## MINUTES CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER ANNUAL APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 11, 2024

The annual Appropriative 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 January 11, 2024.

#### APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Chris Diggs, Chair City of Pomona

Chris Berch, Vice-Chair

Amanda Coker

Jurupa Community Services District

Cucamonga Valley Water District

Dave Crosley

Ron Craig

City of Ontario

City of Chino Hills

Courtney Jones

City of Ontario

Marty Zvirbulis Fontana Union Water Company
Cris Fealy Fontana Water Company
Marty Zvirbulis Nicholson Family Trust

#### APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Braden Yu City of Upland

Justin Scott-CoeMonte Vista Irrigation CompanyJustin Scott-CoeMonte Vista Water DistrictJohn LopezSanta Ana River Water Company

Braden Yu West End Consolidated Water Company

#### APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT ON ZOOM

John Schatz John J. Schatz, Attorney at Law

#### WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Jim Curatalo

Mike Gardner

Bob Kuhn

Cucamonga Valley Water District

Western Municipal Water District

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

#### 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

Daniela Uriarte

Ruby Favela Quintero

Rudy Nunez

Alonso Jurado

Jordan Garcia

Senior Accountant

Administrative Assistant

Office Specialist/Receptionist

Water Resources Associate

Senior Field Operations Specialist

Erik Vides Field Operations Specialist

#### WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Andy Malone West Yost

#### WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Laura Yraceburu for Brad Herrema Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

Garrett Rapp West Yost Scott Nelsen Eide Bailly, LLP

#### OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Chad NishidaCity of OntarioHye Jin LeeCity of ChinoMelissa CansinoCity of Pomona

Jimmie Moffatt

Oscar Ramos

Oscar Ramos

Cucamonga Valley Water District
Fontana Union Water Company
Fontana Water Company

Bryan Smith
Jurupa Community Services District
Jesse Pompa
Jurupa Community Services District

Oscar Ramos Nicholson Family Trust

Sylvie Lee Three Valleys Municipal Water District

#### OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Nicole deMoet City of Upland

Eduardo Espinoza

Mark Gibboney

Rob Hills

Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District

Peter Dopulos Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
John Russ Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Derek Hoffman Fennemore Law

Kevin O'TooleOrange County Water DistrictImelda CadigalState of California – CDCRLewis CallahanState of California – CDCRDiana FrederickState of California – CDCRJimmy MedranoState of California – CDCRMarilyn LevinState of California – DOJ

David De Jesus Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Mathew Litchfield Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Joshua Aquilar Western Municipal Water District

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

(0:00:20) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

#### AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

#### I. ANNUAL ELECTIONS (ACTION)

A. Elect the Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretaries and Treasurers as may be appropriate.

The 2024 Chair and Vice-Chair seats were voted on by the Appropriative Pool Committee on November 9, 2023 as shown below.

Motion: A motion was proposed to approve Chris Diggs, (Pomona) as Chair for 2024 and Chris Berch, (JCSD) as Vice-Chair.

Motion made by Mr. Marty Zvirbulis, (FUWC), and seconded by Mr. Ron Craig, (Chino Hills). The motion garnered unanimous approval from all attending AP Members.

Chair	Chris Diggs
Vice-Chair	Chris Berch
Secretary/Treasurer	Watermaster General Manager

(0:03:40)

Chair Chris Diggs recommended to the Appropriative Pool that the Watermaster General Manager should remain as the Secretary/Treasurer; there being no dissent, the position remains as it has in prior years.

### B. Calendar Year 2024 Appropriative Pool Minor Representatives to the 2024 Advisory Committee

Elect two Minor Representatives to the Calendar Year 2023 Advisory Committee. According to the Appropriative Pool Pooling Plan, each major Appropriator is entitled to one representative on the Advisory Committee. The minor Appropriators shall elect two representatives to serve on the Advisory Committee. The minor producers for 2023 are: BlueTriton Brands, Inc., CalMat Co., City of Fontana, City of Norco, County of San Bernardino, Golden State Water Company, Marygold Mutual Water Company, Monte Vista Irrigation Company, NCL Co., LLC, Niagara Bottling Company, Nicholson Family Trust, San Antonio Water Company, Santa Ana River Water Company, West End Consolidated Water Company, and West Valley Water District.

