MINUTES CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING

April 12, 2018

The Agricultural Pool meeting was held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA on April 12, 2018.

AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Feenstra, Chair Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair Crops

Bob Page County of San Bernardino
Pete Hall State of California – CIM
Lawrence Dimock State of California – CIM

Henry De Haan Dairy
John Huitsing Dairy
Ronald Pietersma Dairy

Carol Boyd State of California – CIM

Nathan deBoom Dairy
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel Dairy
Ron LaBrucherie, Jr. Crops

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Paul Hofer Crops

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas General Manager
Joseph Joswiak Chief Financial Officer

Edgar Tellez Foster Senior Environmental Engineer

Anna Truong Executive Services Director/Board Clerk

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Brad Herrema Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

Andy Malone Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Frederick State of California – DOC

Richard Rees AMEC

Tracy Egoscue Law Group

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

(0:00:12) Chair Feenstra announced that the Pool will take Confidential Session after the Consent Calendar.

(0:00:45) Mr. Kavounas suggested that the Pool take Confidential Session after Business Items since the item will be brief. The Pool was amenable to the suggestion.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Meeting held on February 8, 2018
- 2. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Special Meeting held on March 8, 2018

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of February 2018

- 2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of February 2018
- 3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018
- 4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018
- 5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018

C. WATER TRANSACTIONS

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

- 1. Notice of Sale or Transfer The transfer of 2,500.000 acre-feet of water from City of Pomona to Fontana Water Company. This transfer is made from City of Pomona's Excess Carryover Account. Date of application: February 20, 2018.
- 2. The transfer of 62.086 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to City of Ontario. This transfer is made from San Antonio Water Company's Local Supplemental Storage Account. Date of application: March 1, 2018.
- 3. The transfer of 9.000 acre-feet of water from Nicholson Trust to Fontana Water Company. This transfer is made from Nicholson Trust's Annual Production Right/Operating Safe Yield. Date of application: March 18, 2018.

(0:01:47)

Motion by Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, seconded by Ms. Carol Boyd, and by unanimous vote **Moved to approve Consent Calendar as presented.**

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM A-18-03-01

Recommend Advisory Committee approve the Budget Amendment Form A-18-03-01 for FY 2017/18 in the amount of \$392,216 for the increased costs associated with the (1) Engineering Services Storage Management project; and (2) the SCADA Installation, Monitoring and Reimbursement Letter Agreement between Watermaster, Monte Vista Water District, and Wildermuth Environmental, Inc., effective September 28, 2017, as presented.

(0:02:21) Mr. Joswiak gave a report

(0:02:55)

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, and by unanimous vote **Moved to approve Business Item II.A. as presented.**

B. OLD BUSINESS

None

(0:03:30) The Pool went into Confidential Session.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

- 1. Appeal of April 28, 2017 Order
- 2. May 25, 2018 Court Hearing

(0:05:02) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:06:43) Chair Feenstra stated that the Agricultural Pool objects to the May 25, 2018 Court Hearing, and Vice-Chair Pierson thinks live testimony may be harmful to the Watermaster at this time.

(0:07:37) Mr. Herrema recommended that he, Ms. Egoscue, and the Agricultural Pool leadership meet to discuss any concerns regarding what Judge Reichert has asked of Watermaster. Further discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER REPORT

- 1. Storage Framework
- 2. 2018 RMPU
- 3. Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Program
- 4. Ground-Level Monitoring Program
- 5. SGMA Annual Filing

(0:17:00) Mr. Malone gave a report. A discussion ensued.

C. CFO REPORT

1. Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget

(0:26:12) Mr. Joswiak gave a report. A discussion ensued.

D. GM REPORT

- 1. State Board Annual Filing of Diversion Permits
- 2. SGMA Implementation Update
- 3. Other

(0:33:28) Mr. Kavounas introduced Mr. Tellez Foster to give a report on Item III.D.1.

(0:34:41) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on Item III.D.2. and announced that Watermaster will be hosting, and will notice, the OBMP Update Scope/Schedule Workshop on April 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. He also reported that the RIPCom meeting on April 19, 2018 will address grant funding which may result in possible decisions needed by the Pools. Mr. Kavounas announced that the *Journal of Water* printed an article regarding water transactions within the Chino Basin, and the article was available as a handout. Lastly, Mr. Kavounas announced that on June 3, 2018 Watermaster staff will be participating in the Climb for Heroes fundraiser to hike up Mt. Baldy with a goal to raise \$1,000, and invited interested parties to join the hike or donate. A discussion ensued.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Cash Disbursements for March 2018

V. POOL DISCUSSION

- 1. Chairman's Update
- 2. Pool Member Comments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Feenstra called for a confidential session at 1:38 p.m. to discuss the Appeal of April 28, 2017 Order, May 25, 2018 Court Hearing, and Storage. Ms. Egoscue announced that the confidential session concluded at 2:42 p.m. with the following reportable action:

(0:03:49) Mr. Ron LaBrucherie, Jr. joined the meeting during confidential session.

 The Agricultural Pool will file a reply to the respondent, City of Chino's opposition to second motion to identify Chino Basin Watermaster Overlying Agricultural Pool Committee as a party and respondent.

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Ron Pietersma, and by unanimous vote **Moved to approve action described above.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Feenstra adjourned the Agricultural Pool meeting at 3:23 p.m.

		Secretary:
Approved:	May 11, 2018	