

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 15, 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 February 15, 2024.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Jeff Pierson, Chair	Crops
Tariq Awan	State of California – CDCR
Imelda Cadigal	State of California – CDCR
Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CDCR

• **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
John Bosler	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Marty Zvirbulis	Fontana Union Water Company
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Marty Zvirbulis	Nicholson Family Trust
Brian Lee	San Antonio Water Company

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

Braden Yu	City of Upland
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Water District
John Lopez	Santa Ana River Water Company
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.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

James Curatalo	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Mike Gardner	Western Water

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Edgar Tellez Foster	Acting General Manager
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Daniela Uriarte	Senior Accountant
Alexandria Moore	Executive Assistant I/Board Clerk
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist
Rudy Nunez	Office Specialist/Receptionist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Scott Nelsen	Eide Bailly, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost
Garrett Rapp	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Natalie Avila	City of Chino
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Oscar Ramos	Fontana Union Water Company
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Hye Jin Lee	City of Chino
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Rob Hills	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jimmie Moffatt	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jiwon Seung	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Derek Hoffman	Fennemore Law
Christiana Daisy	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Eddie Lin	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Manny Martinez	Monte Vista Water District
Lewis Callahan	State of California – CDCR
Diana Frederick	State of California – DOJ
Marilyn Levin	State of California – DOJ
David De Jesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Matthew Litchfield	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Nicole deMoet	West End Consolidated Water Company
Laura Roughton	Western Water
Mallory O’Conor	Western Water
Ryan Shaw	Western Water
Richard Rees	WSP USA

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(0:00:35) 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 January 18, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:
Monthly Financial Report for the Reporting Period Ended December 31, 2024

C. WATER TRANSACTION - CITY OF ONTARIO TO CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

D. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – CITY OF POMONA
Recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve The City of Pomona’s application for recharge and direct staff to account for the same.

(0:03:16)

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

A. PEACE AGREEMENT TIMELINE (INFORMATION ONLY)

Recommend future Watermaster appointment.

(0:03:37) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. February 2, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster Board Reappointment and GLMP Annual Report)
2. May 31, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster 46th 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

(0:06:19) Mr. Herrema stated that his report remained unchanged from those given at the Pool Committee meetings last week.

B. ENGINEER

1. Ground-Level Monitoring Program
2. Water Quality Committee
3. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation

(0:07:52) Mr. Rapp stated that his report remained unchanged from those given at the Pool Committee meetings last week.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Regional Reliability Study
2. Diversion Permits Reporting
3. San Sevaine Drone Footage

(0:08:30) Mr. Tellez Foster stated that his report remained unchanged from those given at the Pool Committee meetings last week.

D. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

1. Metropolitan Water District Activities Report (Written)
2. Water Supply Conditions (Written)
3. State and Federal Legislative Reports (Written)

There was no oral report given.

E. METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

There was no oral report given.

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 9:13 a.m.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ March 21, 2024