

**Minutes**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING**  
September 15, 2009

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of the office of Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on September 15, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

**Agricultural Pool Members Present**

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Gene Koopman	Milk Producers Counsel
Jeff Pierson	Crops
Glen Durrington	Crops
Pete Hall	State of California, CIM

**Watermaster Board Members Present**

Michael Camacho	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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**Watermaster Staff Present**

Sheri Rojo	CFO/Asst. General Manager
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Michael Fife	Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck
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**Others Present**

Steven Lee	Reid & Hellyer
Gil Aldaco	City of Chino
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario
Rick Rees	Department of Justice/CIM
Ryan Shaw	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Tom Love	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Marsha Westropp	Orange County Water District

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

No additions or reorder were made to the agenda.

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

Pursuant to the Agricultural Pool Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Pool meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

No confidential session was called.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR****A. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Meeting held August 18, 2009

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Watermaster Visa Check Detail for the month of July 2009
2. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009
4. Budget vs. Actual July 2009

*Motion by Koopman, second by Pierson, and by majority vote – Durrington abstained*  
***Moved to approve Consent Calendar A through B, as presented***

**II. BUSINESS ITEM****A. AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

Ms. Rojo stated Watermaster has several different governing documents that guide our actions and help develop our policies and procedures. Watermaster staff has undertaken recently to capture them into one consolidated Policy Manual. At the last Appropriative Pool meeting on September 3, 2009 those members decided to form an Ad-Hoc Committee to oversee the development of the Watermaster Policy Manual. Ms. Rojo inquired if there were any parties from this pool wanting to serve on that committee to see Ken Jeske who is chairing that new committee. Ms. Rojo noted the first meeting was held yesterday and more will be scheduled as progress is made. Mr. Jeske offered comment on the formation of the Ad-Hoc Committee. A discussion regarding the contents of the new policy manual and the Brown Act ensued. It was decided Jeff Pierson will serve on this Ad-Hoc Committee and Rob Vanden Heuvel will be his alternate.

*No motion was made.*

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES****A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT****1. Auction Update**

Counsel Fife stated the auction date has been chosen for November 4, 2009. Counsel Fife noted there is a water auction calendar available on the back table for review. Press Releases have gone to all major news papers and various information packets/brochures are being prepared. Counsel Fife stated the application process for the bidders is a two part application. Once the bidders indicate an interest the next step would be to give security in order to participate in the auction and sign contracts. Penalties will be implemented if someone is the successful bidder and then can't perform. A question regarding the amount of money will be asked for damages and Counsel Fife stated it will be one million dollars. A discussion regarding the financial aspect of the auction and the meeting scheduled for New York ensued.

**2. Court Transition Process**

Counsel Fife stated Watermaster is getting a new judge because Judge Wade is retiring at the end of September. Two documents have been distributed recently; one is a letter to the presiding judge asking him to engage in a process with us to possibly take our input as to who our next judge would be. The other document is a draft case management order which will provide a roadmap to the next judge about Watermaster; a draft of this was distributed and only one comment has been received back and this will also be discussed on the conference call today. Counsel Fife noted if both documents are given the okay on the conference call today, Judge Wade indicated he would be willing to sign an order if it had been vetted and there was no objection. These will be submitted to the court at the hearing on September 17, 2009.

**B. FINANCIAL REPORT**1. Financial Changes

Ms. Rojo stated as a result in the change in the meetings normally there are five financial reports included in the meeting package and now there will be a month lag time for the cash disbursement report which is a listing of all the checks paid. There is not one in the package this month and it will be put back in the package starting next month.

2. Assessment Package Workshop

Ms. Rojo stated the Assessment Package Workshop was held on September 9, 2009 which went well. There was some feedback on some of the title headings which is an easy fix. The discussion did become focused on the Cumulative Unmet Replenishment Obligation (CURO). Ms. Rojo reviewed what CURO is and how it plays a role for the parties. A lengthy discussion regarding MWD rate changes ensued. Ms. Rojo stated the CURO will be the main focus at the upcoming Strategic Planning Conference at the end of the month. Chair Feenstra offered comment on the recent newspaper article on MWD replenishment rates. A discussion regarding Watermaster Assessment costs ensued.

**C. ENGINEERING REPORT**1. Recharge Master Plan Update

2. No comment was made regarding this item.

3. State of the Basin Report

No comment was made regarding this item.

4. Balance of Recharge and Discharge Update

No comment was made regarding this item.

5. Hexavalent Chromium Presentation

No report was given for this item. Chair Feenstra offered comment on Hexavalent Chromium and a discussion regarding this topic ensued.

**D. CEO/STAFF REPORT**1. Legislative Update

Chair Feenstra discussed recent events in Washington and Sacramento relating to water issues. A discussion regarding renewable energy, drought conditions, and recycled water ensued.

2. Recharge Update

Ms. Rojo noted the most current recharge spreadsheet is available on the back table.

3. Open Meeting Rules Update

Ms. Rojo stated this item was discussed under Business Item No. 1 Ad-Hoc Committee. No further comment was made.

4. Voluntary Agreements

Ms. Maurizio stated Mr. Koopman asked for this presentation to be given at a future meeting. Ms. Maurizio gave the presentation on Voluntary Agreements and Assignments and noted she is covering assignments because they often get confused with voluntary agreements. Mr. Koopman commented about Voluntary Agreement changes being brought through the Agricultural Pool for approval. A discussion regarding surcharges ensued. Mr. Jeske offered comment regarding the map showing the four Appropriators that have voluntary agreements and suggested the parties speak to the individual retailers about surcharges. A lengthy discussion regarding Mr. Jeske's comments ensued. Mr. Koopman asked if Watermaster staff can put together a map of conversion areas.

**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**

September 10, 2009	9:00 a.m.	MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting @ CBWM
September 15, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
September 17, 2009	8:30 a.m.	Tentative CBWM Hearing @ San Bernardino Court
September 22, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Water Quality Meeting @ CBWM
September 24, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
September 24, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
September 28, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament @ Oak Quarry
September 28, 2009	5:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Kick-Off Reception @ Oak Quarry
September 29, 2009	7:30 a.m.	Strategic Planning Conference @ Etiwanda Gardens
October 1, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
October 8, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
October 15, 2009	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
October 15, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
October 22, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
October 22, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Recharge Master Plan Workshop @ CBWM

The Agricultural Pool meeting was dismissed by Chair Feenstra at 10:40 a.m.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved: October 8, 2009