

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 8, 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 June 8, 2023.

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Ruben Llamas	Crops
Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CDCR

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino
Ron LaBrucherie	Crops
Nathan deBoom	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 ON ZOOM

Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District
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WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Andy Malone	West Yost
Veva Weamer	West Yost

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
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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
Diana Frederick	State of California – CIM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool Committee meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

(0:00:04) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

The Agricultural Pool Committee convened into confidential session at the start of the meeting following roll call at 1:53 p.m. and the reportable action is shown below.

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 May 16, 2023

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of April 2023
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of April 2023
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023
6. Cash Disbursements for May 2023 (Information Only)

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – NICHOLSON FAMILY TRUST TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

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

D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY TO CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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

E. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION - WEST END CONSOLIDATED WATER COMPANY TO CITY OF UPLAND

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

F. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT – APPROPRIATIVE POOL

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the Application for Local Storage Agreement submitted on behalf of the Appropriative Pool members as presented.

G. 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

(0:05:09)

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

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **TASK ORDER NO. 7 UNDER MASTER AGREEMENT FOR COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS: CHINO CREEK REACH 1B MONITORING PROGRAM**

Recommend Advisory Committee approval of Task Order No. 7 as presented.

(0:06:41) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:08:38)

Motion by Mr. Ron LaBrucherie, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, 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. **WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. August 4, 2023 Hearing (City of Ontario Motion re 2022-23 Assessment Package; Court Tour of Chino Basin)
2. Court Tour of Chino Basin
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
4. Court of Appeal Case No. E080457 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021-22 Assessment Package)
5. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
6. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:10:13) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. **ENGINEER**

1. 2022 Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee Annual Report
2. Planning and Coordination on the EPA Proposed MCLs for PFAS

(0:15:35) Mr. Malone introduced Ms. Weamer to give a report. A discussion ensued.

C. **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

1. FY 2022/23 Ongoing Auditing Activity by C.J. Brown & Company CPAs

(00:38:36) Mr. Joswiak gave a report. A discussion ensued.

D. **GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Recharge Activities
2. OBMP CEQA Update
3. Regional Reliability Study
4. Access to Watermaster Offices
5. July Meeting Schedule
6. Other

(0:40:29) Mr. Kavounas introduced Mr. Tellez Foster to give a report on items 1 and 2. Mr. Kavounas gave a report on regional reliability study indicating he will work with the three municipal water districts to create an IRP-like document that will help agencies write better UWMPs in the future and will give input to the Storage and Recovery Master Plan. A discussion ensued. Under other, he mentioned that the unisex restrooms are in place for all to use. He also

mentioned that Watermaster will again be dark in July and staff is available to assist with special meetings as needed.

IV. POOL DISCUSSION

1. Chairman's Update
2. Pool Member Comments

None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

IV. 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 1:35 p.m. (at the start of the meeting) to discuss the following:

1. Aruna Reddy Intervention Request
2. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052
3. Strategic Planning

Confidential session concluded at 2:45 p.m. with the reportable action as shown below:

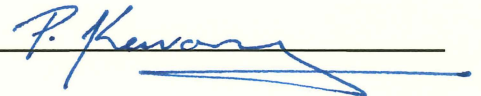
(0:04:07) The Agricultural Pool provided counsel with comments and unanimous direction regarding the proposed field visit itinerary with Judge Ochoa and will be transmitting comments to Watermaster counsel immediately.

The Pool reconvened into open session at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Feenstra adjourned the Agricultural Pool committee meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ August 10, 2023

Attachments:

1. 20230608 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar
2. 20230608 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.

ATTACHMENT 1

20230608 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
Pietersma, Ron		Absent
Llamas, Ruben		Yes
Raughley, Steven*		Yes
Awan, Tariq*		Yes
Kazandjian, Leon		Absent
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously by those present

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 2

20230608 Roll Call Vote Outcome

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

*Participated via Zoom