# Minutes CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING

August 11, 2011

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on August 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Agricultural Pool Members Present Who Signed In

Bob Feenstra, Chair Dairy
John Huitsing Dairy

Gene Koopman Milk Producers Council
Rob Vanden Heuvel Milk Producers Council

Glen Durrington Crops
Jeff Pierson Crops

Pete Hall State of California, CIM

Jennifer Novak State of California, Dept. of Justice, CIM

**Watermaster Board Member Present** 

Paul Hofer Crops

**Watermaster Staff Present** 

Desi Alvarez Chief Executive Officer
Joe Joswiak Chief Financial Officer
Sherri Molino Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present** 

Michael Fife Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck

**Others Present Who Signed In** 

Tracy Egoscue Paul Hastings
Dave Crosley City of Chino

Richard Rees State of California, Dept. of Justice, CIM

Paul Deutsch Geomatrix
Bob Gluck City of Ontario

Marsha Westropp Orange County Water District

Gil Aldaco City of Chino

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Chair Feenstra apologized to the committee members, Watermaster staff, and parties present for the late start on the meeting.

#### **AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

Mr. Alvarez noted the State of the Basin Report will be given at the September meeting. Chair Feenstra stated there will be a closed session today.

Chair Feenstra welcomed Ms. Egoscue to her first official Agricultural Pool meeting.

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Meeting held July 14, 2011

#### **B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- 1. Cash Disbursements for the month of June 2011
- 2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of June 2011
- 3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011
- 4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011
- 5. Budget vs. Actual July 2010 through June 2011

#### C. SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2011-1

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

Moved to approve Consent Calendar items A through C with one change provided by Ms. Novak to the Recording Secretary on the July 14, 2011 minutes, as presented

#### II. BUSINESS ITEMS

## A. RESOLUTION 11-05 RESOLUTION TO TAX DEFER MEMBER PAID CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESOLUTION 11-06 RESOLUTION FOR PAYING AND REPORTING THE VALUE OF EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Alvarez stated this item is to clarify the tax status of certain benefits. The tax code allows agencies to designate certain contributions as being picked up by the employer and treated as employer contributions for tax purposes. Mr. Alvarez stated the item before this Committee has to do with those types of issues. Currently, the Watermaster reports to CalPERS all of the member contributions on a tax deferrable basis, and in order to comply with both the internal revenue code and CalPERS regulations, staff needs to have a resolution adopted by the Watermaster Board that recognizes that. The two resolutions that are before you address those issues. Mr. Alvarez stated CalPERS originally contacted Watermaster in 2008 asking for such resolutions. That was not done at that time and this action would take care of this matter. Staff is recommending this Committee adopt them to move them forward to the Advisory Committee, and ultimately the Watermaster Board.

Motion by Pierson, second by Vanden Heuvel, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Resolution 11-05 to tax defer member paid contributions and Resolution 11-06 for paying and reporting the value of employer paid member contributions, as presented

