# Minutes CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING

October 13, 2011

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on October 13, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

**Agricultural Pool Members Present Who Signed In** 

Bob Feenstra, Chair Dairy
Nathan deBoom Dairy
John Huitsing Dairy

Gene Koopman Milk Producers Council

Glen Durrington Crops
Jeff Pierson Crops

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

**Watermaster Board Member Present** 

Paul Hofer Crops Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel Dairy

**Watermaster Staff Present** 

Desi Alvarez Chief Executive Officer
Danielle Maurizio Senior Engineer

Gerald Greene Senior Environmental Engineer

Joe Joswiak Chief Financial Officer
Sherri Molino Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present** 

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

**Others Present Who Signed In** 

Tracy Egoscue Paul Hastings
Dave Crosley City of Chino
Gil Aldaco City of Chino

Eunice Ulloa Chino Basin Water Conservation District

Bob Gluck City of Ontario Scott Burton City of Ontario

Marsha Westropp Orange County Water District Curtis Paxton Chino Desalter Authority

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

## **AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

Chair Feenstra stated he and Curtis Paxton met yesterday about the operations of the Desalters and the concerns that the Agricultural Pool has over cooperation between them regarding water for the agricultural users. Chair Feenstra stated he and Mohamed El-Amamy and Scott Burton also met yesterday, it was a good meeting and many items were discussed. Chair Feenstra noted how encouraged he is with his dealings with the City of Ontario as they all work together with regard to the plume and other concerns of the Watermaster. Chair Feenstra thanked Director Vanden Heuvel and Director Hofer for attending the meeting today.

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Meeting held September 8, 2011

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

- 1. Cash Disbursements for the month of August 2011
- 2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of August 2011
- 3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 201a through August 31, 2011
- 4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011
- 5. Budget vs. Actual July 2011 through August 31, 2011

#### C. WATER TRANSACTION

1. Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer – The lease and/or purchase of 781.000 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to the City of Ontario. This lease is made first from San Antonio's net underproduction in Fiscal Year 2011-2012, with any remainder to be recaptured from storage. Date of Application: September 1, 2011

A discussion regarding the presented Water Transaction ensued.

