

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING
October 8, 2009

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of the office of Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on October 8, 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
Jennifer Novak	State of California, Dept. of Justice, CIM
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
Ben Pac	Senior Project Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Steven Lee	Reid & Hellyer
Ryan Shaw	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Martha Davis	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Marsha Westropp	Orange County Water District

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 9:10 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 Agricultural Pool Meeting held September 15, 2009

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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

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

II. BUSINESS ITEM**A. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 2009-2010 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE**

Ms. Rojo stated there have been some exciting changes made to the 2009-2010 Assessment Package as a result of the Cumulative Unmet Replenishment Obligation (CURO). Ms. Rojo noted this package addresses the CURO and there is nothing related to Dry Year Yield. Ms. Rojo gave the Assessment Package presentation and Ms. Rojo reviewed the Phase I and Phase II debt in detail. A discussion regarding water rates and usage ensued. Mr. Pierson asked that a copy of the presentation be put in the Advisory Committee meeting package.

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

Moved to approve the 2009-2010 Assessment Package, as presented

III. REPORTS/UPDATES**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT****1. Court Transition Process**

Counsel Fife stated a notice of reassignment was distributed on August 25, 2009 stating Judge Stanford Reichert has been appointed as the new judge for Chino Basin Watermaster starting on September 17, 2009. Counsel Fife stated he does not know much about the new judge. He will be presiding in the Chino Courthouse.

2. DYY/Storage Update

Counsel Fife stated this was put on the agenda because of the meetings that took place regarding moving ahead with discussions over what to do about the Dry Year Yield Expansion Program. Counsel Fife stated the result of the last meeting held was a desire by the group to resolve the accounting issues before anything else is addressed regarding this matter. Discussions are still ongoing with Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and a pre-meeting has been scheduled with Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Watermaster staff this afternoon prior to the meeting with MWD. Counsel Fife stated once the accounting issues are resolved staff will reconvene the group to discuss the broader issues.

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

Ms. Rojo stated she is going to give this item to Chair Feenstra. Chair Feenstra commented on the seriousness of events taking place in legislature for the Agricultural industry. A discussion regarding current assembly bills and meetings that are current taking place in Washington D.C. and in Sacramento.

2. Recharge Report

Chair Feenstra inquired if the Watermaster recharge basins are primed and ready to accept any water from the anticipated winter storms. Mr. Pac acknowledged the recharge basins are in great condition; now we just need for it to rain.

3. Auction Update

Ms. Rojo stated the Water Auction Team is working very hard on making this a successful water auction. Ms. Rojo noted there are potentially 125 bidders on a list; the list has been broken down into three categories according to the likelihood of being an actual bidder. With that breakdown it appears there are approximately 35 very good candidates. Mr. Lea is working on the auction daily. Ms. Rojo stated the wide variety of publications the water auction has been in and noted the word is definitely out.

4. Strategic Planning Conference Recap

Ms. Rojo stated the recent Strategic Planning Conference was excellent and noted he has received great reviews on the material content and presentation. Ms. Rojo stated the notes that were taken in the large meeting room and the small meeting room and now being typed up and will be put into a logical order in a matrix. Staff is planning on handing out a draft matrix at the October 22, 2009 Watermaster Board meeting.

IV. INFORMATION1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Feenstra commented on the Daily Bulletin news article from today's paper regarding Metropolitan Water Districts' employee pensions/wages. A discussion regarding this article ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Feenstra handed out the California Water Alliance Mission Statement and offered comment on the organization goals to develop a water infrastructure bond. A lengthy discussion regarding this matter ensued. Ms. Novak stated the state will vote no on this item and wants the record to reflect an objection to signing the letter from the Agricultural Pool which leads to the inference all members within that pool are in support.

*Motion by Koopman, second by deBoom, and by majority vote – 2 State members voted no
Moved to approve the California Water Alliance Mission Statement, as presented*

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

October 8, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
October 15, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
October 22, 2009	9:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield 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
October 27, 2009	9:00 a.m.	GRCC Meeting @ CBWM
November 5, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
November 12, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
November 19, 2009	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
November 19, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
November 19, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
December 3, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
December 10, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM

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

Secretary: _____

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