

**MINUTES**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
May 16, 2023

The Agricultural Pool Committee meeting was held at the Chino Basin Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on May 16, 2023.

**AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CDCR

**AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Ruben Llamas	Crops
Henry DeHaan	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Tariq Awan	State of California – CDCR
Gregor Larabee for Leon Kazandjian	State of California – CDCR

**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 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Crops
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**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Bob Kuhn	Municipal – Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Mike Gardner	Municipal – Western Municipal Water District

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

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

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

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

Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Richard Rees	WSP USA

**OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Carol Boyd	State of California – DOJ
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**

(0:00:09) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

## **AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

(0:01:40) Mr. Kavounas indicated that the State of California members' affiliation will be changed in the April 2023 meeting minutes from CIM to CDCR.

(0:02:46) Vice-Chair Pierson pulled Consent Calendar item I.C. for separate discussion.

### **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 April 13, 2023

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

Receive and file as presented:

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

#### **C. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve Chino Basin Water Conservation District's application for recharge and direct Watermaster staff to account for the same.

#### **D. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT (ONAP)**

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

(0:03:30)

*Motion by Mr. Nathan deBoom, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, with edits to State representatives affiliation to CDCR as noted by the General Manager, and passed by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes.*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items I.A., I.B., and I.D. as presented.***

(0:04:56) Vice-Chair Pierson raised a question regarding Item I.C. Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:09:24)

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

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item I.C. as presented.***

## **II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. WATERMASTER FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Recommend Advisory Committee approval of the Watermaster Fiscal Year 2023/24 Proposed Budget as presented.

(0:11:40) Mr. Joswiak gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(0:46:12)

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

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

### **B. ARUNA REDDY OVERLYING (AGRICULTURAL) POOL INTERVENTION REQUEST**

The staff report will be distributed separately.

(0:47:48) Mr. Kavounas indicated the item was not yet ready to be heard by the Committees and will be brought back to future meeting once more information is obtained by the well owner. A discussion ensued.

### **C. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

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

1. May 12, 2023 Hearing (Watermaster Motion for Receipt and Filing of Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report; City of Ontario Motion re 2022-23 Assessment Package)
2. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E080457 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021-22 Assessment Package)
4. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
5. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:48:05) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

### **B. ENGINEER**

1. 2023 Storage Framework Investigation
2. Data Collection and Evaluation Report for FY 2021/2022
3. Board-Requested Recharge Project Analysis

(01:04:03) Mr. Rapp gave a report on items 1 and 3, and a presentation on 3. A discussion ensued.

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

None

### **D. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. 2022/23 DYY Operation
2. Available Grant Opportunities
3. Other

(01:10:47) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on item 1, indicating that Watermaster received a letter from Metropolitan Water District with the intent to recharge up to 25 KAF in the current fiscal year

and 25 KAF next fiscal year, and that approximately 900 AF has been recharged at about 75+ CFS. On item 2, he reported that the available grant opportunities table has been updated and is available on the Watermaster website should parties wish to review it. Mr. Kavounas indicated that staff will provide an update on the construction issue at San Sevaine Basin once more information becomes available. He also reminded parties about the Chino Basin Watermaster and Chino Basin Conservation District Stakeholder BBQ on May 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the Conservation's offices.

**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.

Confidential Session was not held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Feenstra adjourned the Agricultural Pool committee meeting at 3:06 p.m.

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



Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ June 8, 2023

**Attachments:**

1. 20230516 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar Items I.A., I.B., and I.D.
2. 20230516 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar Item I.C.
3. 20230516 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.

# ATTACHMENT 1

20230516 Roll Call Vote Outcome
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Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar Items I.A., I.B., and I.D.
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Absent
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
deBoom, Nathan		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Pietersma, Ron		Absent
Llamas, Ruben		Absent
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Awan, Tariq*		Yes
Gregor Larabee for Kazandjian, Leon*		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously by those present</b>

\*Participated via Zoom

## ATTACHMENT 2

### 20230516 Roll Call Vote Outcome

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

\*Participated via Zoom

### ATTACHMENT 3

<b>20230516 Roll Call Vote Outcome</b>
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Business Item II.A.</b>
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Absent
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
deBoom, Nathan		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Pietersma, Ron		Absent
Llamas, Ruben		Absent
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Awan, Tariq*		Yes
Gregor Larabee for Kazandjian, Leon*		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously by those present</b>

\*Participated via Zoom