

Minutes
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING**
September 24, 2009

The Watermaster Board Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on September 24, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Curatalo, Chair
Charles Field
David DeJesus
Michael Whitehead
Kevin Sage
Bob Feenstra
Paul Hofer

Cucamonga Valley Water District
Western Municipal Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Fontana Water Company
Vulcan Materials Company
Agricultural Pool
Agricultural Pool

Watermaster Staff Present

Kenneth R. Manning
Sheri Rojo
Ben Pak
Danielle Maurizio
Sherri Lynne Molino

Chief Executive Officer
CFO/Asst. General Manager
Senior Project Engineer
Senior Engineer
Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Scott Slater
Michael Fife
Mark Wildermuth

Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck
Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck
Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Bill Kruger
Lonnie Curtis
Eunice Ulloa
Jack Safely
Scott Burton
Ken Jeske
Marty Zvirbulis
Mark Kinsey
Dave Crosley
Ron Craig
Tim Hampton
Charles Moorrees
Robert Young
Mike McGraw
Jeff Pierson

City of Chino Hills
City of Upland
Chino Basin Water Conservation District
Western Municipal Water District
City of Ontario
City of Ontario
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Monte Vista Water District
City of Chino
City of Chino Hills
City of Pomona
San Antonio Water Company
Fontana Union Water Company
Fontana Water Company
Ag Pool – Crops

Chair Curatalo called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

No additions or reorders were made to the agenda.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held August 27, 2009

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Watermaster Visa Check Detail for the month of July 2009
2. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009
4. Budget vs. Actual July 2009

Motion by Hofer, second by Feenstra, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Consent Calendar A through B, as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEM

A. COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION FOR THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA – POLICY POSITION

Mr. Manning reviewed this item in detail and noted Watermaster has not taken a position on this item; however, the Advisory Committee took action to support this item today. Mr. Manning stated this item comes before the board from a request by a member of the Watermaster Board who is very active on the Southern California Water Committee regarding working on a comprehensive solution regarding the Delta. The Southern California Water Committee has taken a policy position and is asking other agencies to support them in their endeavor and Mr. Vanden Heuvel, who is not present today, is asking Chino Basin Watermaster to support this effort. A discussion regarding Delta issues and solutions ensued. Chair Curatalo, Mr. Feenstra, Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Field offered comment and support for this item. Mr. Manning noted Inland Empire Utilities Agency has already offered support for this item.

Motion by Whitehead, second by Feenstra, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve supporting the Southern California Water Committees position on the Comprehensive Solution for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, as presented

Added Comment:

Mr. Manning stated there will be two representatives from Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck, Chris Frahm and Paul Bauer, who are both lobbyists who will be attending the upcoming Strategic Planning Conference to discuss the Delta Package. Mr. Manning stated he will also be contacting Phil Rosentrater from Western Municipal Water District to invite him to sit on the panel with Ms. Frahm and Mr. Bauer. This will create a well rounded panel to review the Delta issues.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Court Transition Process

Counsel Slater stated we received a letter from the presiding judge which is in response from a letter sent to the court regarding Watermaster offer to assist in the new judge selection process. The letter simply states thank you but no thank you; a new assignment will be made by the court. There will be a waiting period to see if there are any preemptory challenges on the judge that is chosen.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Financial Changes

Ms. Rojo stated as a result in the change in the meetings normally there are five financial reports included in the meeting package and now there will be a month lag time for the cash disbursement report which is a listing of all the checks paid. That report is not in the package this month but will be back in the package starting next month.

2. Assessment Package Workshop

Ms. Rojo stated the Assessment Package Workshop was held on September 9, 2009 which went well. There was some feedback on some of the title headings which is an easy fix. The discussion did become focused on the Cumulative Unmet Replenishment Obligation (CURO). Ms. Rojo reviewed what CURO is and how it plays a role for the parties. Ms. Rojo stated the CURO will be the main focus at the upcoming Strategic Planning Conference next week.

C. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Manning stated the legislature did have a tremendous amount of work that was accomplished on the Delta Package in their legislative session. There was discussion to bring that legislation back into session to try and accomplish more on the Delta Package. Mr. Manning stated he will keep the parties apprised as the information becomes available. Mr. Manning stated AB 1366 regarding water softeners has passed is going to be sent to the governor's office this week for signature.

2. Recharge Update

Mr. Manning stated the most recent recharge update is available on the back table.

3. Watermaster Policy Manual

Mr. Manning stated Watermaster is in the process of developing a Policy Manual and noted this item has been mentioned and discussed at previous meetings. Mr. Manning noted the Appropriative Pool had put together an Ad-Hoc Committee regarding the manual. Mr. Manning stated Jeff Pierson from the Agricultural Pool was recently appointed to sit on that Ad-Hoc Committee and that appointment came two days after the committee met for the first time. After the Ad-Hoc Committee met the committee chair gave Watermaster staff some good direction and will be providing some suggested changes. A discussion regarding this item ensued.

4. Auction Update

Mr. Manning demonstrated the Chino Basin Watermaster web page which contains a separate water auction website. Mr. Manning reviewed the new water auction website in detail. Mr. Manning stated there is a team that is working on all elements of the water auction. A due diligence package and resource materials have been developed to assist possible bidders. A discussion on the progress of the water auction ensued.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Manning discussed the upcoming holiday schedule which will require meeting dates for November and December to be changed.

Mr. Manning stated the next IEUA Dry Year Yield meeting that was scheduled for October 15, 2009 has been changed to October 22, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Pursuant to the Advisory Committee Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Advisory Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

No confidential session was called.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

September 22, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Water Quality Meeting @ CBWM
September 24, 2009	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
September 24, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
September 24, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
September 28, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament @ Oak Quarry
September 28, 2009	5:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Kick-Off Reception @ Oak Quarry
September 29, 2009	7:30 a.m.	Strategic Planning Conference @ Etiwanda Gardens
October 1, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
October 8, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
October 15, 2009	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
October 15, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
October 22, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
October 22, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Recharge Master Plan Workshop @ CBWM

The Watermaster Board meeting was dismissed by Chair Curatalo at 11:40 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: October 22, 2009