

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING
March 23, 2006

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on March 23, 2006 at 7:30 a.m.

Agricultural Pool Members Present

Nathan deBoom, Chair	Dairy
Glen Durrington	Crops
Gene Koopman	Milk Producers Counsel
John Huitsing	Dairy
Pete Hettinga	Dairy
Robert Nobles	State of California CIW

Watermaster Staff Present

Kenneth R. Manning	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	CFO /Asst. General Manager
Gordon Treweek	Project Engineer
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Steve Lee	Reid & Hellyer
Tom Love	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Martha Davis	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Ben Pak	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Rick Rees	Geomatrix for CIM
Craig Stewart	Geomatrix for CIM
Frank Brommenschenkel	Frank B & Associates
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario

Chair deBoom called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

There were no additions or reorders made to the agenda.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Meeting held February 21, 2006

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of February 2006
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1, 2006 through January 31, 2006

4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through January 2006

Motion by Koopman, second by Durrington, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items A through B, as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEMS**A. CONTRACT FOR DRILLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NESTED PIEZOMETER**

Mr. Manning stated Watermaster has an extensive monitoring program in place in the MZ1 area for subsidence and the nested set of piezometers that are currently located at Ayala Park are presently providing us with some miss-information and possibly malfunctioning. A recommendation has been made to Watermaster staff and to the several parties to replace the piezometers and re-drill to put in a whole new set of nested piezometers. Mr. Manning noted this item represents the final end of the bidding process and what is presented in the meeting packet is a bid from Layne Christenson Company for \$292,000.00, which is slightly lower than our budgeted amount. Staff is recommending moving ahead with the approval of the contract. Mr. Wildermuth offered additional information about the faulty piezometers and noted these new piezometers will be used for the long-term monitoring uses. A discussion ensued with regard to the contract and the abandonment of the current site to put the piezometers in another location.

Motion by Koopman, second by Durrington, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve the Layne Christensen Company contract for drilling and construction of a nested piezometer at Ayala Park in Chino, as presented

B. MZ1 SUMMARY REPORT

Mr. Manning stated when this item came before the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural pool on March 9; they asked that this item be tabled in order to allow Chino Hills to provide some additional information. Chino Hills had indicated they have issues with the presented guidance criteria and staff is trying to work with them on this issue so that this item can be brought back at the April meetings for approval. Mr. Manning stated in May of 2005 there was a special referee workshop wherein staff provided the special referee with information about investigations in the MZ1 area having to do with subsidence. Following that workshop the special referee came back with a written comment report and in that report there were requests made to Watermaster. The requested items were, an MZ1 Summary Report which describes the investigation in more detail than the presentation that was given at the workshop, to notify the court of the schedule for the completion of a long-term plan, and to provide guidance criteria in-between. Staff is asking to table this item for one month.

C. IEUA/DWR GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT

Mr. Manning stated in January 2005, Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) received a grant of \$15,500,000 from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) through the Proposition 13 Groundwater Recharge and Storage Programs. Through the initial implementation of the Recharge Master Plan, most, but not all, of the identified recharge basin improvements were constructed; the available funding fell short of being able to fund all of the identified improvements. Mr. Manning noted that additional improvement work was identified as necessary over the course of initial project construction and over the past year of use of the facilities. IEUA has proposed using a portion of the most recent grant funding to perform further improvement work on the recharge basins, using the same cost sharing arrangement that was used for the grant money that was used for initial implementation of the Recharge Master Plan. A discussion ensued with regard to recycled water.

Motion by Koopman, second by Durrington, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve the agreement regarding recharge facilities improvements matching funds Cost Sharing Agreement between Inland Empire Utilities Agency and the Chino Basin Watermaster dated March, 2006, as presented

III. REPORTS/UPDATES**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**1. Attorney Manager Process/Discussion of Peace II Agreement

Counsel Fife stated we are at the eve of being able to put out the report that will respond to the questions that were brought up during the workshops in November and December, 2005. Wildermuth Environmental is just about finished with their work and then there are some legal issues that counsel needs to respond to. Staff is anticipating those responses will be out within the next week. After that release, staff and counsel will be prepared to move into finishing the Peace II process. This might involve coming back to the parties with the original agreement which was distributed in October 2005, or if there is a need to modify that document, we can then discuss how we will go about that process.

