

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

November 10, 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 November 10, 2022.

**AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Ron LaBrucherie, Jr.	Crops
Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino
Ruben Llamas	Crops
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Carol Boyd for Tariq Awan	State of California – DOJ
Pete Hall	State of California – CIM
Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CIM

**AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

John Huitsing	Dairy
Henry De Haan	Dairy
Geoff Vanden Heuvel	Dairy

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District
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**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joe 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
Denise Morales	Executive Assistant II/Board Clerk
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
Alex Moore	Administrative Assistant
David Huynh	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

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

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Garrett Rapp	West Yost
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**OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Gino Filippi	Crops
Paul Hofer	Crops
Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Craig Stewart	WSP USA
Marilyn Levin	State of California – DOJ

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool committee meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

(0:00:56) Ms. Morales conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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 October 13, 2022

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

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

**C. ANNUAL FINDING OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECHARGE MASTER PLAN**

Recommend to Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the finding that Watermaster is in substantial compliance with the Recharge Master Plan.

**D. 2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GROUND-LEVEL MONITORING COMMITTEE**

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the 2021/22 Annual Report of the Ground-Level Monitoring Committee, and direct staff to file a copy with the Court.

(0:03:52)

*Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Nathan deBoom, and passed unanimously as attached to these minutes.*

***Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.***

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET AMENDMENT (A-22-11-01) PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR RECHARGE PROJECTS**

Recommend Advisory Committee approval of the Budget Amendment (A-22-11-01) as presented.

(0:05:38) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:10:50)

*Motion by Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, seconded by Mr. Pete Hall, and passed unanimously as attached to these minutes.*

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

**B. FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 BUDGET AMENDMENT (A-22-11-02) FOR TOM DODSON AND ASSOCIATES SERVICES**

Recommend Advisory Committee approval of the Budget Amendment (A-22-11-02) as presented.

(0:12:37) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:19:40)

*Motion by Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, seconded by Vice-Chair Pierson, and passed unanimously as attached to these minutes.*

***Moved to approve Business Item II.B. as presented.***

**C. FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE**

Review Fiscal Year 2022/23 Assessment Package as presented and offer advice to Watermaster.

(0:25:16) Mr. Yoo gave a presentation, a discussion ensued.

(0:42:45) Vice-Chair Pierson recommended moving forward with Business Item II.C. with full support from the Agricultural Pool Committee. No formal action was taken on this item.

**D. RESOLUTION TO LEVY REPLENISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23, BASED ON PRODUCTION YEAR 2021/22**

Review Resolution 2022-10 as presented and offer advice to Watermaster.

(0:44:26) Mr. Kavounas prefaced the item.

(0:45:30) Vice-Chair Pierson recommended moving forward with Business Item II.D. with full support from the Agricultural Pool Committee. No formal action was taken on this item.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

#### **A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. November 3, 2022 Hearing
2. November 18, 2022 Hearing
3. December 16, 2022 Hearing
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit
5. Rules and Regulations Update

(0:46:26) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

#### **B. ENGINEER**

1. Ground Level Monitoring Committee
2. Safe Yield Court Order Implementation

(00:56:08) Mr. Malone gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(00:59:07) Mr. Rapp gave a report.

#### **C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

1. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Assessment Invoicing

(01:02:06) Mr. Joswiak gave a report. A discussion ensued.

#### **D. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Status Report: 2020 OBMP
2. Board Workshop IV: December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am
3. Watermaster Holiday Charity Event
4. December Meetings
5. Other

(1:04:43) Mr. Kavounas reported on Item 1 stating that the project description was nearly complete and that it would be distributed next week, followed by a workshop two weeks after. Mr. Kavounas gave an update regarding the Board's direction to seek the services of an external facilitator for the OBMP Implementation Plan effort. He stated that he would be recommending Mr. Dave Ceppos (Director and Managing Senior Mediator of the Consensus and Collaboration Program (CCP), of California State University, Sacramento) and would soon circulate his CV. After parties have had a chance to review Mr. Ceppos' CV and ask any questions, Mr. Ceppos would then be invited to Watermaster for a meet and greet session with the stakeholders. Mr. Kavounas reported on Item 2 and reminded the Pools of the upcoming Board workshop #4 on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kavounas invited Ms. Morales to give a presentation on the Watermaster Holiday Charity (Little Heart Warriors). Mr. Kavounas mentioned that Watermaster would be dark in December and staff will stand ready to assist with any special meetings as requested.

### **IV. POOL DISCUSSION**

1. Chairman's Update
2. Pool Member Comments
3. Special Recognition for Pete Hall

(1:19:45) Chair Feenstra and Vice-Chair Pierson recognized Mr. Pete Hall and his retirement and commended him for his service to the Agricultural Pool Committee over the years and on the Watermaster Board in 2022 and presented him with a plaque. The Agricultural Pool Committee members also took turns commending Mr. Hall and congratulated him on his retirement.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

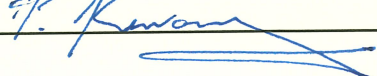
**VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

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

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Feenstra adjourned the Agricultural Pool committee meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ 

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ January 12, 2023

Attachments:

1. 20221110 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar
2. 20221110 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.
3. 20221110 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.B.

# ATTACHMENT 1

## 20221110 Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
deBoom, Nathan		Yes
DeHaan, Henry *		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Pietersma, Ron		Absent
Vanden Heuvel, Geoffrey*		Yes
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Boyd, Carol for Awan, Tariq	Yes	
Hall, Pete		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously by those present</b>

\*Participated via Zoom

## ATTACHMENT 2

<b>20221110 Roll Call Vote Outcome</b>
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Member	Alternate	Business Item II.A.
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
deBoom, Nathan		Yes
DeHaan, Henry *		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Pietersma, Ron		Absent
Vanden Heuvel, Geoffrey*		Yes
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Boyd, Carol for Awan, Tariq	Yes	
Hall, Pete		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously by those present</b>

\*Participated via Zoom

**ATTACHMENT 3**

<b>20221110 Roll Call Vote Outcome</b>
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Member	Alternate	Business Item II.B.
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
deBoom, Nathan		Yes
DeHaan, Henry *		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Pietersma, Ron		Absent
Vanden Heuvel, Geoffrey*		Yes
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Boyd, Carol for Awan, Tariq	Yes	
Hall, Pete		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously by those present</b>

\*Participated via Zoom