

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

October 22, 2009

The Watermaster Board Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on October 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Willis, Chair
Michael Camacho
Charles Field
Bob Kuhn
Michael Whitehead
Bob Bowcock
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel
Paul Hofer

City of Upland
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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
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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 Willis called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:09 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 September 24, 2009

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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

Moved to approve Consent Calendar A through B, as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEM**A. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 2009-2010 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE**

Ms. Rojo gave the 2009-2010 Assessment Package presentation and noted there have been some exciting changes made to the 2009-2010 Assessment Package as a result of the Cumulative Unmet Replenishment Obligation (CURO). Ms. Rojo noted this package addresses the CURO assessment adjustment. A discussion regarding CURO starting on page 45 of the meeting package and on the 85/15 rule ensued. Ms. Rojo reviewed the Phase I and Phase II debt in detail. Ms. Rojo reviewed the separate spreadsheets in detail. Ms. Rojo noted the 2009-2010 Assessment Package does not address the Dry Year Yield and the calculation of the storage losses and how they will be reallocated. The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) losses are going to get distributed to the Appropriator's; however the methodology for that reallocation still needs to be determined. A discussion regarding Metropolitan Water District's replenishment water ensued. Mr. Vanden Heuvel inquired about a policy decision regarding what is the limit of replenishment obligation should be. Mr. Manning stated there will need to be a policy decision; however, there is not one today and it is being worked on by getting the parties together for discussions. Mr. Bowcock offered comment on the fact that the policy needs to be expedited. Mr. Manning stated staff will be prepared to bring this through the process in the very near future.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Vanden Heuvel, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve the Chino Basin Watermaster 2009-2010 Assessment Package, as presented

Added Comment:

Chair Willis commented on AB 1366 which was recently passed and made into law which will give us the opportunity to further clean up the salt and our groundwater.

Chair Willis commented on the Coro Foundation and asked Karli Tanner from that foundation to speak on the upcoming event. Ms. Tanner thanked all the people who are involved in the upcoming event on Thursday, November 12, 2009 which will be focusing on California's water crisis. Ms. Tanner reviewed the list of speakers and invited all the parties to join this exciting event.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

1. Court Transition Process

Counsel Slater stated Watermaster does have a new judge, Judge Reichert and he is assigned to the Chino Division. There is nothing on calendar to be presented to the court

until July, 2010 and that item is the approval of the Recharge Master Plan which will be a significant approval item. Counsel Slater noted the time limit to file a 170.6 regarding the assignment of Judge Reichert has expired.

2. DYY/Storage Update

Counsel Slater stated this is a recurring update item on the agenda. This item is regarding issues surrounding the LRP funding for the Desalters, and the expansion of the MWD storage account. A meeting took place a few weeks ago to lay out the process for dealing with this matter and the group from that meeting agreed the first thing that needed to happen was the accounting on the LRP needed to be worked out with MWD. Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Western Municipal Water District met with MWD staff recently; however it was reported that nothing was resolved at that meeting. Once that issue is resolved the other issues will be tackled.

C. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Manning stated that he has no legislative report today.

Chair Willis asked Mr. Atwater to give an update on AB 1366. Mr. Atwater noted IEUA will be working with the Regional Board on the findings of facts so that the implementation of ordinances can be done in our service area. A discussion regarding water softeners ensued.

2. Recharge Report

Mr. Manning stated there was some minor recharge into the basin recently. The most recent recharge report is on the back table for review.

3. Auction Update

Mr. Manning stated things are progressing on schedule for the auction on November 4, 2009. Applications are coming in and being processed.

4. Strategic Planning Conference Recap

Mr. Manning commented on the recent Strategic Planning Conference, and reviewed the conference summary handout in detail.

Added Comment:

Mr. Manning offered comment on the Wagner & Bonsignore memorandum regarding Potential Enhancements to Flood Control Basins for the Purpose of Storing and Transferring Seasonal Runoff handout dated October 19, 2009.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Vanden Heuvel spoke on the Southern California Water Committee and encouraged everyone to attend the dinner event at the Pacific Palms that is being held tonight.

Mr. Camacho and Chair Willis spoke on the CORO Foundation and on the luncheon titled Surfacing Solutions on November 12, 2009.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

October 22, 2009	9:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield 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
October 27, 2009	9:00 a.m.	GRCC Meeting @ CBWM
November 5, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
November 12, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
November 19, 2009	8:00 a.m.	IUEA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
November 19, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
November 19, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
December 3, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
December 10, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
December 17, 2009	8:00 a.m.	IUEA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Recharge Master Plan Workshop @ CBWM

The Watermaster Board meeting was dismissed by Chair Willis at 12:00 p.m.

Secretary: _____

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