

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING
May 9, 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 May 9, 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
Tariq Awan	State of California - CDCR
Imelda Cadigal	State of California - CDCR
Jimmy Medrano	State of California - CDCR

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Nathan deBoom	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Bill Velto	City of Upland
Mike Gardner	Western Water

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Todd Corbin	General Manager
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Dir.
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 Quintero	Administrative Assistant
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
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WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Garrett Rapp	West Yost
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AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
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OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Joel Ignacio	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Rick Rees	WSP USA

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Lewis Callahan
Carol Boyd
Diana Frederick
Marilyn Levin

State of California – CDCR
State of California – DOJ
State of California – CDCR
State of California – DOJ

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool committee meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

(00:01:03) 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 April 11, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:
Monthly Financial Report for the Reporting Period Ended March 31, 2024

C. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT (ONAP)

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the proposed agreements.

(00:03:26)

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. THIRD AMENDMENT TO TASK ORDER NO. 9 UNDER THE MASTER AGREEMENT FOR COLLABORATIVE RECHARGE PROJECTS (PROJECT 23A)

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the proposed agreements.

(00:11:30) Mr. Corbin prefaced the item and introduced Mr. Ignacio of IEUA to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(00:50:46)

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 Business Item II.A. Third Amendment to Task Order No. 9 Under the Master Agreement for Collaborative Recharge Projects (Project 23a).

B. WATERMASTER FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 PROPOSED BUDGET

Recommend Advisory Committee approval of the Watermaster Fiscal Year 2024/25 Proposed Budget as presented.

(01:04:00) Mr. Corbin introduced Ms. Uriarte to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(01:10:16)

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 Business Item II.B. Watermaster Fiscal Year 2024/25 Proposed Budget.

C. OLD BUSINESS

(01:19:58) Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson brought forward a proposed Agricultural Pool budget for fiscal year 2024/25.

(01:22:40)

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 following:

- a) Setting the Pool Legal expense budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25 at \$250k***
- b) Setting the Pool Administration budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25 at \$85k***
- c) Setting the Special Projects budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25 at \$50k***

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. May 31, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster 46th Annual Report; Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2023-2)
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

(01:24:29) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER

1. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
2. Data Collection and Evaluation

(01:27:01) Mr. Rapp gave a report.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. PSMJ Study
2. Other

(00:57:37) Mr. Corbin gave a report on item 1, indicating that staff worked with PSMJ (a third-party resources consulting firm) to do an analysis on engineering services which will be brought to the May Advisory committee and Board meetings. He also reported that IEUA will be hosting Chino Basin Day this year and that this meeting is an ongoing collaboration between Watermaster, IEUA, Regional Board, CDA, and West Yost and serves to update the Regional Board on Chino Basin matters while allowing the continued regional partnership.

IV. POOL DISCUSSION

1. Chairman's Update
2. Pool Member Comments

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 3:17 p.m. to discuss the following:

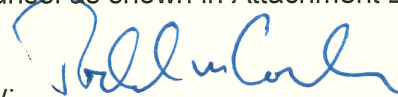
1. Progress on future negotiations with the Appropriative Pool.

Confidential Session concluded at 3:38 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 3:38 p.m. as provided via email by Pool counsel as shown in Attachment 2.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ June 13, 2024

Attachments:

1. 20240509 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar
2. 20240509 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.
3. 20240509 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.B.
4. 20240509 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.C.
5. Adjournment (Email from Legal Counsel)

ATTACHMENT 1

20240509 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		Absent
Huitsing, John*		Yes
Pietersma, Ron		Absent
Llamas, Ruben		Yes
Miller, Christen		Absent
Awan, Tariq		Yes
Cadigal, Imelda		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 2

20240509 Roll Call Vote Outcome

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

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 3

20240509 Roll Call Vote Outcome

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

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 4

20240509 Roll Call Vote Outcome

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

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 5

From: [Tracy Egoscue](#)
To: [Alexandria Moore](#)
Cc: [Bob Feenstra](#); [Jeff Pierson](#)
Subject: Ag Pool Closed Session
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 3:40:19 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

The Agricultural Pool closed session ended at 3:38pm with no reportable action.

Thank you.

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