Motion by Pierson second by Durrington, and by unanimous vote

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

#### II. BUSINESS ITEMS

#### A. 85/15 RULE POLICY (Information Only)

Mr. Alvarez offered a detailed history on the 85/15 Rule. Mr. Alvarez stated there was a workshop on the 85/15 Rule held in September, and at the workshop the Appropriative Pool members directed Watermaster staff to develop a specific formal policy for implementation of the 85/15 Rule; a draft copy of that policy is in the meeting package. Mr. Alvarez gave the 85/15 Rule Implementation Policy presentation in detail, which included the purpose of the rule and how it applies to the preemptive replenishment water. Mr. Alvarez stated this item was presented to the Appropriative Pool this morning and there was a great deal of discussion. However, there was no action taken on the formal policy. Mr. Alvarez noted there were other issues raised again such as if the 85/15 Rule should be done away with, as well as if this applies to the four year look back or on an ongoing basis should this rule be applied in terms of consistency with the Judgment. Mr. Alvarez stated the Appropriative Pool decided a second workshop needed to be scheduled as soon as possible. Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel inquired if the Appropriators were attempting to go back in time and trying to apply this new policy. Mr. Alvarez stated one of the parties raised that issue, and stated that issue still needed further discussion. Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel asked Watermaster staff at the last Watermaster Board meeting if that had been concluded and staff's response was that this was a policy on a go forward basis and not in arrears. Mr. Alvarez stated he thought that is where we are, and he was surprised by the Appropriative Pool comments because he thought at the workshop it was agreed to that it would be on a going forward basis. Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel asked the Agricultural Pool if they wanted to ask and/or inquire about setting precedent by changing rules or changing policies, and going backwards in time; this might be something the Agricultural Pool has an opinion on. Chair Feenstra stated he was assured by Mr. Koopman and Mr. Pierson that the 85/15 Rule does not affect the Agricultural Pool as it does the Appropriative Pool. Chair Feenstra stated he should have gone to the workshop, and noted the Agricultural Pool needs to pay attention to this matter closely. Mr. Pierson stated the 85/15 Rule is really just an accounting practice which was established by the Pool. However, the precedent that could be set by changing Pool matters and going backwards in time may have implications that this Pool may not really want to take place. Mr. Pierson stated in light of what Mr. Vanden Heuvel said, this Pool needs to be appraised of what is going on and to understand what, if anything, this has to do with the overall Judgment or the Restated Judgment, and the Appropriative Pool practices. Counsel Fife stated the legal basis for the suggestion of the go back was the Peace II Agreement section concerning mistakes. Counsel Fife stated Watermaster is given a four year window when mistakes are made that they can go back and be corrected; the push back from other members of the Appropriative Pool during the meeting was to point out that this was not a mistake, this was a application of policy and Watermaster may be changing the Policy. Mr. Koopman stated the 85/15 Rule goes back to the original adjudication and offered further comment/history on that rule, and noted his concern is changing the original adjudication. Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel stated where the Agricultural Pool is interested is that people operated in good faith, there was a practice of how the 85/15 Rule was to be applied, and we have learned over the last several months is how this 85/15 Rule has been applied. Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel stated people operated their water agencies in light of the way it was being practically applied, and it just came to light that maybe it was being misapplied or applied differently than it should have been. Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel stated it seems reasonable to clarify that on a go forward basis. However, to go back in time when people acted in good faith on the rules, as they understood them, and nobody challenged them at that time, and then to go back and rewrite history, that starts to open up too much and it becomes a policy issue that the Agricultural Pool might want to get interested in at some point.

#### **B. DEFERMENT OF 2011/2012 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE**

Mr. Alvarez stated every year Watermaster issues assessments which are done normally in the month of November. However, due to several issues, staff is asking for an extension of time. Ms. Maurizio stated it has been the practice over the last few years to bring the Assessment Package forward in the month of October and then send out the invoices in November. However, there are a lot of outstanding issues right now and it wasn't possible to get it done in October. Ms. Maurizio stated it appears it will take a couple more months for the issues to be resolved – the current issues are the 85/15 Rule and how Watermaster is going to handle preemptive replenishment. Those two items will affect the dollar side of the Assessment Package. Ms. Maurizio stated there are a couple of other outstanding issues - Watermaster is taking a different detailed look at supplemental storage accounts to make sure we are within the 100,000 acre-foot cap, and then there is a new issue that has been raised between Aqua Capital Management and California Steel Industries water rights; those don't affect the dollars of the Assessment Package but they do affect what goes into the Assessment Package since staff does track all storage accounts through the Assessment Package. Ms. Maurizio stated Watermaster is at a point where the Assessment Package needs to be deferred. The past precedent that was set a few years ago was to collect 50% of last year's assessments now so that Watermaster has operating funds on hand because there are not a lot of reserves. Ms. Maurizio stated at the Appropriative Pool meeting which took place prior to this meeting, they decided to table the issue for a month and also asked staff for alternative suggestions. Ms. Maurizio stated the Appropriative Pool also asked staff to provide a report at the next Advisory Committee and then bring it back through the Watermaster process next month. Ms. Maurizio stated the Non-Agricultural Pool tabled the matter until next month. Mr. Koopman inquired if one of the problems with the assessments was because of the lawsuit between Aqua Capital Management and California Steel Industries. Ms. Maurizio stated that is a problem because of water rights. Mr. Koopman stated that could take years to resolve and Watermaster can't stall the Assessment Package until that matter is settled. Ms. Maurizio offered further comment with this regard. Mr. Pierson offered comment on this matter. Ms. Novak inquired as to the effect to Watermaster if the Assessment Package is delayed and offered further comment on this matter. Mr. Alvarez stated Watermaster has a couple months that we don't need the money, but it is not an indefinite period of time. This will be reviewed and brought back next week per the request of the Appropriative Pool. A discussion regarding Watermaster finances ensued.