## B. LOAN AGREEMENT WITH CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CITY OF ONTARIO, AND JURUPA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Mr. Alvarez stated this item has to do with the financing of the replenishment water. Mr. Alvarez stated since Watermaster was not set up for this purchase, one alternative is that Watermaster could acquire funds through a loan arrangement. Mr. Alvarez stated the Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD) had stepped forward and stated they wanted to help in any way they could and informed Watermaster they had money available to loan. Mr. Alvarez stated the CBWCD board adopted specific terms for a loan for Watermaster, and there have also been discussions with other parties who expressed their interest in purchasing the water now through a special assessment. Mr. Alvarez stated for those parties that would like to take care of their obligation now, they would loan the money equivalent to the anticipated amount that they are going to be approximately assessed in three years, and then that would protect them in the event of having to pay additional costs for this water. Mr. Alvarez stated the item before this Committee is to approve the generic terms of a Loan Agreement. This Loan Agreement would be the one Watermaster would enter into with the CBWCD, JCSD, and the City of Ontario, which are the parties that expressed interest in loaning the money. Mr. Alvarez stated the terms of the Loan Agreement are that those parties are entitled to interest at a variable rate equal to LAIF plus 1.5%, and that interest payments would be made on a monthly basis. Mr. Alvarez stated funding for the interest would come out of the unrestricted reserves that Watermaster has and would be recovered at the time of assessments to pay the loans; all is depending on the direction given to Watermaster. Mr. Alvarez stated staff is looking for direction whether to move forward with the Loan Agreements or not. Mr. Alvarez stated another condition in these Loan Agreements is that once these Loan Agreements are approved through the Watermaster process, they will then be taken to the Judge for his approval and acknowledgment that there will be a special assessment for the repayment of these loans. Mr. Alvarez stated the last caveat has to do with the priority of repayment of the loans which is still in negotiations. However, CBWCD has placed a condition on their loan by stating they would have a priority in the repayment; meaning having added a priority clause in the agreement with CBWCD that may not be in the other agreements. Mr. Durrington inquired about CBWCD having excess funds to loan Watermaster the money for this particular transaction and why banks have not come forward to loan Watermaster money. A discussion regarding the CBWCD available funds and potential bank ability to loan Watermaster money ensued. Mr. Koopman inquired about Niagara's purchase of the replenishment water. Mr. Alvarez stated both Niagara and Fontana Water Company have true replenishment requirements each year. Mr. Koopman inquired about losses. Mr. Alvarez stated they are not subject to losses and the reason is the water that is being purchased by Watermaster is basin augmentation, which is recharged just as storm water is and that is not subject to any losses directly. However, indirectly it is because it is accounted every four or five years when the safe yield is calculated. Mr. Koopman offered comment on losses. Mr. Pierson inquired if the \$5M agreement was rolling. Mr. Alvarez stated the amount of money that is required to buy all the water that was committed in taking the full 50,000 acrefeet is approximately \$10M, and this request is for approximately half of the full amount needed. Mr. Alvarez offered further comment on the loans Watermaster is looking at. Chair Feenstra offered comment on the vast snow melt for this year, and encouraged staff to set up some financing mechanism for Watermaster to purchase water in the future. A discussion regarding Inland Empire Utilities Agency's (IEUA) offer to loan Watermaster money ensued. Koopman offered comment on IEUA's position on loaning Watermaster money for the purchase of the replenishment water.

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

Moved to approve the Loan Agreement with Chino Basin Water Conservation

District, City of Ontario, and Jurupa Community Services District, as presented

## C. STORAGE AGREEMENT WITH INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY AND THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Mr. Alvarez stated this item is regarding the replenishment water this year which Watermaster began taking in on May 16, 2011. Mr. Alvarez stated the availability of the replenishment water was unplanned, so it was not a previously budgeted item. Mr. Alvarez stated approximately 50% of the water has been paid for through preemptive replenishment purchases that are being done by Appropriators who need replenishment water, and the water is being put into storage accounts that are limited to replenishment purposes only. Mr. Alvarez stated starting in September, Watermaster needs to start making provisions for how the remainder is going to be paid for. Mr. Alvarez stated there are two options available to accomplish that task; 1) For Watermaster to obtain financing and pay for the water directly through loans, or 2) The water would be acquired by other regional agencies and be put into a storage account. Mr. Alvarez stated the proposal before this Committee is for extending potential storage agreements to the regional agencies, and that the water put into storage would be for preemptive replenishment of the desalter obligations which start accruing in 2013. Mr. Alvarez stated the cost of the water would be \$409, plus \$12 an acre-foot for an IEUA surcharge, for delivering water to the basin and then an additional cost of \$42 an acre-foot for that water that's being recharged through direct injection. Actual acquisition cost is approximately \$420.34 per acre-foot. Mr. Alvarez stated once the storage agreements are entered there would be a condition that the water would be called for desalter replenishment at such time as necessary, and the storage agreements would be subject to not only the limitation that the water is there for preemptive replenishment, but that Watermaster would pay for the acquisition costs plus the carrying costs. The carrying costs would be the finance costs for the agencies as well as the annual losses and storage losses at 2%. The anticipated base price for the water in 2014 is \$473.62. Mr. Alvarez stated staff is suggesting that Watermaster would pay no more than the anticipated MWD replenishment rate at that point in time. Mr. Alvarez stated staff is recommending storage agreements with respective agencies that are interested, and to authorize negotiations with those agencies. Mr. Alvarez stated in the event that Watermaster pays more for actual cost of the water, staff's recommendation is that a condition be put in to the agreement that the difference in revenue between the actual cost and the actual amount paid, be reserved solely for investments in the Chino Basin to be mutually agreed to between the agency and Watermaster. Mr. Koopman stated there may not be a replenishment rate from MWD at the time of the call, and offered comment on the costs outlined by Mr. Alvarez. Mr. Alvarez stated the intent is that the base rate that water would be purchased at the time of the call would be to cover all the expenses, and the number in the report is an estimate based on what the projected finance costs may be. A discussion regarding the rate, costs, and this matter ensued. Mr. Pierson offered comment on all the extra charges being put upon the IEUA loan, and noted he was uncomfortable with them seemingly making some sort of a profit on this transaction. A lengthy discussion regarding IEUA's loan, loan concerns, future mechanism for Watermaster to make water purchases in the future, and future replenishment needs ensued. Mr. Alvarez stated Watermaster put together a Recharge Master Plan (RMP) and there must be implementation of that plan, and part of the issue identified in the RMP is to acquire some water and do some recharge to take care of the Desalter obligations. Chair Feenstra asked if the agreement could be reviewed by this Committee prior to it being finalized. Mr. Pierson inquired if the Chino Desalter Authority (CDA) has ever been looked at as a purchaser. Mr. Alvarez stated the CDA made a commitment to invest in the facilities with a condition that they would not be responsible for the actual replenishment, and noted this was not a worthwhile endeavor for them. A lengthy discussion regarding the CDA and this matter ensued. Mr. Alvarez stated there is an agreement that part of Peace II states the desalter replenishment obligation is going to be paid for by a special assessment.

