

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

June 10, 2021

The Agricultural Pool Committee meeting was held via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on June 10, 2021.

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON CALL

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Ron LaBrucherie, Jr.	Crops
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Henry DeHaan	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Ron Pietersma	Dairy
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel	Dairy
Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino
Pete Hall	State of California – CIM
Marilyn Levin for Carol Boyd	State of California – DOJ

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON CALL

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Water Resources Senior Associate
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Vanessa Aldaz	Administrative Assistant

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON CALL

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost
Lucy Hedley	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL

Gino Filippi	Crops
Paul Hofer	Crops
Ruben Llamas	Crops
Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Richard Rees	Wood plc

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool Committee meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

(0:00:15) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

The Pool went into Confidential Session directly following Consent Calendar.

(0:01:00) Chair Feenstra addressed the passing of Don Galleano.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Note: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to voting unless any members, staff, or the public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

A. MINUTES

Approve as presented:

1. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting held May 13, 2021

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of April 2021
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of April 2021
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021
6. Cash Disbursements for May 2021 (Information Only)

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction:

The purchase of 6.5 acre-feet of water from Nicholson Family Trust-Exempt Marital Trust by Fontana Water Company. This purchase is made from Nicholson Family Trust-Exempt Marital Trust's Annual Production Right/Operating Safe Yield.

D. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY

Recommend to Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve San Antonio Water Company's Application for Recharge and direct Watermaster staff to account for this supplemental water recharged in San Antonio Water Company's existing Local Supplemental Storage account.

(0:04:27) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Ron LaBrucherie, and passed by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

The Pool went into Confidential Session directly following Consent Calendar.

(0:07:20) Ms. Nelson conducted another roll call following Confidential Session and announced that a quorum was present.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (FORM A-21-07-01)

1. Recommend Advisory Committee approve the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Amendment for the Safe Yield Reset methodology evaluation; and
2. Recommend Advisory Committee approve the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Amendment for the scope recommended by the GLMC.

(0:09:13) Mr. Kavounas gave a presentation.

(0:30:25) Vice-Chair Pierson introduced a motion; there being no support the motion was retracted. No action was taken.

B. POOL BUDGET PROCESS, APPROVALS, AND INVOICING

Provide direction to Watermaster staff.

(0:34:38) Mr. Kavounas introduced the item and Mr. Joswiak, who gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

No action was taken.

C. REFUND OF PRIOR ASSESSED RECHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to provide direction to Watermaster staff regarding the carry-over monies for the previously assessed Recharge Improvement Projects Funds of \$1,234,582.42.

(0:42:10) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

No action was taken.

D. 2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Recommend Advisory Committee to recommend the Watermaster Board to receive and file.

(0:45:15) Mr. Malone gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(1:11:10) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, and passed by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to recommend to Advisory Committee to recommend the Watermaster Board to receive and file.

E. AGRICULTURAL POOL WELL TAX (DISCUSSION ONLY)

This item is for discussion only.

A discussion ensued.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. May 28, 2021 Hearing
3. June 25, 2021 Hearing
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(1:13:10) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. 2020 State of the Basin: Groundwater Quality

(1:16:45) Mr. Malone offered to give a presentation; the Pool deferred the presentation to next week's Advisory Committee meeting.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Audit of Recharge O&M Expenses
2. FY 2020/21 Ongoing Auditing Activity by Fedak & Brown, LLP

(1:18:27) Mr. Joswiak gave a report. A discussion ensued.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Expenses Paid by Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool
2. Other

(1:24:57) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

IV. POOL DISCUSSION

1. Chairman's Update
2. Pool Member Comments

(1:26:30) Mr. Vanden Heuvel commented on Dr. Blomquist's recently completed book titled *The Realities of Adaptive Groundwater Management-- Chino Basin, California*, and asked about the possibility of placing an order to make the books available to the Pool. A discussion ensued.

(1:31:10) Chair Feenstra commented on and thanked Ms. Egoscue for her services. He also thanked Mr. Pietersma, Vice-Chair Pierson, and Mr. Hofer for their recent efforts.

(1:32:00) Thoughts about the late Don Galleano were shared by various members of the Pool.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

A Confidential Session may be held during the Pool Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

Chair Feenstra called for a Confidential Session at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. May 28, 2021 Hearing
2. Storage Contest

Confidential session concluded at 2:50 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Feenstra adjourned the Agricultural Pool Committee meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ July 8, 2021

Attachments:

1. 20210610 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar and Business Item II.D.

Attachment 1 to 20210610 Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2021 Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar	Business Item II.D.
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron*		yes	
	Llamas, Ruben*		yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		yes	yes
deBoom, Nathan		yes	yes
DeHaan, Henry		yes	yes
Huitsing, John		yes	yes
Pietersma, Ron		yes	yes
Vanden Heuvel, Geoffrey		yes	yes
Raughley, Steven		yes	yes
Boyd, Carol			
	Levin, Marilyn	yes	yes
Hall, Pete		yes	yes
Feenstra, Bob, Chair		yes	yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously by those present	Passed Unanimously by those present

*Mr. LaBrucherie Jr. was replaced by Mr. Llamas after Confidential Session.