

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 13, 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 June 13, 2024.

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

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
Carol Boyd	State of California – DOJ
Marilyn Levin	State of California – DOJ

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Nathan deBoom	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Lewis Callahan	State of California – CDCR
Diana Frederick	State of California – CDCR

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Mike Gardner	Western Water
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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
Andy Malone	West Yost

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Pierson called the Agricultural Pool committee meeting to order at 1:32 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 May 9, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:
Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ended April 30, 2024

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 2,000 AF WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT TO NIAGARA BOTTLING, LLC

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 7,000 AF CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

E. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 3.5 AF NICHOLSON FAMILY TRUST TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

F. 2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Recommend Advisory Committee to recommend the Watermaster Board to receive and file.

(00:03:26)

Motion by Nathan deBoom, 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

There were no Old Business items to report.

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

Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. Chino Creek Monitoring Program
2. 2023 Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Program Annual Report
3. Data Collection and Evaluation (Presentation)

Mr. Malone invited Ms. Ou to report on the Chino Creek Monitoring Program, Ms. Weamer to discuss the PBHSP annual report, and Mr. Rapp for the Safe Yield Court Order implementation. A discussion ensued.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. West Yost Associates, Inc. Contract
2. July Meeting Schedule
3. Other

Mr. Corbin invited Mr. Tellez Foster to report on West Yost contract renewal. Mr. Corbin reported on the July meeting schedule and the Pool confirmed they are amenable with being dark in July. Mr. Corbin also announced an improvement to the financials (pg 26) that calls out carryover amounts. A discussion ensued.

IV. POOL DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Pierson mentioned that Mrs. Alex Moore is moving to TX and thanked her for her service.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MARILYN LEVIN

The Pool recognized and honored Ms. Levin for her 35 years of service to the Agricultural Pool. Pool members took turns commending and congratulating her for her contributions. Vice Chair Pierson read the Appropriate, Non-Agricultural, letters and Agricultural Pool Resolution 2024-01 for the record.

Staff honored Ms. Levin and presented her with a personalized and engraved plaque made from a water transducer.

VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

A Confidential Session may be held during the Pool Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Pierson adjourned the Agricultural Pool Committee meeting in Ms. Marilyn Levin's honor.

Secretary: Bill M. Cook

Approved: August 8, 2024

Attachments:

1. 20240613 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar

ATTACHMENT 1

20240613 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		Absent
Awan, Tariq		Yes
Cadigal, Imelda		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Absent
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously

*Participated via Zoom

Alternate attendees present:

Carol Boyd
Lewis Callahan
Diana Frederick
Paul Hofer
Marilyn Levin