

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

March 9, 2023

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 March 9, 2023.

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Ruben Llamas	Crops
Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino
Leon Kazandjian	State of California – CDCR
Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CIM

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Ron LaBrucherie, Jr.	Crops
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Tariq Awan	State of California – DOJ

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.
Alexandria Moore	Executive Assistant I/Board Clerk
Ruby Favela	Administrative Analyst
Kelli Hills	Office Specialist/Receptionist
David Huynh	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Andy Malone	West Yost
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WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Laura Yraceburu	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
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OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Bowcock	CalMat Co.
Gino Filippi	Crops
Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Joy Fichiera	Moon Valley Nursery
Zac Greniag	Moon Valley Nursery
Rick Rees	WSP USA

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Carol Boyd	State of CA – DOJ
Diana Frederick	State of California – CIM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(0:00:10) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

(00:01:50) Mr. Bowcock introduced Ms. Joy Fichiera and Mr. Zac Greniag from Moon Valley Nursery.

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 on February 9, 2023

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of January 2023
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of January 2023
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023
6. Cash Disbursements for February 2023 (Information Only)

C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2022-2

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2022-2, and direct staff to file a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

D. SGMA REPORTING FOR WATER YEAR 2022

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve and direct staff to file the information/reports with the DWR.

(00:04:19) Mr. Llamas requested the title for minutes under Consent Calendar to be corrected from Non-Agricultural to Agricultural, and also requested that his name is listed under the attendance section as he was in attendance.

(0:06:01)

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

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as modified.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. THIRD AMENDMENT TO TASK ORDER NO. 8 UNDER THE MASTER AGREEMENT FOR COLLABORATIVE RECHARGE PROJECTS (SAN SEVAINE BASIN)

Recommend Advisory Committee approval of the Third Amendment to Task Order No. 8 Under the Master Agreement for Collaborative Recharge Projects as presented.

(0:09:20) Mr. Kavounas invited Mr. Nakano to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

B. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. March 17, 2023 Hearing
2. April 5, 2023 Hearing
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052
4. Court of Appeal Case No. E080457
5. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533
6. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit
7. Rules and Regulations Update

(00:12:36) Ms. Yraceburu gave a report on behalf of Mr. Herrema who was absent.

B. ENGINEER

1. SGMA Reporting for Water Year 2022
2. Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee
3. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee
4. Safe Yield Court Order Implementation
5. Impaired Status of Chino Creek

(00:17:35) Mr. Malone gave a report. A discussion ensued.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget Schedule

(0:46:46) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Stormwater Flows into San Sevaine 3
2. Status Report: Exhibit G Physical Solution Transfers
3. System Losses Study
4. Other

(00:47:46) Mr. Kavounas invited Mr. Nakano to give a report on item 1, Mr. Yoo for item 2, and reported on item 3 indicating that the Appropriative Pool Committee requested Watermaster to *not* proceed with the System Losses Study. He also mentioned that the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Committees asked for a presentation on the updated Brown Act teleconferencing rules and that the presentation would be brought to the Advisory Committee next week allowing all three Committees an opportunity to receive the update. A discussion ensued.

IV. POOL DISCUSSION

1. Chairman's Update
2. Pool Member Comments

None

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 2:41 p.m.

Secretary: 

Approved: April 13, 2023

Attachments:

1. 20230309 Agricultural Pool Meeting (Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar)

ATTACHMENT 1

20230309 Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
deBoom, Nathan*		Yes
DeHaan, Henry		Absent
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Gino Fillipi for Pietersma, Ron		Yes
Llamas, Ruben		Yes
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Awan, Tariq*		Yes
Kazandjian, Leon		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously by those present

*Participated via Zoom