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

Moved to approve authorizing Watermaster CEO to execute a Storage Agreement with Inland Empire Utilities Agency and with Three Valleys Municipal Water District, and to waive the thirty day notice period and the twenty-one day consideration period for applications for Local Storage Agreements with IEUA and TVMWD to store desalter replenishment water, as presented

## D. PRESENTATION ON THE STATE OF THE BASIN REPORT (For Information Only) It was noted the State of the Basin Report will be given at the September meeting.

#### Added Item:

Chair Feenstra asked that Watermaster staff provide a place in the reports section for their new general counsel, Tracy Egoscue, to give a report on Agricultural Pool legal issues. Mr. Alvarez stated that would not be a problem to add that to the agendas.

#### III. REPORTS/UPDATES

#### A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. September 30, 2011 Hearing

Counsel Fife stated this hearing is still on calendar; however, there has been talk about the need to possibly push back the date. The main subject of the hearing will be the CDA Resolution, which was adopted by the Watermaster Board in October, 2010. A meeting took place recently with the CDA parties in order to begin the process of preparing for the hearing. A pleading is being drafted and there will be witnesses called at the hearing. This hearing will be similar, in format, to the ones in front of Judge Wade in order to give Judge Reichert more Watermaster educational background during the hearing, as requested. For a while each hearing will offer the Judge more educational information until he is up to speed on issues, instead of holding separate informational hearings as Judge Wade had requested. Counsel Fife stated when the preparation is done for the hearing it will be done in an open process where parties can come and see what is going to be presented to the Judge and offer comment. Counsel Fife stated one of the issues for the Agricultural Pool is