# C. YEAR 3 PURCHASE OF NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL STORED WATER (Information Only) Mr. Joswiak referenced the staff report on page 89 of the meeting package. Mr. Joswiak stated this is a standard item that Watermaster has done each year for the past few years, and noted this is the third of the fourth payments due which is done for the Non-Agricultural Pool water purchased. Mr. Joswiak stated payment number three is going to be \$2,377,249.88 and referenced the chart on page 91 of the meeting package which shows how the calculation as it

applies to the Appropriators. Mr. Joswiak noted per the Peace Agreement Attachment G, it states the first anniversary date of when the first payment was made locks in the payment date for all future payments on a going forward basis and then the payment needs to be made on or before that anniversary date. Mr. Joswiak reminded the parties that the money needs to be in the Watermaster account prior to the payment which is scheduled for January 13, 2011. Mr. Joswiak stated it was brought to staff's attention that Watermaster was using the incorrect production data and he explained this matter in detail. Mr. Koopman inquired if the checks have been cashed for the other payments made. Mr. Joswiak stated all of the checks have been cashed with the exception of California Steel Industries (CSI), who cashed their check but gave Watermaster the money back. Mr. Joswiak noted CSI kept the funds from the first payment.

#### D. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT REPLENISHMENT WATER POLICY PRESENTATION

Mr. Alvarez gave the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Replenishment Water Program presentation which included History, MWD's Administrative Code, Historical MWD Rates, Reversing a Commitment, MWD Proposal Key Principles, Key Development Principles, Where MWD Replenishment is Headed, and MWD Proposed Program in detail. Mr. Alvarez discussed one of the MWD slides, and discussed the possibility of purchasing replenishment water seven years in advance as water is going to be available three out of ten years, which is going to significantly affect cash flow here at Watermaster. The parties are going to have to come up with a way to finance that water. Mr. Koopman asked how this new information is going to work in conjunction with the reoperation of the basin, and if it appears this is going to increase the future cost of water. Mr. Alvarez stated this is going to be a real challenge and staff is going to have to look at alternative supplies. Mr. Koopman inquired if Watermaster is going to re-look at reoperation if something like what was presented comes to pass. Mr. Alvarez stated Watermaster may have to look at reoperation and it is going to be tough to change course as there are a lot of implications; this is one of those things that requires a lot of thought. Mr. Alvarez stated once MWD finalizes this, Watermaster will have more information as to which way to go. Mr. Alvarez offered final comment on MWD's financial stability and noted he believes it would be worthwhile to try to get a quantitative estimate; it would behoove us to have a study done now. Mr. Alvarez stated he has been meeting with MWD staff and this has been pointed out to them, and they have said they think an economic study might be worthwhile. Mr. Alvarez stated he thinks we should all get together to help fund that study and that MWD be part of this endeavor; it is not a short term study, it may take may over a year to complete. Mr. Koopman inquired when MWD was going to finalize this. Mr. Alvarez stated the schedule right now is that this will be moving through the MWD process and be presented to the MWD board in December. Mr. Alvarez stated the Policy Principals suggested in the presentation today will be the ones the MWD board is going to adopt, and they are going to adopt this framework in a skeletal basis like this, with the details to be flushed out. A lengthy discussion regarding this matter ensued. Mr. Vanden Heuvel thanked Mr. Alvarez for the presentation. Mr. Vanden Heuvel stated it appears we have been operating and built this basin on a premise that we would have replenishment water available to us and MWD is making it pretty clear they are going to be going in a different direction. Mr. Vanden Heuvel inquired as the MWD member agencies react to this, has there been any discussion on this matter. Mr. Vanden Heuvel offered further comments on MWD and their supply, or lack of, economically supplied replenishment water. Mr. Hofer inquired about one of the MWD Principals page slides and offered his understanding of what equity means. Mr. Hofer asked that copies of this presentation be made available. Mr. Alvarez stated it is available on the Watermaster ftp site and hardcopies will be made available to any party that requests one. Mr. Koopman offered final comment on this matter and noted it appears Watermaster, on behalf of this Basin, is going to have to look at alternative water supply sources. Chair Feenstra offered comment on Mr. Kightlinger's attendance at a breakfast at IEUA. Chair Feenstra asked that Ms. Egoscue keep a close eye on this matter. Mr. Durrington offered final comments regarding obtaining needed water. Chair Feenstra offered final comments on this matter.

