

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING
December 19, 2006

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on December 19, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Agricultural Pool Members Present

Nathan deBoom, Chair	Dairy
Gene Koopman	Milk Producers Council
Jeff Pierson	Crops
Glen Durrington	Crops
John Huitsing	Dairy
Pete Hettinga	Dairy
Bob Feenstra	Dairy
Edward Gonsman	State of California CIM

Watermaster Board Member Present

Sandra Rose	Monte Vista Water District
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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
Andy Malone	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Steve Lee	Reid & Hellyer
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario

Chair deBoom called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

Mr. Manning stated Item 1C Water Transaction was pulled from the agenda at the joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool meeting on December 14, 2006 at Monte Vista Water District's request.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Meeting held November 15, 2006

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of November 2006
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period October 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2006 through October 2006

*Motion by Hettinga, second by Pierson, and by unanimous vote
Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items A through B, as presented*

Item 1C was pulled from the agenda.

C. WATER TRANSACTION

Consider Approval for Transaction of Notice of Sale or Transfer – The lease and/or purchase of 500 acre-feet of water from West Valley Water District's storage account to Monte Vista Water District. This lease is made first from WVWD's net underproduction, if any, in Fiscal Year 2006-07, with any remainder to be recaptured from storage. Date of application: October 31, 2006

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DR. SUNDING ECONOMIC BENEFITS REPORT

Mr. Manning stated Dr. Sunding will his presentation in person regarding his updated report, however, his calendar would only allow one day and it was decided to have him give his report at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meeting. Mr. Manning stated staff is seeking a Receive and File motion from the Pools, Advisory Committee, and the Watermaster Board. A brief discussion ensued with regard to the updated report.

*Motion by Koopman, second by Feenstra, and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred
Moved to approve to move this item onto the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board for the approval to receive and file with the court the Dr. Sunding Economic Benefits Report, as presented*

B. INLAND VALLEY DAILY BULLETIN ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Mr. Manning stated several parties have been participating in this advertising water industry campaign for three years now and has heard excellent comments about the publications. Mr. Manning recapped what the past publications were trying to capture and noted this years will be slightly different in that there will be more articles printed in the actual news paper as opposed to what was done in the past with mainly inserts. Mr. Manning noted this item is budgeted in the FY 2006-2007 budget. A discussion regarding this item ensued.

*Motion by Koopman, second by Pierson, and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred
Moved to approve the continued community outreach with another 12-month advertising campaign with matching contributing funds in the amount of \$10,000.00, as presented*

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Santa Ana River Application

Counsel Fife stated there is a letter on the back table to the State Water Resources Control Board. Counsel Fife noted he has reported over the last few months that it appeared there is movement on this application to bring this item to a water right hearing in the near future. The State Board does appear determined to hold a hearing on all of the Santa Ana River Water Right Applications including Chino Basin Watermaster's. At ACWA there were comments from Art Baggett that there will be a hearing in the spring of 2007. In response to that statement all the parties have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss what we feel the hearing should look like and how all the parties can work together. The letter is the first real outcome seen in a long time and proposes that we convene workshops prior to noticing the hearing. Chino Basin Watermaster has one remaining protest to the Chino Basin's application and that is from the Department of Fish and Game, although, they have not clearly stated what they are protesting and in the meantime have permitted our project. A brief discussion ensued with regard to this issue. Counsel will keep the parties apprised on the progress of this matter.

2. Peace II
Counsel Fife stated there is a draft timeline on the back table for review; this is an aggressive timeline to facilitate resolution of Peace II. This timeline was drafted by the request of the Watermaster Board. We are asking for comments on this draft timeline. Two items really need to have input on them and those are the itemization of issues and the steps we need to go through and the other is the time frames we have attached to those items. A long discussion ensued with regard to the draft timeline and what is needed from the parties as far as comments.
3. Waste Discharge Requirements
Counsel Fife stated the parties which are most interested in this item are Western Municipal Water District and San Bernardino Municipal Water District. They are continuing to meet and work on the draft which was handed out last month. Chino Basin Watermaster is continuing to monitor the progress of this process.
4. MZ1 Long Term Plan
Counsel Fife stated the non-binding term sheet set a goal of December 31, 2006 for the MZ1 long term plan to be completed. The MZ1 Technical Committee is meeting on a regular basis and the long term plan is being worked on and good progress is being made; however, we are going to miss the December 31st deadline. There is a potential that we will not miss that date by much time; a final product could come to fruition in the first quarter of 2007.

C. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Storm Water/Recharge Report
Mr. Manning stated the Storm Water report is available on the back table for review. In summary, we are on schedule in terms of our recharge progress.
2. Legislative Update
Mr. Manning stated we received news yesterday from Washington DC that a few changes have taken place that we all should be aware of. One was there were ten new members on the House side; ten new democrats bringing the total to thirty-eight members in that committee. Among the ten were three Californians; however, none of them are representing this area. Jerry Lewis will continue to hang on as the ranking Republican in that committee. In the senate, Diane Feinstein, remains on the senate appropriations committee and has become the chair of the interior sub-committee. Mr. Manning stated he recently had breakfast with Senator Margett and Dan Dun Moyer; Dan is the senior and chief policy advisory to Governor Schwarzenegger and had a chance to sit down briefly with Dan and talk about state wide water policy. While at the recent ACWA conference a number of people met with Bob Johnston, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, to talk about Title 16 issues and that conversation went very well.
3. Strategic Planning Issue Report
Mr. Manning stated the matrix from the October conference is now complete in draft form and available on the back table for review and comment. Mr. Manning reviewed the columns titles and explained their meanings. Mr. Manning stated the context of this matrix will now work into his next goals and objectives.
4. Holiday Open House
Mr. Manning stated he and his wife Sue, will be hosting an open house at their home in Alta Loma and all are invited to attend; there is a flyer on the back table with the address and time of the event.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Manning stated he received a flyer this morning regarding the retirement of Patrick Meade from the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works and noted there will be a retirement reception held in his honor on January 17, 2007 in San Bernardino. Copies of the flyer will be made available on the back table at the Advisory and Board meeting next week.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

December 13, 2006	1:00 p.m.	Water Quality Committee Meeting
December 14, 2006	9:00 a.m.	MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting
December 14, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
December 19, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
December 19, 2006	9:00 a.m.	GRCC Meeting
December 21, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
December 21, 2006	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Agricultural Pool Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: January 16, 2007