that in the Watermaster Resolution there are some issues that affect some individual Agricultural Pool parties. Counsel Fife stated during the Desalter expansion it had been identified what is being called the Zone of Influence, which is the new Chino Creek Wellfield, and it is anticipated to impact some agricultural wells. Those wells have been identified and the well owners have been contacted at some level. However, they are not aware of this process nor are they aware of the potential of going to court. Before going to court, as part of the process of being open and transparent, Watermaster wants to contact the well owners, and staff is seeking assistance from the Agricultural Pool in performing this task. Counsel Fife stated he has spoken to Ms. Egoscue directly prior to this meeting and noted it was the first time she had heard of this matter. Counsel Fife noted the CDA group met last Thursday and thought it would be appropriate and helpful to bring this matter up to the Agricultural Pool and enlist its help. Counsel Fife stated the scope of that help is unknown at this time and counsel would like to work with the Agricultural Pool counsel and Chair on how to accomplish this task. Counsel Fife stated the issue is known regarding desalter production having an impact on agricultural wells. This has been a big issue in the past and was a huge issue when Desalter I first went on line. These types of concerns need to be addressed in advance. Chair Feenstra thanked counsel for the detailed report and asked that Watermaster legal counsel be in contact with the Agricultural Pool counsel without delay, as to the activities on this important issue regarding court hearings or any related discussions or happenings. Chair Feenstra reinforced the point of "without delay" for counsels' communications with this matter. Ms. Novak stated she has a vague recollection of some of these discussions from last year. Ms. Novak stated part of what is being discussed is how to address any legal remedies that water rights owners and producers within this basin have if they are adversely affected by the CDA, which is an important issue to address. Ms. Novak stated she recollects, at that time, there were some concerns and there was going to be some sort of plan worked on. However, she does not recall if she was ever told what the plan was, and noted it is certainly not in front of this Committee today for consideration. Ms. Novak stated it is about 45 days until the hearing, which is not a lot of time for consideration of plans, or for contacting individual well owners. Ms. Novak stated she also recollects the Zone of Influence being established at that time, which may or may not be the true amount of people who are going to be adversely affected by this situation. Ms. Novak offered comment on state wells which were considered to be outside the Zone of Influence, even though the state wells are essentially across the street from the desalters, and arguably the state's water would be affected in the future by the Desalter drawdown. Ms. Novak stated she has some real concerns, not only because of the situation, but because there is not a clear recognition of who was contacted, if all who needed to be contacted were, and on what level they were contacted. Ms. Novak stated she clearly remembers being told the owners who were believed to be affected were being contacted, and her concern is if the owners knew what was coming, so that they could or should speak out, or whether they were just inadvertently waiving their rights while not even knowing their rights even existed. Ms. Novak stated she believes she was assured at that time that those affected well owners were indeed contacted. However, nothing has been discussed or no information has been provided since that time. Ms. Novak stated she does not have a problem with counsel and/or staff keeping this Committee notified in advance of what is going on. The problem is it appears the people who are going to be adversely affected are not being given the opportunity to be educated as to what is going on, what the history is, or even why they should be concerned, nor do they attend these meetings to be able to give their opinions or ask questions. All of this is anticipated to be done by September 30<sup>th</sup> – this raises a number of concerns. Chair Feenstra offered comment on the history of Desalter drawdown and the serious situations it caused. Counsel Fife stated the entire purpose of bringing this information today to this Committee was to request the assistance of the Agricultural Pool, and to get aid in contacting the individual well owners. Counsel Fife stated he wanted to reiterate, if he was not clear in his report, that if the timing of the scheduled hearing did not work out for this undertaking, then the hearing can and will be rescheduled. Ms. Novak stated she cannot stress enough it is almost mandated to reschedule the hearing to allow adequate time for this process to be properly completed from start to finish while giving the individuals the protection needed and to have their voices clearly heard by this Committee by September 30th. Chair Feenstra inquired if Ms. Egoscue knew of last Thursday's meeting. Ms. Egoscue acknowledged she was not aware of the meeting and was brought up to speed on this issue only minutes before this meeting started today. Mr. Koopman stated 45 days is not adequate time for preparation and there is only one more Agricultural Pool meeting before September 30th. Mr. Koopman offered history on drawdown when the first Desalter came on line and noted all we can do is learn from history. Mr. Koopman stated this Committee needs to know what the individual wells are in that area, and maybe even further out than the original Zone of Influence as to completely be covering all affected wells. Mr. Koopman acknowledged 45 days is not enough time for all that must be done and noted this Committee needs to review the plan prior to it going to the court. A lengthy discussion