

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 12, 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 October 12, 2023.

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Gino Filippi for Ron LaBrucherie	Crops
Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino
Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CDCR

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Ruben Llamas	Crops
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Henry DeHaan	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Geoffrey Venden Heuvel for Ron Pietersma	Dairy
Tariq Awan	State of California – CDCR
Diana Frederick for Leon Kazandjian	State of California – DOJ

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
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
Alonso Jurado	Water Resource Associate
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District
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WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Laura Yraceburu	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

(0:00:07) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

(0:01:31) Chair Feenstra gave a special recognition for Mr. Hedinga of Sierra Farms who recently passed away.

(0:03:35) Ms. Egoscue requested the recording secretary to call Mr. Geoffrey Vandel Heuvel instead of Mr. Ron Pietersma, Mr. Gino Fillipi instead of Mr. Ron LaBrucherie, and Ms. Diana Frederick instead of Mr. Leon Kazandjian for roll call.

(0:04:03) Ms. Egoscue suggested that account ending 8471 monies to move to account ending 8470 \$10,993.67.

(0:05:41)

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 Agenda – Addition/Reorder as shown above.

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:

Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2023.

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Reports for the Reporting Periods Ended July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023.

C. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Board to approve Fontana Water Company's application for Recharge and Direct Watermaster staff to account for the same.

(0:10:04)

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 the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Estimates of Fiscal Year 2022/23 Storm Flows

(0:11:55) Mr. Kavounas prefaced and introduced Mr. Rapp to give a report.

III. **REPORTS/UPDATES**

A. **WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
2. Court of Appeal Consolidated Case Nos. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:21:07) Ms. Yraceburu gave a report on behalf of Mr. Herrema. A discussion ensued.

B. **ENGINEER**

1. GLMC Update
2. Long Term Planning Activities
3. Mitigation Plan for the Temporary Loss of Hydraulic Control
4. Annual Streamflow Monitoring Report for Water Rights Permit 21225
5. Watermaster Model Application and Required Demonstrations
6. Annual Plumes Status Report

(0:32:02) Mr. Malone gave a report on items 1 and 6, Mr. Rapp gave a report on item 2 and 4, and Mr. Tellez Foster on item 3. A discussion ensued.

C. **GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Court Tour of Chino Basin
2. OBMPU CEQA Process
3. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Assessment Package
4. Other

(1:05:16) Mr. Kavounas gave an overview of the Chino Basin Tour with Judge Ochoa and stated the recording and transcripts are available on Watermaster website. Mr. Kavounas introduced Mr. Tellez Foster to give a report on item 2. On item 3, Mr. Kavounas reminded everyone of the upcoming Fiscal Year 2023/24 Assessment Package workshops. A discussion ensued.

IV. **POOL DISCUSSION**

1. Chairman's Update
2. Pool Member Comments

(1:19:40) Chair Feenstra announced the new process for invoices indicating that Ms. Favela Quintero will cut checks to be reviewed by Ms. Nelson, with oversight by Watermaster's accounting consultant, Mr. Scott Nelsen of Eide Bailly.

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 3:02 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Court of Appeal Matters
2. Judge Tour
3. Strategic Planning

Confidential session concluded at 3:39 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m. as shown in Attachment 3 below.

Secretary: _____ 

Approved: _____ November 9, 2023

Attachments:

1. 20231012 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Agenda – Additions/Reorder
2. 20231012 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar
3. 20231012 Email from Pool Counsel adjourning the meeting.

ATTACHMENT 1

20231012 Roll Call Vote Outcome		
Member	Alternate	Agenda - Additions/Reorder
Gino Filippi for LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair*		Yes
deBoom, Nathan*		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel for Pietersma, Ron*		Yes
Llamas, Ruben*		Yes
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Awan, Tariq*		Yes
Diana Frederick for Kazandjian, Leon*		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy*		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously by those present

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 2

20231012 Roll Call Vote Outcome
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Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar
Gino Filippi for LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair*		Yes
deBoom, Nathan*		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel for Pietersma, Ron*		Yes
Llamas, Ruben*		Yes
Raughley, Steven		Yes
Awan, Tariq*		Yes
Diana Frederick for Kazandjian, Leon*		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy*		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously by those present

*Participated via Zoom

From: [Tracy Egoscue](#)
To: [Alexandria Moore](#)
Subject: Ag Pool Closed Session
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023 3:40:36 PM

The Confidential Session for the Ag Pool ended at 3:39pm with no reportable action.

Thank you.

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