B. WATERMASTER ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT1. Update on Report on Balance of Recharge and Discharge

Mr. Wildermuth stated one of the many things Wildermuth Environmental is doing for the Watermaster is this presented item which deals with certain provisions of the Peace Agreement and with the Peace II. This report, as of late last night, was completed in an administrative draft form. Mr. Wildermuth stated that an "draft administrative form" is a document, for all intensive purposes, 95% to 97% complete. The report will first be circulated through the Watermaster staff and Watermaster legal counsel to ensure all the technical questions are answered that were presented at the workshops regarding the Peace II Term Sheet. It is most likely staff and counsel will turn this document around quickly and staff is anticipating very little changes to be made. Chair deBoom inquired if a workshop will be held on the presentation of the completed report. Mr. Manning stated that due to time constraints a workshop will be difficult to schedule and this will most likely go through the Watermaster process and then we will have an extensive question and answer process at the actual meetings on this report. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to Hydraulic Control and the release of this report.

C. CEO/STAFF REPORT1. USGS-GAMA Program

Mr. Manning stated in May this pool is going to be given a presentation on the USGS-GAMA Program which is a groundwater ambient water monitoring and assessment program. This is where the USGS comes into various groundwater basins and tests and evaluates water quality (called the GAMA Program). Mr. Manning stated he recently had a conversation with Robert Kent from USGS, who is the person who will be giving the May presentation, by letting him know that this basin is already light years ahead of other basins in data collection and data management and that we will gladly cooperate in assisting him in his quest by offering data that we have already gathered. Staff is trying to avoid letting the USGS come in and test where they want and then take incorrect or uncorroborated data back to our legislature and let legislature make assumptions against isolated tests. This is an awareness issue and that a full presentation will be given in May on this item.

2. Legislative Update

Mr. Manning stated a number of people were in Washington last week talking with members of congress about issues relative to California. This was the ACWA Legislative Agenda that was being discussed. This agenda gave us an opportunity to talk about the issues which are taking place within our own basin. Because of the tight schedules and the hastiness at those ACWA meetings, we will be returning in a few weeks to talk in greater detail about specifically the Chino Basin issues and where we think congress can be effective in meeting our mission in delivering an affordable water supply.

Mr. Manning stated that there is a meeting being held, as we speak, with Senator Margett and Senator Dutton who are currently negotiating, on our behalf, to put money into the bond for the Chino Basin. The deadline for getting our bond issue onto the ballot is March 10, 2006. It appears by several conversations with legislatures that our interests are being protected and staff is in contact with them quite frequently.

3. SAW DMS Data Coordination

Mr. Manning stated there are a few letters provided in the meeting packet which parties have probably already received a copy of wherein SAWPA is asking to come in and talk to the parties about data that is collected at each agency. After Watermaster staff received this letter, an email was sent to Daniel Cozad at SAWPA which expressed to him that staff would like to coordinate this through Watermaster; it was noted that there are reasons and benefits to work with Watermaster in a joint effort on this item. By working together Watermaster can eliminate a lot of duplicated work efforts on their part and also possibly save them some money. Mr. Manning stated this is an awareness issue and that Daniel was open and receptive to the idea.

4. Department of Health Services Public Hearing on Recycled Water

Mr. Manning noted the flyer for the Department of Health Services Public Hearing on Recycled Water is available on the back table. This meeting is co-sponsored by Watermaster and Mr. Manning encouraged all members to attend this important hearing in support of recycled water. The hearing is on April 20, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. here at the Watermaster offices.

5. Monthly Recharge Update

Mr. Manning noted that by commitments made at previous meetings in which Watermaster would provide the parties with monthly recharge updates at these meetings, a copy of the most recent update is available on the back table. Mr. Treweek stated we have been lucky recently in having some late spring storm events. Mr. Treweek reviewed the handout in detail and noted we are pretty much on target as far as capturing water; our goal for the year is 50,000 acre-feet and in order to achieve that we need more months like February with its heavier rain storms. Some of our basins are only recharged, at this point in time, with only storm water and this recharge situation will be rectified shortly via our DWR grant for improvements.

6. Data Request/SAWPA

This item was discussed under item no. 3; no further comment was made.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

March 9, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
March 14, 2006	9:00 a.m.	GRCC Meeting
March 21, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
March 23, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
March 23, 2006	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

March 28, 2006 9:00 a.m. GRCC Meeting

The Agricultural Pool Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Secretary: _____

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