regarding this matter ensued. Mr. Hofer stated he remembers what happened to several people when the Desalters came on line and noted it was not only animals that were in danger, it was during hotter weather and crops were depending on water daily. By the time things were sorted out it was a bad situation overall. Mr. Hofer offered comment on cattle health restrictions set by the Health Department and noted if those restrictions are violated then they are out of compliance and that is a big issue. Mr. Hofer stated as a reminder when the Judgment was first put into place and agricultural gave up their rights to the water, the court stated with giving up those rights the parties will be protected and the other users will take care of whatever the agricultural water problems are. Mr. Hofer stated he does not know how it will be handled this time when drawdown occurs and causes animals and farms to be out of water. Those parties will need it immediately, and not in days or weeks. Mr. Hofer stated that the last time, as it has been stated more than once, everyone was assured the Desalter would not affect any existing wells and that was not the case. Ms. Novak offered comment regarding the prison, human rights, and potential law suits. A lengthy discussion regarding the plan, drawdown, potential legal issues, and protection for people, animals and crops ensued. Counsel Fife reminded the parties that this discussion is on the court process and the plan has already been drafted as part of IEUA's Environmental Impact Report for the project. Right now this is just the court approval of everything. Mr. Koopman stated the plan has never been to the Agricultural Pool, nor does he remember any details coming to the board at IEUA. It was noted that the Committee members want more details. Ms. Novak stated she understood a plan was being worked on, but not that it was finished and noted it did not come through the process for review. Ms. Novak stated this Committee not only needs to see the plan but an analysis of who it affects and how, including a presentation on the complete history inclusive of all the details, so that it is clear what information was or was not provided. Chair Feenstra offered the history on a situation in which two wells collapsed after turning on the Desalter, and the well owner's actions after eleven hours of no water. Chair Feenstra stated this board is about agricultural, and about this entire basin, and this board will not hear about things that happened in this basin until a week later. Durrington stated he remembers telling people that the Desalter was going to affect wells and he was assured it wouldn't, and offered further comment on drawdown in wells. Chair Feenstra stated he was told personally several months ago there was a water problem. However, this board was never told, which is serious. Mr. Pierson stated he believes everyone knew that when the Desalter was turned on that there was going to be drawdown, and there is an obligation to every single person that has a well that is pumping. Mr. Pierson noted he does not remember seeing an EIR or an SEIR, or whatever documents that identify the mitigation required. If there is an impact by the CDA to private properties owners' assets, it needs to be mitigated prior to putting these wells operational. Mr. Pierson stated the impacts need to be fairly well identified and if they are, then wells need to sink deeper or do whatever is necessary prior to the switch being turned on. Mr. Pierson stated this Committee always seems to be the last to hear what is going on and are only given bits and pieces of information. Mr. Pierson stated he is not going to vote for anything until he knows the method and the plan in which we are going to mitigate all the people in the Zone of Influence so we don't have the problem that we had before. Ms. Egoscue stated she serves this fine body of the Agricultural Pool Committee and has an ethical duty as the appointed counsel, and she needs to clearly understand the process for not just the Agricultural Pool helping with the education process of the Zone of Influence property owners, but of what is being filed with the court. Ms. Egoscue asked for clarification for this Committee what the intentions are and then indicate, if in light of those intentions, if this Committee would have additional time for review and comment. Ms. Egoscue stated pleadings which are going to be presented to the court need to be digested, analyzed, and then expressed and communicated to the Agricultural Pool Committee members. Counsel Fife stated in terms of what is being asked for today, this is for assistance in contacting the land owners and making sure they have notice of this. Counsel Fife stated how this is going to be accomplished is unknown at this time, which is why it is being brought up. To make this Committee aware this was brought up last week, and counsel and staff could see immediately that the Agricultural Pool needed to be engaged on this endeavor. Counsel Fife stated the history at Watermaster regarding pleadings is that when pleadings like this are filed, they are circulated to everyone first for their review, and then the pleading is not filed until the Watermaster Board gives direction. It normally goes through the entire Watermaster process first for review and comment. Counsel Fife stated it appears the September 30<sup>th</sup> date is cutting it short, and it will be looked into to move the date out. Chair Feenstra offered final comments regarding this matter and acknowledged the Agricultural Pool wants to be involved in all that this subject entails. Ms. Novak commented on moving the court hearing out, and wanted to be assured this change would not affect any dealings with the RWQCB or the CDA. Counsel Fife stated at this point in time counsel is not aware of any deadline that would be missed by moving the date of the hearing, and noted he will check on that and report it back to this Committee if there is going to be any conflicts.

