

**MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 9, 2022

The Agricultural Pool committee meeting was held at the Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA., and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on June 9, 2022.

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino
Ruben Llamas for Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Marilyn Levin for Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CIM

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Gino Filippi	Crops
Ron LaBrucherie, Jr.	Crops
Henry DeHaan	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Ron Pietersma	Dairy
Larry Cain	State of California – CDCR
Pete Hall	State of California – CIM

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District
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WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

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.
Denise Morales	Executive Assistant II/Board Clerk
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
David Huynh	Senior Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Andy Malone	West Yost
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WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
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OTHERS PRESENT

Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
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OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

William McDonnell	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District
Richard Rees	Wood plc

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool committee meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

(0:00:30) Ms. Morales conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

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 Meeting held on May 12, 2022

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of April 2022
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of April 2022
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period April 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022
6. Cash Disbursements for May 2022 (Information Only)

C. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENTS (ONAP)

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the proposed agreements.

D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

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

The purchase of 4.5 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.

E. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

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

The purchase of 5,000 acre-feet of water from City of Chino by Fontana Water Company. This purchase is made from City of Chino's Excess Carryover Account.

(0:05:11) A roll call vote was taken.

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

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

(0:08:07) Mr. Malone gave a report and a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(0:30:51) A roll call vote was taken
Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Pete Hall and passed by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to approve Business Item II.A., as presented.

B. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino Superior Court Emergency Order.
2. June 17, 2022 Hearing
3. Governor's Executive Order N-7-22
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:32:48) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER

1. Safe Yield Reset Methodology Update

(0:38:42) Mr. Malone gave a report.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. FY 2021/22 Ongoing Auditing Activity by Fedak & Brown, LLP

(0:40:20) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Regional Supply/Drought Update
2. May 26, 2022 Special Board meeting
3. July meeting Schedule
4. Other

(0:42:53) Mr. Tellez Foster invited Mr. William McDonnell of IEUA to report on Item 1. Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report on Item 2 and gave a recap of the special Board workshop held on May 26, 2022. Ms. Nelson gave a report on item 3 informing the Pool that Watermaster plans to be dark in the month of July and that staff is available to assist with any special meetings as needed. She also indicated that at present, there is only one scheduled meeting on July 20, 2022 from 9 am to 12 pm for the Safe Yield Peer-Review Workshop. Under Other, she informed the Pool that the Robert's Rules of Order webinar training is still being finalized and that staff will inform everyone once the date and agenda have been set should they be interested in attending. A discussion ensued.

IV. POOL DISCUSSION

1. Chairman's Update
2. Pool Member Comments

(0:52:30) Chair Feenstra complimented Mr. McDonnell on his report and Mr. Tellez Foster for his quick ramp-up of Judgment and knowledge of the Rules and Regulations, the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, and for the great work at the Watermaster Workshops. He announced to the Pool that in order to reduce costs going forward any concerns or Agricultural Pool questions for Ms. Tracy Egosque need to go through the Chair or Vice-Chair.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

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 2:29 p.m. to hold its strategic planning discussion.

Confidential Session concluded at 3:52 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Feenstra adjourned the Agricultural Pool committee meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Secretary: 

Approved: August 11, 2022

Attachments:

1. 20220609 Agricultural Pool Meeting (Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar)
2. 20220609 Agricultural Pool Meeting (Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.)

ATTACHMENT 1

20220609 Roll Call Vote Outcome for the Consent Calendar

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

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 2

20220609 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A. PBHSC Annual Report

Member	Alternate	Business Item II.A.
Cain, Larry*		Yes
Llamas, Ruben for deBoom, Nathan		Yes
DeHaan, Henry *		Yes
Hall, Pete*		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron**		See below
Levin, Marilyn for Medrano, Jimmy*		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Pietersma, Ron*		Yes
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Vanden Heuvel, Geoffrey		Absent
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously by those present

*Participated via Zoom

**Ron LaBrucherie was having audio problems and did not vote.