court Hearing (OBMP Semi-Annual Status Report and 2023 Recharge Master Plan Update)
2. February 2, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster Board Reappointment and GLMP Annual Report)
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 Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021- 22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
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

(0:04:54) The Committee deferred the Legal Counsel report to the Board meeting.

B. ENGINEER

1. Safe Yield Court Order Implementation
2. Storage and Recovery Master Plan
3. Water Quality Committee
4. Updated Schedules on Watermaster Website

(0:05:25) The Committee deferred the Engineer's report to the Board meeting.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Exhibit "G" Physical Solution Transfers
2. Calendar Year 2024 Letters of CBWM Representation
3. Calendar Year 2024 Hearing Officer Panel
4. DYY Deliveries
5. OBMP Update CEQA
6. Other

(0:06:48) The Committee deferred the GM's report to the Board meeting.

D. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

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

(0:07:51) Mr. Steven Smith gave a quarterly report on Groundwater Recharge; DYY deliveries began in May 2023 and concluded on December 31, 2023. A discussion ensued.

E. METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

None

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

(0:17:34) Ms. Courtney Jones introduced Mr. Chad Nishida, City of Ontario's new Water Resources Associate.

(0:18:06) Mr. Bob Feenstra commented about accounting and payroll messes towards the end of last year and asked if all was in order.

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 9:21 a.m.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ February 15, 2024