#### 2. Restated Judgment

Counsel Fife stated the first phase of the Restated Judgment has been posted to the Watermaster ftp site. Counsel Fife stated only one comment has been received regarding a missed 1995 appendix. That was found and also put on the ftp site; no other comments have been received. Counsel Fife stated a database with all the court orders going back to 1978 has also been included in that suite of documents. Chair Feenstra inquired if the Restated Judgment is on track. Mr. Alvarez stated it is on track. However, that depends on how many comments come in.

#### **B. CEO/STAFF REPORT**

#### Recharge Update

Mr. Alvarez stated approximately 18,000 acre-feet has been recharged and water recharge has regained some of the capabilities. If we stay at this rate the goal of 50,000 acre-feet estimate might be accomplished.

#### Added Comment:

Chair Feenstra stated recently he had gone to Mr. Joswiak regarding some financial questions regarding a past report on the Agricultural Pool's funds, and it is his understanding the report on that item is on the CEO's desk. Mr. Alvarez stated he has the report that Mr. Joswiak has put together of the complete history of this matter, and it is still being reviewed and will be forthcoming.

#### Added Comment:

Chair Feenstra stated he has sent Ms. Egoscue documents on the TMDL matter from SAWPA, a report from Mr. Brommenschenkel on his attendance on those issues, and he believes he had Ms. Egoscue speak with Mr. Koopman regarding the Desalters. The Chair also welcomed Ms. Egoscue to her first official Agricultural Pool meeting. Ms. Egoscue stated it is an honor to represent this Pool and she appreciates the opportunity. Ms. Egoscue stated in response to Chair Feenstra's requests, she has reached out to Celeste Cantu of SAWPA and has introduced herself as the new Agricultural Pool's general counsel. Ms. Egoscue noted she has a relationship with Ms. Cantu which precedes this assignment and they will be scheduling a meeting in the near future

to discuss the TMDL issues. Ms. Egoscue stated she has also retained Mr. Brommenschenkel as a consultant who is retained under the Paul Hastings contract, and is now moving forward. Ms. Egoscue stated she has met with Cliff McFarland of the ABGL Group and have had discussions with him on the plume situation, and will report further on that discussion during closed session. Ms. Egoscue stated she has also had several opportunities to speak with the Agricultural Pool Chair and the deputy in preparation of this meeting. Chair Feenstra inquired if Ms. Egoscue had an opportunity to review the presentation prepared by the ABGL Group and Ms. Egoscue stated she has seen the presentation with Mr. McFarland.

#### IV. INFORMATION

- Cash Disbursements for July 2011
   No comment was made.
- Newspaper Articles
   No comment was made.

#### V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Durrington stated it appears there are people in the valley using agricultural water for commercial business purposes. Mr. Durrington offered examples on how that agricultural water is being used. Chair Feenstra stated he has shared this concern with the City of Ontario and is waiting to schedule a meeting with Mohamed El-Amamy. A lengthy discussion regarding this matter ensued.

Mr. Hofer stated he is a board member here at Watermaster as a representative of the Agricultural Pool and noted he is also an elected board member for the Chino Basin Water Conservation District. Mr. Hofer stated when he voted for the \$5M loan to Watermaster for the Replenishment Water purchase he abstained from the vote as advised by the CBWCD counsel and asked for some clarification on this matter. A discussion regarding Mr. Hofer's comments ensued. Counsel Fife stated under Watermaster's Conflict Rules that would not be a conflict, and noted there are very narrow conflict rules that state there is only a conflict when the person is personally affected by a decision. Counsel Fife stated the Conflict Rules recognize that this is an interest based organization and that an entity that one represents may have an interest in an issue that comes before the Board. That does not constitute a conflict, so under the Watermaster rules a person would not be required to abstain. However, how that ties to anything that CBWCD has would be up to Mr. Brunick.

#### VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made.

The regular open Agricultural Pool meeting was convened to hold its confidential session at 2:35 p.m.

#### VII. 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.

The confidential session concluded at 3:24 p.m.

No action was taken.

#### **VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday, August 11, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative Pool Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, August 11, 2011	11:00 a.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Conference Call Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2011	1:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, August 18, 2011	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, August 18, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, August 18, 2011	10:30 a.m.	Land Subsidence Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, August 25, 2011	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
Friday, September 30, 2011	10:30 a.m.	Watermaster Court Hearing @ Chino Court

Chair Feenstra dismissed the Agricultural Pool Committee meeting at 3:25 p.m.
Secretary:

Minutes Approved: <u>September 8, 2011</u>