#### E. STATE OF THE BASIN REPORT – WATER QUALITY PRESENTATION (Information Only)

Mr. LeClaire gave the Groundwater Quality - 2010 State of the Basin Briefing Part 2 presentation. The primary concerns of the SOB are groundwater levels, storage, subsidence, and water quality. At the last set of pool meetings Mark Wildermuth provided a summary of groundwater levels and storage. Today, we will briefly address groundwater quality. Mr. LeClaire stated in 1999 the Comprehensive Monitoring Program initiated the systematic sampling of private wells south of State Route 60 in the Chino Basin. Over a three-year period, Watermaster sampled all available wells at least twice to develop a robust baseline data set. As we'll discuss later their robust data set turned out to be a wise investment. This program has since been reduced to approximately 110 private key wells, and about one-third of these wells are sampled every other year. Mr. LeClaire reviewed several groundwater quality maps in detail. Mr. LeClaire stated it is not surprising that we have high concentrations of TDS and nitrate south of the 60 freeway. As Mark explained last month, there was a significant pumping depression in the agricultural preserve. As we've spoken about before, a feedback loop was developed. Consumptive use causes an increase in the concentration of salts and the cycle repeats. Mr. LeClaire stated we have the following TCE plumes in Chino Basin: GE Flat Iron, GE Test Cell, Archibald South, Milliken Landfill, Chino Airport, Crown Coach, and Stringfellow. The CIM plume is a PCE plume, with some of the PCE degrading to TCE. Note that perchlorate, which is an ion, has migrated further than TCE. TCE absorbs and desorbs from soil organic matter and has a retardation coefficient of about 2, which means that its relative velocity is about half that of groundwater. Mr. LeClaire stated on September 28, 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its Toxicological Review of Trichloroethylene (TCE) (EPA/635/R-09/011F). In this publication the EPA for the first time classified TCE as a human carcinogen regardless of the route of exposure. Prior to this the EPA classified TCE only as a "possible human carcinogen." (TCE) - MCL = 5 ppb; DLR = 0.5 ppb; PHG = 1.7 ppb. Health and Safety Code §116365(g) requires the Department, at least once every five years to review its MCLs. In this review, CDPH's MCLs are to be consistent with criteria of §116365(a) and (b). These criteria state that the MCLs cannot be less stringent than federal MCLs, and must be as close as is technically and economically feasible to the public health goals (PHGs) established by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). Consistent with those criteria, CDPH is to amend any standard if any of the following occur: (1) Changes in technology or treatment techniques that permit a materially greater protection of public health or attainment of the PHG, or (2) New scientific evidence indicates that the substance may present a materially different risk to public health than was previously determined. Mr. LeClaire stated each year by March 1, CDPH is to identify each MCL it intends to review that year. Mr. LeClaire stated robust data allowed Watermaster to convince the County that the Chino Airport's plume source was the airport. Mr. LeClaire stated 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) was used historically as a paint and varnish remover, cleaning and degreasing agent, and a cleaning and maintenance solvent, and more currently as a chemical intermediate (NTP, 2005). Its use as a pesticide was in formulations with dichloropropenes in the manufacture of D-D, a soil fumigant. Mr. LeClaire stated perchlorate is a regulated drinking water contaminant in California, with a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 6 micrograms per liter (µg/L). The MCL became effective October 2007. In January 2011 OEHHA released a draft technical support document for a 1-µg/L PHG for perchlorate for public comment. Mr. LeClaire stated on July 27, 2011, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) established a public health goal (PHG) for chromium-6 (hexavalent chromium) of 0.02 micrograms per liter (µg/L). Mr. LeClaire stated the PHG will contribute to CDPH's development of a primary drinking water standard (maximum contaminant level, MCL) that is specific for chromium-6. Mr. Durrington inquired about the snow pack melting and the possibility of it flushing out some of the contaminants. A discussion regarding Mr. Durrington's comments and concerns ensued. Chair Feenstra noted this matter will be discussed during the closed session today.