Minor Rep #1	
Minor Rep #2	

(0:05:10)

Motion by Mr. Marty Zvirbulis for the 2023 Minor 1 and Minor 2 Representatives resume in 2024, seconded by Mr. Justin Scott-Coe, a volume vote was taken, and there being insufficient Minors present to establish quorum the item failed as shown in the attachment.

This item was deferred to the February agenda for consideration.

### C. Calendar Year 2024 Appropriative Pool Member Appointed to Serve as Advisory Committee Officer

Appoint a designated representative to serve as an officer of the Advisory Committee during Calendar Year 2024. According to the rotation sequence established among the Pools, the Appropriative Pool appointee will be filling the position of Vice-Chair.

Appropriative Pool Officer (Vice-Chair) Appointment to the Advisory Commi	ttee:
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Courtney Jones

(0:8:37)

Motion by Ms. Amanda Coker, seconded by Mr. Dave Crosley, there being no dissent, the item passed unanimously.

Moved to approve the 2024 Appropriative Pool Member appointed to serve as the Advisory Committee Officer as indicated above.

## D. Calendar Year 2024 Appropriative Pool Representation on the Watermaster Board (Information Only)

According to the Board rotation schedule filed with the Court in 2000 and updated on November 17, 2015, the Appropriators listed below will have a seat on the Watermaster Board as follows:

For Calendar Year 2024 and 2025 Cucamonga Valley Water District has appointed the following:

Member:

Jim Curatalo

Alternate:

Jimmie Moffatt

For Calendar Year 2024 and 2025 the City of Upland has appointed the following:

Member:

Mr. Bill Velto

Alternate:

Ms. Kati Parker

For Calendar Year 2024 the City of Ontario has appointed the following:

Member:

Mr. Scott Burton

Alternate:

Ms. Debra Dorst-Porada

#### **II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### A. MINUTES

Approve as presented:

Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Committee Meeting held November 9, 2023

#### A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Reports for the Reporting Periods Ended October and November 2023

## B. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 2024 INVESTMENT POLICY – RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 Provide advice and assistance on the Watermaster investment policy and corresponding Resolution 2024-01.

#### C. LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

Recommend that the Advisory Committee recommends approval of Resolution 2023-02 – Resolution Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

#### D. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT (FISCAL YEAR 2022/23)

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the 46th Annual Report, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

## E. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION - CITY OF ONTARIO TO CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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

#### F. APPLICATION: RECHARGE - CITY OF POMONA

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Board to approve The City of Pomona's application for recharge and direct staff to account for the same.

(0:10:11)

Motion by Mr. Ron Craig, seconded by Ms. Courtney Jones, there being no dissent, the item passed unanimously.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

#### III. BUSINESS ITEMS

None

#### IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

#### A. LEGAL COUNSEL

- 1. December 1, 2023 Court Hearing (OBMP Semi-Annual Status Report and 2023 Recharge Master Plan Update)
- 2. February 2, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster Board Reappointment and GLMP Annual Report)
- 3. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
- 4. Court of Appeal Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021- 22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
- 5. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
- 6. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:10:50) Ms. Yraceburu gave a report on behalf of Mr. Herrema. A discussion ensued.

#### **B. ENGINEER**

- 1. Safe Yield Court Order Implementation
- 2. Storage and Recovery Master Plan
- 3. Water Quality Committee
- 4. Updated Schedules on Watermaster Website

(00:16:16) Mr. Rapp gave a report on items 1 and 2. Mr. Malone gave a report on items 2 and 3.

#### D. GENERAL MANAGER

- 1. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Exhibit "G" Physical Solution Transfers
- 2. Calendar Year 2024 Letters of CBWM Representation
- 3. Calendar Year 2024 Hearing Officer Panel
- 4. DYY Deliveries
- 5. OBMP Update CEQA
- 6. Other

(00:20:44) Mr. Tellez Foster introduced Mr. Yoo to give a report on item 1, and Ms. Moore for items 2 and 3. Under item 4, he gave an update indicating that DYY deliveries will stop in January. On item 5, he mentioned that IEUA has received all comments for the OBMP Update CEQA, and the IEUA Board will bring this item for certification in February. He reported that Watermaster has discontinued its fax line as a cost savings due to low usage.

