

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING

February 8, 2018

The Agricultural Pool meeting was held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA on February 8, 2018.

AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Pete Hall	State of California – CIM
Lawrence Dimock	State of California – CIM
John Huitsing	Dairy
Carol Boyd	State of California – CIM
Bob Page	County of San Bernardino
Ronald Pietersma	Dairy

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Paul Hofer	Crops
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WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Edgar Tellez Foster	Senior Environmental Engineer
Anna Truong	Executive Services Director/Board Clerk
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Senior Associate

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Blomquist	Indiana University
Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group
Richard Rees	AMEC

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed Mr. Blomquist, who was in attendance in the audience.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Annual Agricultural Pool Meeting held on January 11, 2018
2. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Special Meeting held on January 22, 2018

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of December 2017
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of December 2017
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

C. CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENTS

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend the Watermaster Board to approve the storage agreements as presented.

D. WATER TRANSACTIONS

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transactions:

1. The purchase of 4.375 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company by CalMat Co. This purchase is made from San Antonio Water Company's Excess Carryover Account. CalMat Co. is utilizing this transaction to produce its San Antonio Water Company shares. Date of application: December 19, 2017.
2. The transfer of 4.000 acre-feet of water from CalMat Co. to NCL Co., LLC. This transfer is made from CalMat Co.'s Local Supplemental Storage Account. Date of application: December 19, 2017.

(0:01:01)

*Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. John Huitsing, and by unanimous vote
Moved to approve Consent Calendar as presented.*

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. January 12, 2018 Hearing
2. Appeal of April 28, 2017 Order
3. 40th Annual Report Court Filing

(0:02:32) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER REPORT

1. Storage Framework Workshop
2. 2018 RMPU
3. Salinity Management
4. Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Program
5. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee
6. Other Efforts

(0:09:36) Mr. Malone gave a report and made comments regarding the best management practices for SGMA, request to extend water rights diversion permits with the help of Watermaster counsel, ongoing work with Inland Empire Utilities Agency on grant assistance for the Jurupa/Wineville RMPU Implementation Project, and the Semi-Annual Status Reports that are included in this month's Information section of Watermaster's meeting packages. A discussion ensued.

(0:17:55) Mr. Pietersma joined the meeting

C. CFO REPORT

1. Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget Schedule

(0:36:59) Mr. Kavounas gave a report in Mr. Joswiak's absence. A discussion ensued.

D. GM REPORT

1. January 2018 GM Report Items
2. SGMA Update on Fringe Areas and Annual Filing
3. RMPU Process
4. Storage in Chino Basin

5. Other

(0:40:22) Mr. Kavounas announced that a few items from the January 2018 GM Report were skipped due to time constraints, and reported on those, which was the replenishment water purchase, and introduced Mr. Tellez Foster to give a presentation regarding well preservation strategy. A discussion ensued.

(0:56:35) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a presentation on Item III.D.2., the SGMA Update. A discussion ensued.

(1:12:22) Mr. Kavounas gave reports on Items III.D.3. and III.D.4., and announced that the Groundwater Recharge Coordinating Committee meeting date changed from February 27, 2018 to March 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. He also reported that Marty Zvirbulis has had a meeting with the City of Rancho Cucamonga, and the City currently has no plans to move forward with acquisition of the property that Watermaster currently occupies. In light of that information, Watermaster plans to stay at the current location and will be working with furniture dealers to enhance the functionality of the current office space with used furniture. A discussion ensued.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Cash Disbursements for January 2018
2. Recharge Investigations and Projects Committee (RIPCom)
3. Ground-Level Monitoring Status Report (Semi-Annual)
4. South Archibald and Chino Airport Plumes Status Reports (Semi-Annual)
5. RMPU Status Report (Semi-Annual)
6. Santa Ana River Watershed Status Report (Semi-Annual)

V. POOL DISCUSSION

1. Chairman's Update
2. Pool Member Comments
3. Prior Month's Compensation Form

(1:16:51) Mr. Hall announced that Mr. David Huskey, a prior alternate for the State, suffered a stroke and passed away unexpectedly last Saturday. A discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Feenstra called for a confidential session at 2:49 p.m. to discuss the Appeal of April 28, 2017 Order and Storage Framework Workshop. Ms. Egoscue announced that confidential session concluded at 3:40 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Feenstra adjourned the Agricultural Pool meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ April 12, 2018