#### III. REPORTS/UPDATES

#### A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

#### 1. October 28 Hearing

Counsel Fife stated there is a hearing scheduled for October 28, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. The main subject will be the CDA Resolution and the approval of that resolution. The pleading which was filed is available on the back table without the exhibits because they are very lengthy; they are on the Watermaster ftp site if needed. Counsel Fife stated the main subject is going to be the CDA Desalter Resolution. Counsel Fife stated in preparation for this meeting, Watermaster took on the duty to notify the private well owners, in what is being called the Zone of Influence of the desalters, about the proceedings and Mitigation Plan. Counsel Fife stated counsel is currently going through the preparation of testimony and a conference call is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; if any party is interested they can join the call. Counsel Fife stated Mr. Malone will be Watermaster's only live witness, which will be an educational opportunity for the Judge. Counsel Fife stated all items are on track for this hearing. Counsel Fife stated last week letters went out to everyone that was identified as being within the Zone of Influence, which included the owners and the users of the active wells, inactive wells, and the abandoned wells, and notified them of this matter, a copy of the Mitigation Emergency Response Plan was also included. They were also given the phone numbers for Mr. Paxton, Mr. Alvarez, and Mr. Feenstra. Counsel Fife stated the letter encouraged them to call them if they had any questions, and the letter also suggested that they might consider consulting an attorney because this matter has legal consequences. Counsel Fife stated a special outreach by way of phone calls was made by Mr. Paxton for the people who appeared to own several wells. Counsel Fife stated there have been calls received from the letter sent out. Counsel Fife stated all of this information will be put into declarations which will be submitted to the court so that the court can see the efforts that were made to contact the private well owners. Chair Feenstra noted he received some phone calls with this regard. Chair Feenstra stated during his meeting this week with Mr. Paxton, he ensured him that there will be cooperation in every way possible as this moves forward. Chair Feenstra offered comment on the funding of this project and noted it has not been done so far. Mr. Paxton agreed that the funding has not been accomplished yet as far as the cleanup of the plumes; this is still going on through discussions.

#### 2. Paragraph 31 Appeal

Counsel Fife stated California Steel Industries (CSI) asked for an extension of time to file their reply brief and it was granted by the court. Counsel Fife stated CSI now has until October 28<sup>th</sup> to file their reply brief. Counsel Fife stated there are settlement discussions taking place and noted more on this subject will be discussed during closed session.

### Added: 3. <u>Litigation between Aqua Capital Management and California Steel Industries</u>

Counsel Fife stated this was not on the original agenda because staff and counsel were just made aware of this litigation yesterday. Counsel Fife stated Aqua Capital Management (ACM) has filed a lawsuit against CSI about the water rights agreement that they have. Counsel Fife stated ACM has filed this as a separate lawsuit and it has been filed in San Bernardino Superior Court. Hopefully the presiding Judge will see the connection to the adjudication and assign it to Judge Reichert. If not, Watermaster might have to go through some process with this. Counsel Fife noted there is a copy of the complaint on the back table for reference. Counsel Fife stated there will be more information on this item at the Advisory Committee meeting next week. A discussion regarding this matter ensued.