#### V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

(0:27:15) Ms. Courtney Jones introduced Mr. Chad Nishida as City of Ontario's new Water Resources Manager replacing Mr. Christopher Quach.

#### 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 9:28 a.m. to discuss AP Business.

(0:27:52) Confidential session concluded at 9:46 a.m. with the reportable actions as shown below:

1. Motion: To approve AG legal bill as follows: \$21,400.00 for general counsel – December 2023 Invoice (Nov. 2023 billing) Motion made by Marty Zvirbulis, (FUWC), and seconded by Cris Fealy, (FWC): Passed with 63.180% volume votes in favor.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Approved:	February 8, 2024	/		•	

#### Attachments:

- 1. 20240111 Volume Vote Outcome for Annual Elections Item I.B.
- 2. 20240111 Appropriative Pool Committee Meeting (Reportable Action from Confidential Session as provided by Pool Leadership)



# 2024 APPROPRIATIVE POOL VOLUME VOTE (MINOR REPS) Assessment Year 2023-2024 (Production Year 2022-2023)

QUORUM MET?

NO

#### Enter Y or N in Each Cell

#### MAJORITY OF VOTING POWER NOT PRESENT.

Party	Present (Y/N)	Vote (Y/N)	Assigned	Avail Votes	Quorum	Total Yes
BlueTriton Brands, Inc.	N	N	2.071	0.000	0.000	0.000
CalMat Co. (Appropriative)	N	N	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Fontana, City Of	N	N	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Golden State Water Company	N	N	10.650	0.000	0.000	0.000
Marygold Mutual Water Company	N	N	10.165	0.000	0.000	0.000
Monte Vista Irrigation Company	Υ	Υ	6.170	6.170	6.170	6.170
NCL Co, LLC	N	N	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Niagara Bottling, LLC	N	N	10.492	0.000	0.000	0.000
Nicholson Family Trust	Υ	Υ	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035
Norco, City Of	N	N	1.840	0.000	0.000	0.000
San Antonio Water Company	N	N	17.176	0.000	0.000	0.000
San Bernardino, County of (Shooting Park)	N	N	0.132	0.000	0.000	0.000
Santa Ana River Water Company	Υ	Υ	11.865	11.865	11.865	11.865
West End Consolidated Water Co	Υ	Υ	8.640	8.640	8.640	8.640
West Valley Water District	N	N	5.875	0.000	0.000	0.000
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CALCULATE QUORUM CALCULATE VOTES

**RESET ALL** 

**RESET VOTES** 

**NOT PASSED** 

**MAJORITY OF VOTES REQUIRED** 

#### **ATTACHMENT 2**

From: Cansino, Melissa Alexandria Moore To: Diggs, Chris: Anna Nelson Cc:

AP Closed Session Meeting - Motion To Approve Dec. 2023 AG Legal Bill Thursday, January 11, 2024 3:07:27 PM Subject:

Date: Attachments:

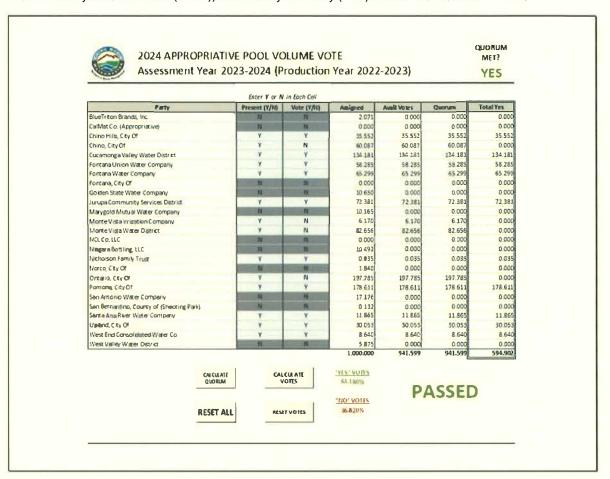
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#### Hi Alex,

The AP held its closed session meeting at 9:35 AM, concluding at 9:46 AM. I've attached the sign-in sheet for your convenience.

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Thank you, Melissa Cansino City of Pomona ~ Water Resources Department (909) 620-2236 Melissa Cansino@pomonaca gov