

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING
April 11, 2024

The Agricultural Pool committee meeting was held at the Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on April 11, 2024.

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Ruben Llamas	Crops
Gino Filippi for Ron LaBrucherie	Crops
Christen Miller	County of San Bernardino
Imelda Cadigal	State of California - CDCR
Jimmy Medrano	State of California - CDCR

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Henry DeHaan	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Diana Frederick for Tariq Awan	State of California – CDCR

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Mike Gardner	Western Water
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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.
Daniela Uriarte	Senior Accountant
Alexandria Moore	Executive Assistant I/Board Clerk
Alonso Jurado	Water Resources Associate
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist
Rudy Nunez	Office Specialist/Receptionist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Scott Nelsen	Eide Bailly, LLP

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
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OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Lewis Callahan	State of California – CDCR
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 1:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

(00:00:14) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

(00:01:45) Ms. Egoscue suggested to Chair Feenstra that Mr. Filippi to be an alternate to Mr. LaBrucherie who was absent, Chair Feenstra agreed.

(00:02:55) Mr. Tellez Foster suggested the Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget be presented as an informational item under Business Items.

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 March 14, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:
Monthly Financial Report for the Reporting Period Ended February 29, 2024

C. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – FONTANA WATER COMPANY (MAR)

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve Fontana Water Company's Application for Recharge and direct Watermaster staff to account for this supplemental water recharge in Fontana Water Company's existing Local Supplemental account.

(00:04:10)

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Medrano, 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

None

B. FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 BUDGET PRESENTATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

(00:05:24) Mr. Tellez Foster and Ms. Uriarte gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. May 31, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster 46th Annual Report)
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

(00:51:24) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER

1. Data Collection and Evaluation
2. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
3. Maximum Benefit Annual Report

(00:55:26) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report on behalf of Mr. Rapp.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. SWP Allocation
2. Other

(00:57:37) Mr. Tellez Foster mentioned that the State Water Project allocation is increasing to 30%, and MWD may store more DYY water as a result. A discussion ensued.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Chino Airport and South Archibald Plumes Semi-Annual Status Reports

V. POOL DISCUSSION

1. Chairman's Update
2. Pool Member Comments

(01:00:07) Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson stated that the Agricultural Pool Committee is anticipating to work with Watermaster's new General Manager, Mr. Todd Corbin and staff, he also commended Mr. Tellez Foster for his performance as the Acting General Manager during the transition period.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. 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 2:32 p.m. to discuss the following:

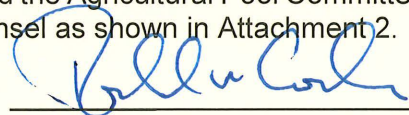
1. Strategic Planning

Confidential Session concluded at 3:12 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Feenstra did not wish to reconvene into open session, and the Agricultural Pool Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m. as provided via email by Pool counsel as shown in Attachment 2.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ May 9, 2024

Attachments:

1. 20240411 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar
2. Adjournment (Email from Legal Counsel)

ATTACHMENT 1

20240411 Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar
Filippi, Gino for LaBrucherie, Jr., Ron		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
deBoom, Nathan*		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Pietersma, Ron		Absent
Llamas, Ruben		Yes
Miller, Christen		Yes
Frederick, Diana for Awan, Tariq*		Yes
Cadigal, Imelda		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 2

From: [Tracy Egoscue](#)
To: [Alexandria Moore](#)
Subject: Ag Pool Closed Session
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:17:28 PM

The Ag Pool Closed Session adjourned at 3:12pm with no reportable action.

Thank you.

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