

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 11, 2021

The Appropriative Pool Committee meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) on March 11, 2021.

APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

John Bosler, Chair	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Scott Burton, Vice-Chair	City of Ontario
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Steven Ledbetter for Rosemary Hoerning	City of Upland
Josh Swift	Fontana Union Water Company
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company
Ben Lewis	Golden State Water Company
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
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Cris Fealy	Nicholson Family Trust
Brian Lee	San Antonio Water Company
John Lopez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Steven Ledbetter for Rosemary Hoerning	West End Consolidated Water Company

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON CALL

Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
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WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON CALL

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Water Resources Senior Associate
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Vanessa Aldaz	Administrative Assistant

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON CALL

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost
Mark Wildermuth	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL

Amanda Coker	City of Chino
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Braden Yu	City of Upland
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Randall Reed	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Shawnda Grady	Ellison Schneider Harris & Donlan LLP
Joshua Aguilar	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Sylvie Lee	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Jimmy Gutierrez	Jimmy L. Gutierrez, A Law Corporation
John Schatz	John J. Schatz, Attorney at Law

Stephanie Reimer
Stephanie Reimer
Bill Schwartz
Kevin O'Toole
David De Jesus
Todd Minten
Pete Hall
Marilyn Levin
Ryan Shaw
Richard Rees

Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Monte Vista Water District
Monte Vista Water District
Orange County Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Santa Ana River Water Company
State of California – CIM
State of California – DOJ
Western Municipal Water District
Wood plc

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bosler called the Appropriative Pool Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

(0:02:10) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

(0:04:30) Chair Bosler requested that Business Item II.B. is taken before Business Item II.A.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Note: 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:

1. Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Committee Meeting held February 11, 2021
2. Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Committee Special Meeting held February 18, 2021

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of January 2021
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of January 2021
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2021
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021
6. Cash Disbursements for February 2021 (Information Only)

C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2020-2

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2020-2, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

D. SGMA REPORTING FOR WATER YEAR 2020

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve and direct staff to file the information/reports with the DWR.

(0:05:40) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Chris Diggs, seconded by Mr. Cris Fealy, and passed by unanimous vote.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. CHINO BASIN OPTIMUM MANAGEMENT

Offer advice and assistance to Watermaster on:

- [1] timing on the revision and recirculation of the 2020 OBMP SEIR; and
- [2] timing on a study of the location and magnitude of production to maximize Safe Yield and avoid MPI, along with developing a possible concept for regional resource management.

(0:37:08) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. RESPONSE TO AP COMMENTS IN RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE IN THE BUDGET PROCESS

Provide direction and recommendations to Watermaster staff on:

- [1] whether budget workshop(s) are desired and, if so, what is the desired timing for these to be held; and
- [2] how to better align Watermaster monthly meetings with the budget process.

(0:07:45) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

- 1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
- 2. March 26, 2021 Hearing
- 3. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(1:02:15) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

- 1. GLMC/PBHSC Scope and Budget Process – FY 2021/2022

(1:05:15) Mr. Malone gave a report.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 1. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Schedule

(1:07:45) Mr. Joswiak gave a report. A discussion ensued.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

- 1. Status Report: Peace Agreement Amendment (PE8)
- 2. Status Report: Local Storage Limitation Solution – Addendum
- 3. Status Report: Exhibit G Physical Solution Transfers
- 4. Other

(1:16:35) Mr. Kavounas gave a report and asked that the Appropriative Pool provide an update regarding Item 1, Status Report: Peace Agreement Amendment (PE8).

(1:17:32) Vice-Chair Burton gave an update regarding the Peace Agreement Amendment on behalf of the Appropriative Pool. A discussion ensued.

(1:21:48) Mr. Kavounas continued with his report and introduced Ms. Nelson who gave a report on Item 3, Status Report: Exhibit G Physical Solution Transfers.

(1:22:45) Mr. Kavounas added a report regarding the State's Water Use Efficiency Regulation and indicated that Watermaster continues to partner closely with IEUA on the process.

IV. 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.

Chair Bosler called for a confidential session at 10:24 a.m. to discuss the following:

1. OBMP Update – Draft Implementation Plan Agreement
2. Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Contest and Legal Expenses
3. Strategic Planning

(1:25:00) Confidential session concluded at 12:40 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bosler adjourned the Appropriative Pool Committee meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ April 8, 2021