

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

November 9, 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 November 9, 2023.

**AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Gino Filippi for Ron LaBrucherie	Crops
Ruben Llamas	Crops
Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino
Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CDCR

**AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Henry DeHaan	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel for Ron Pietersma	Dairy
Tariq Awan	State of California – CDCR
Diana Frederick for Leon Kazandjian	State of California – DOJ

**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT**

Edgar Tellez Foster	Acting General Manager
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 Quintero	Administrative Analyst
Rudy Nunez	Office Specialist/Receptionist
Alonso Jurado	Water Resources Associate
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Paul Hofer	Crops
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**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
Garrett Rapp	West Yost
Veva Weamer	West Yost

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Scott Nelsen	Eide Bailly, LLP
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**OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

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**

(0:00:20) 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:

Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting held on October 12, 2023

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Report for the Reporting Period Ended September 30, 2023.

**C. 2022/23 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GROUND-LEVEL MONITORING PROGRAM**

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the 2022/23 Annual Report of the Ground-Level Monitoring Program (GLMP), and direct staff to file a copy with the Court.

(0:03:28)

*Motion by Mr. Jimmy Medrano, 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. WATERMASTER REAPPOINTMENT**

Recommend future Watermaster appointment to the Advisory Committee.

(0:05:21) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report.

(0:12:18)

*Motion by Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, 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. to support a five-year Watermaster Board reappointment.***

**B. FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE**

Review Fiscal Year 2023/24 Assessment Package as presented and offer advice to Watermaster.

(0:25:57) Mr. Tellez Foster invited Mr. Yoo to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

**C. RESOLUTION 2023-07 TO LEVY REPLENISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24, BASED ON PRODUCTION YEAR 2022/23**  
Review Resolution 2023-07 as presented and offer advice to Watermaster.

(0:35:50) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report.

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. December 1, 2023 Court Hearing (OBMP Semi-Annual Status Report and 2023 Recharge Master Plan Update)
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 Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
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

(0:36:31) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

**B. ENGINEER**

1. Water Quality Committee
2. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
3. Storage and Recovery Master Plan

(0:40:38) Ms. Weamer gave a report on item 1, Mr. Rapp gave a report on items 2 and 3. A discussion ensued.

**C. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. OBMPU CEQA Process
2. Annual Finding of Substantial Compliance with the Recharge Master Plan
3. December Meeting Schedule
4. Other

(0:48:33) Mr. Tellez Foster invited Mr. Nakano to give an update on RIPComm. Mr. Nakano indicated that the local land investigated for purchase to be used for recharge had already been sold. On November 6, 2023, Watermaster staff met with IEUA and the County of San Bernardino and was asked by a developer to build a parking lot above existing a recharge basin; Mr. Nakano is currently working with IEUA to submit feedback to developers. Mr. Tellez Foster reported that the Board requested the DYY extension be brought to the January 2024 operating committee for discussion. 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.

The Pool convened into confidential session at 2:38 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Reorganization
2. Strategic Planning

Confidential session concluded at 3:58 p.m. with no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Pool did not reconvene into open session and the meeting was adjourned by email at 3:58 p.m. as shown in Attachment 3 below.

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



Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ January 11, 2024

**Attachments:**

1. 20231109 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar
2. 20231109 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.
3. 20231109 Email from Pool Counsel adjourning the meeting

# ATTACHMENT 1

## 20231109 Roll Call Vote Outcome

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
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously by those present</b>

\*Participated via Zoom

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**20231109 Roll Call Vote Outcome**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Business Item II.A.</b>
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
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously by those present</b>

\*Participated via Zoom

## ATTACHMENT 3

**From:** [Tracy Egoscue](#)  
**To:** [Alexandria Moore](#); [Herrema, Brad](#); [Bob Feenstra](#); [Jeff Pierson](#)  
**Subject:** Ag Pool Closed Session  
**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 4:00:42 PM

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The Confidential Session for the Agricultural Pool ended at 3:58pm with no reportable action.

Thank you.

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