#### **B. AGRICULTURAL POOL LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE**

Ms. Egoscue stated she will save the majority of her report for closed session. Ms. Egoscue stated she reviewed in consultation with Chair Feenstra the motion for approval on the CDA Resolution, and worked very cooperatively with Watermaster counsel on this matter. Ms. Egoscue stated she really appreciated both the Watermaster counsel and staff for the leadership that they showed in response to the Agricultural Pool's concerns regarding the legal report and the legal matter. Ms. Egoscue stated the October 6, 2011 letter was a direct result of

our work and contains some really good language that the Agricultural Pool feels has brought the notice to the community that this Pool expressed was so important at the last meeting. Ms. Egoscue stated this was the primary purpose of her report and the remainder will be discussed in closed session.

#### C. WATERMASTER ENGINEERING REPORT

#### 1. Chino Creek Well Field Extensometer Installation Update

Mr. Alvarez stated the Peace II SEIR and some of the monitoring and mitigation requirements with regard to the potential for subsidence associated particularly with the Chino Creek Wellfield, requires that an extensometer be built in the vicinity of that Chino Creek Wellfield. Mr. Alvarez stated Wildermuth Environmental is attempting to install hat extensometer facility this fiscal year. Mr. Alvarez stated the stage that process is in right now is that technical specifications have been developed and have identified some target properties that the extensometer might be installed at. Mr. Alvarez offered comment on the target properties. Mr. Alvarez stated it is hoped to secure a piece of property and piggyback onto the well drilling contract that the CDA has right now to drill their last three Chino Creek Desalter Wellfield wells, and do a change order there. Mr. Alvarez stated Wildermuth staff is working with the CDA with this regard and there will have to be a cost sharing agreement, which will come through the Watermaster process in the future.

#### D. CEO/STAFF REPORT

#### 1. Recharge (Supplemental Water Purchase/Allocation/Storage Agreements) Update

Mr. Alvarez presented the history of MWD making the replenishment water available for purchase recently, and what has transpired at Watermaster since the availability of water was made in May. Mr. Alvarez stated Watermaster has received a total 33,175.5 acre-feet of the MWD replenishment water, which will be subject to adjustments and the number will not be finalized for several weeks. Mr. Alvarez stated the breakdown for that water is as follows: through the recharge basins 32,105.5 acre-feet, through direct injection 1,074 acrefeet, and through in lieu 1,466.7 acre-feet were recharged. Mr. Alvarez offered comment on the payment of the MWD water and noted 26,000 acre-feet went through Preemptive Storage Agreements with Fontana Water Company (FWC) in the amount 20,000 acre-feet and Niagara Bottling Company (NBC) in the amount of 6,000 acre-feet. Mr. Alvarez stated the Preemptive Storage Agreements limit the water for use only for replenishment purposes and it cannot be traded or sold. Mr. Alvarez stated there are a series of Preemptive Replenishment Agreements that are separate and different from Storage Agreements. Mr. Alvarez stated one of these agreements was finalized with the City of Chino for 1,420 acre-feet of water and two other agreements are pending with Jurupa Community Services District for 2,300 acre-feet of water, and the remainder amount of water will be with an agreement with Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA). Mr. Alvarez offered final comments regarding this matter.

