# MINUTES CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 10, 2022

The Agricultural Pool committee meeting was held via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on February 10, 2022.

#### AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Steven Raughley County of San Bernardino

Ron LaBrucherie, Jr.

Nathan deBoom

Henry DeHaan

John Huitsing

Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel

Crops

Dairy

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Larry Cain State of California – CDCR
Jimmy Medrano State of California – CIM

# WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Kuhn Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Mike Gardner Western Municipal Water District

# **WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Kavounas General Manager
Joseph Joswiak Chief Financial Officer

Edgar Tellez Foster Water Resources Mgmt. and Planning Dir.

Anna Nelson Director of Administration

Justin Nakano Water Resources Technical Manager

Frank Yoo Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.

Janine Wilson Senior Accountant
Ruby Favela Administrative Assistant

#### WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Brad Herrema Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

Garrett Rapp West Yost

# **OTHERS PRESENT**

Gino Filippi Crops

Tracy Egoscue Egoscue Law Group, Inc.

Marilyn Levin State of California – DOJ

Diana Frederick State of California – CIM

Richard Rees Wood plc

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

(0:01:38) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

# **AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

(0:01:38) Vice-Chair Pierson requested the January minutes be pulled for a separate discussion.

# 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 Annual Meeting held on January 13, 2022

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

Receive and file as presented:

- 1. Cash Disbursements for the month of December 2021
- 2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of December 2021
- 3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
- 4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
- 5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
- 6. Cash Disbursements for January 2022 (Information Only)
- (0:04:50) Vice-Chair Pierson requested Ms. Egoscue to provide clarification for the January 13, 2022 minutes. Ms. Egoscue provided the following edits:
  - <u>I.B. Annual Elections:</u> The motion was made by Mr. Pierson and seconded by Mr. De Haan to nominate Mr. Feenstra as the 2022 Chair of the Agricultural Pool.
  - I.D. Calendar Year 2022 Agricultural Pool Member Appointed to Serve as Advisory Committee Officer: The minutes should reflect that 2022 Agricultural Pool assignment to the Advisory Committee is Second Vice-Chair.
- (0:06:46) Mr. Raughley raised a question on page 73 of financial report B.5. Mr. Joswiak will reach out to Mr. Raughley to answer questions after the meeting. A discussion ensued.
- (0:08:33) Motion by Vice-Chair Pierson, seconded by Mr. Raughley and passed by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the amendments to Item I.A.1. and follow-up on financial report I.B.5. as presented

# II. BUSINESS ITEMS

# A. OLD BUSINESS

None

#### III. REPORTS/UPDATES

#### A. LEGAL COUNSEL

- 1. San Bernardino Superior Court Emergency Order
- 2. February 4, 2022 Hearing
- 3. April 8, 2022 Hearing
- 4. Evergreen Storage Agreements
- 5. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit
- (0:11:42) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

#### **B. ENGINEER**

- 1. Safe Yield Data Collection and Evaluation Update
- 2. GLMC/PBHSP Scope and Budget Process

(0:19:59) Mr. Rapp gave a report. A discussion ensued.

#### C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 1. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Mid-Year Review
- 2. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget Schedule

(0:27:50) Mr. Joswiak gave a presentation and report. A discussion ensued.

#### D. GENERAL MANAGER

- 1. Storage Q&A
- 2. Other

(0:56:19) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on the Storage Q&A and asked Mr. Yoo to give parties a demonstration on the use of importing meetings from the Watermaster calendar. Mr. Yoo also gave a demonstration on how to use Watermaster's data portal on the website. Mr. Kavounas also asked Mr. Nakano to give an update on the Turner Basin and the potential impact on basin recharge. A discussion ensued.

# IV. POOL DISCUSSION

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

# 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.

The Pool convened into Confidential Session at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1. February 4, 2022 Hearing
- 2. Appeal
- 3. Second Ag Pool Production Assessment Letter
- 4. Storage Management

Confidential session concluded at 2:55 p.m. with no reportable action.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Feenstra adjourned the Agricultural Pool committee meeting at 4:15 p.m.

		Secretary:	P. Kanon
Approved:	March 10, 2022		

#### Attachments:

1. 20220210 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar

# **Attachment 1**

# 20220210 Roll Call Vote Outcome for the Consent Calendar

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar
Cain, Larry		Yes
deBoom, Nathan		Yes
DeHaan, Henry		Yes
Levin, Marilyn*		Yes
Huitsing, John		Yes
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy Pierson,		Yes
Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Pietersma, Ron Raughley,		Yes
Steven Vanden Heuvel,		Yes
Geoffrey Feenstra, Bob,		Yes
Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously by those present

<sup>\*</sup>Alternate for Pete Hall