

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING
September 14, 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 September 14, 2023.

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Gino Filippi for Ron Pietersma	Crops
Ruben Llamas	Crops
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Henry DeHaan	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Tariq Awan	State of California – CDCR
Diana Frederick for Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CDCR

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. and Planning Dir.
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
Alonso Jurado	Water Resource Associate
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

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

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

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

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Scott Nelsen	Eide Bailly
Lucy Hedley	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

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

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Carol Boyd	State of California – DOJ
Trevor Leja	

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool Committee meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

(0:00:13) Ms. Moore 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 Appropriative Pool Committee Meeting held on August 10, 2023
2. Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Committee Special Meeting held on August 17, 2023

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The monthly financial reports are being redesigned and will be available next month.

C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2023-1

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP status Report 2023-1, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

(0:02:36)

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 the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2023 RECHARGE MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

Recommend Approval of the 2023 RMPU as presented, adopt Resolution No. 2023 – 06

(0:05:36) Mr. Kavounas prefaced the item and introduced Ms. Sanchez to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(0:36:20)

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. BOARD-REQUESTED RECHARGE PROJECT ANALYSIS

Recommend Advisory Committee approval to move forward with gathering necessary information and documentation for each project to be considered grant-ready and prepare the Work Plan.

(0:38:08) Ms. Sanchez gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:47:08)

Motion by Mr. Nathan deBoom, seconded by Mr. Ruben Llamas, and passed by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

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

C. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. Court Tour of Chino Basin
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. City of Ontario Appeal of August 18, 2023 Order (Challenge to 2022-23 Assessment Package)
6. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:48:41) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER

1. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
2. Model Update and Required Demonstrations
3. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee
4. 2022 State of the Basin Report

(0:56:40) Mr. Malone gave a report on items 1-3, Ms. Hedley gave a report on item 4. A discussion ensued.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Long Term Planning Efforts
2. Other

(1:20:40) Mr. Kavounas explained the long term planning efforts upcoming over the next three years. He stated all Stakeholders will be able to download the various workshops and other non-routine meeting dates through the Watermaster calendar as an ICS file. A discussion ensued.

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 2:57 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Strategic Planning

Confidential session concluded at 3:56 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m. as shown in Attachment 4 below.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ October 12, 2023

Attachments:

1. 20230914 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar
2. 20230914 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.
3. 20230914 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.B.
4. 20230914 Email from Pool Counsel adjourning the meeting.

20230914 Roll Call Vote Outcome

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

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 2

20230914 Roll Call Vote Outcome
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Member	Alternate	Business Item II.A.
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Absent
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
deBoom, Nathan		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Gino Filippi for Pietersma, Ron		Yes
Llamas, Ruben		Yes
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Awan, Tariq*		Yes
Kazandjian, Leon		Absent
Diana Frederick for Medrano, Jimmy*		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously by those present

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 3

20230914 Roll Call Vote Outcome
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Member	Alternate	Business Item II.B.
LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Absent
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
deBoom, Nathan		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Gino Filippi for Pietersma, Ron		Yes
Llamas, Ruben		Yes
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Awan, Tariq*		Yes
Kazandjian, Leon		Absent
Diana Frederick for Medrano, Jimmy*		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously by those present

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From: [Tracy Egoscue](#)
To: [Alexandria Moore](#); [Anna Nelson](#); [Peter Kavounas](#); [Herrema, Brad](#); [Bob Feenstra](#); [Jeff Pierson](#)
Subject: Ag Pool Closed Session
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 3:57:39 PM

Madame Clerk,

The Ag Pool closed session ended at 3:56pm with no reportable action.

Thank you.

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