#### 2. Archibald South Plume Update

Mr. Alvarez stated this was one of the items in the Watermaster work plan this year in terms of doing some better quantification. Mr. Alvarez stated staff been instructed to go out and do some additional water quality samples and some of those results are in; there is an exhibit map shown on the display screen. Mr. Alvarez reviewed the map where the testing locations were and gave the water quality test results, noting the results were provided to Kurt Berchtold at the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel asked for specific street names and Mr. Alvarez reviewed that request. A discussion regarding the location mentioned ensued. Mr. Alvarez stated as part of this program there are ten additional locations that were identified and are mostly on the westerly side of the plume, where most of the sampling was being performed. Mr. Alvarez commented on the locations that were non-accessible at the time of testing and noted staff is working with Chair Feenstra on some of these locations to obtain access, and with the residents at the locations that people were not available on that particular date and time. Chair Feenstra stated two of the last remaining five have already agreed to allow Watermaster staff to go in and sample;

this will be discussed in greater detail at the closed session today. Chair Feenstra stated the property owners are taking the testing on their properties very seriously. Mr. Koopman offered comment on the outfall of RP1 which is possibly close to the county line. Mr. Koopman stated it is very important to sample at the end of that outfall because if the source is truly RP1, TCE should be found in some kind of quantity. Chair Feenstra offered comment regarding Mr. Koopmans's comment and the history of this matter. Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel inquired to Mr. Burton about the pipe being at the county line. A lengthy discussion regarding where the pipe is located ensued. Mr. Feenstra offered further comment on this matter. Mr. Koopman inquired have all wells that have more than 5 ppb been identified that are being used for domestic use and is there a process started to make sure they are getting on potable water. Mr. Alvarez stated he is not positive all have been identified; however, there has been an effort to identify as many as possible. Mr. Koopman stated we owe that to them to make sure than anyone that's using water within that plume for domestic uses has an alternative supply. Ms. Maurizio stated the ABGL Group made an effort to supply tanks and/or bottled water to some of those people. Ms. Maurizio stated for as long as she has been here, staff has wanted to release water quality results to owners and users because they have asked for them, and our answer has always been that we can only provide to the owners because the Agricultural Pool will not allow us to release it to the users. Mr. Koopman stated it is the well sites for the plume area and the names of all the well users within that plume. Ms. Maurizio stated Watermaster is not allowed to notify them. Mr. Koopman inquired how ABGL Group decided which dairies or facilities got the alternative water supply. Ms. Maurizio stated the ABGL Group did their own testing. Mr. Koopman stated that is unacceptable. Chair Feenstra stated we are going to go into closed session with this regard. Chair Feenstra thanked Mr. El-Amamy and Mr. Burton for the meeting yesterday and noted that Mr. Feenstra is talking about is the same thing Mr. Burton is talking about. Chair Feenstra offered further comment on moving forward on the whole Archibald South Plume.

#### IV. INFORMATION

- <u>Cash Disbursements for September 2011</u>
   No comment was made.
- Newspaper Articles
   No comment was made.

#### V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

No comment was made.

#### VI. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

Mr. Alvarez noted there has been a change made to the November Watermaster Board meeting date due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday schedule, and to please note the new date of November 17, 2011 which will be on the same day as the Advisory Committee meeting.

The regular open Agricultural Pool meeting was convened to hold its confidential session at 2:30 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 3:15 p.m.

No action was reported.

# VIII. <u>FUTURE MEETINGS</u>

Thursday, October 13, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative Pool Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, October 13, 2011	11:00 a.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Conference Call Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2011	1:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, October 20, 2011	8:00 a.m.	IEUA DYY Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, October 20, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, October 20, 2011	11:00 a.m.	Land Subsidence Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, October 27, 2011	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, October 27, 2011	2:00 p.m.	2012 Groundwater Model Workshop/Planning
		Assumptions @ CBWM
Friday, October 28, 2011	10:30 a.m.	Watermaster Court Hearing @ Chino Court
Thursday, November 10, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative Pool Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, November 10, 2011	11:00 a.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Conference Call Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2011	1:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, November 17, 2011	8:00 a.m.	IEUA DYY Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, November 17, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
* Thursday, November 17, 2011	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Watermaster Board meeting date change due to the Thanksgiving holiday

Chair Feenstra dismissed the Agricultural Pool meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Secretary:
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Minutes Approved: November 10, 2011