

**Minutes**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING**

*May 24, 2012*

The Watermaster Board Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on May 24, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bob Kuhn, Chair  
Jim Curatalo  
Paula Lantz  
Terry Catlin  
Bob Bowcock  
Charles Field  
Bill Kruger  
Paul Hofer  
Jeff Pierson

Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Fontana Union Water Company  
City of Pomona  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)  
Western Municipal Water District  
City of Chino Hills  
Agricultural Pool  
Agricultural Pool

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel  
Steve Elie

Agricultural Pool  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**Watermaster Staff Present**

Ken Jeske  
Danielle Maurizio  
Joseph Joswiak  
Gerald Greene  
Sherri Molino

Interim CEO  
Senior Engineer  
Chief Financial Officer  
Senior Environmental Engineer  
Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Scott Slater  
Mark Wildermuth

Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck  
Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

**Others Present**

Bob Feenstra  
Pete Hall  
Sandra Rose  
David DeJesus  
Marty Zvirbulis  
Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra  
Raul Garibay  
Dave Crosley  
Scott Burton  
Ron Craig  
Mike Maestas  
Nadeem Majaj  
Sheri Rojo  
Pari Dezham  
Craig Miller  
Ryan Shaw  
Curtis Paxton

Ag Pool – Dairy  
Ag Pool – State of California – CIM  
Monte Vista Water District  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
City of Pomona  
City of Chino  
City of Ontario  
City of Chino Hills  
City of Chino Hills  
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Fontana Water Company  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
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Chino Desalter Authority

Jack Safely  
Todd Corbin  
Dirk Reed

Western Municipal Water District  
Jurupa Community Services District  
Kern Delta Water District

Chair Kuhn called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

There were no additions or reorders made to the agenda.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Special Watermaster Board Meeting held April 12, 2012
2. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held April 26, 2012

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of March 2012
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of March 2012
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period March 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

**C. WATER TRANSACTION**

1. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – Chino Basin Watermaster will purchase 169.944 acre-feet of water from the City of Upland. The transfer will be made first from the City of Upland's under-production in Fiscal Year 2011-12, then any additional from storage. Date of Application: March 26, 2012
2. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – Chino Basin Watermaster will purchase 169.944 acre-feet of water from Monte Vista Irrigation Company. The transfer will be made from Monte Vista Irrigation Company's Excess Carryover Account. Date of Application: March 26, 2012
3. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – Chino Basin Watermaster will purchase 169.944 acre-feet of water from Monte Vista Water District. The transfer will be made from Monte Vista Water District's Excess Carryover Account. Date of Application: March 26, 2012
4. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – Chino Basin Watermaster will purchase 169.944 acre-feet of water from the Santa Ana River Water Company. The transfer will be made first from the Santa Ana River Water Company's under-production in Fiscal Year 2011-12, then any additional from storage. Date of Application: March 26, 2012
5. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – Chino Basin Watermaster will purchase 169.944 acre-feet of water from the City of Chino. The transfer will be made from the City of Chino's Excess Carryover Account. Date of Application: March 26, 2012
6. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – Chino Basin Watermaster will purchase 16.394 acre-feet of water from Aqua Capital Management. The transfer will be made from Aqua Capital Management's Local Storage Account. Date of Application: March 26, 2012
7. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – Chino Basin Watermaster will purchase 16.394 acre-feet of water from Auto Club Speedway. The transfer will be made from Auto Club Speedway's Local Storage Account. Date of Application: March 26, 2012

*Motion by Pierson, second by Catlin, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar items A through C, as presented***

## II. BUSINESS ITEMS

### A. WATERMASTER BUDGET

Mr. Jeske introduced the item in detail. Mr. Jeske stated this item was unanimously approved by the three Pools and the Advisory Committee at their meetings. Chair Kuhn inquired if the Board members present wanted to see the presentation. It was noted the Watermaster 2012/2013 Budget presentation did not need to be given again, and Chair Kuhn thanked Mr. Joswiak for a good job on the budget.

*Motion by Kruger, second by Pierson, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Watermaster Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget, as presented***

### B. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER RECHARGE MASTER PLAN UPDATE FILING

Mr. Jeske stated this is a follow up to the first phase of the work that is being done on the Recharge Master Plan. Mr. Jeske stated the action that is being recommended is to approve draft sections 1-4; a list of comments received at the workshops is included in the meeting packet, including all the responses to the comments. Mr. Jeske offered comment on the filing that will go to the court. Mr. Wildermuth gave the Recharge Master Plan Update (RMPU) presentation on sections 1-4 in detail. Chair Kuhn inquired about who comprises the Steering Committee. Mr. Jeske stated the people invited to the Steering Committee meetings were all of the Pool members and their alternates, the Advisory Committee members and their alternates, the Watermaster Board and its alternates, and anyone else who attended the meeting and signed the list. Mr. Wildermuth continued with RMPU presentation.

Chair Kuhn asked that Mr. Wildermuth go back to the slide that shows the entire Chino Basin. Chair Kuhn inquired if there was any way this could be made into some sort of presentation once the new General Manager is hired, and then make it available for each Board member to do a tour of that area and go through the scenario that has been done. Chair Kuhn stated he thinks this will be very beneficial and make it a lot easier for us to understand the report that was just given. Ms. Lantz asked that she be a part of the presentation/tour and offered comments regarding Golden State Water. Mr. Bowcock offered comment on Ms. Lantz's comments. Mr. Jeske stated that would be fine to schedule a tour of the sites with the new General Manger and he would assist in this endeavor.

*Motion by Curatalo, second by Catlin, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to: 1. Approve the Final Draft of Sections 1-4 of the 2012 Chino Basin Recharge Master Plan Update; 2. Authorize Filing the Recharge Master Plan Status Report With the Court; 3. Direct Staff to Continue Working the Stakeholders and Recharge Master Plan Update Steering Committee on Completing the Remaining Sections of the Update, as presented***

### C. WATERMASTER BUDGET TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Jeske stated this item deals with this fiscal year and has two different elements to it. Mr. Jeske reviewed the budget transfer and amendments in detail.

*Motion by Catlin, second by Curatalo, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Budget Transfer form T-12-05-01 and Budget Amendment form A-12-05-01, as presented***

## III. REPORTS/UPDATES

### A. LEGAL REPORT

#### 1. Day Creek and San Sevaine Recharge Permit Time Extensions

Counsel Slater stated we are in possession of the draft approvals from the State Water Resources Control Board to extend our time period to apply water to beneficial use under our Santa Ana River Right Applications; this is being handled staff to staff and it is quite cooperative and we are continuing to work on the extension details. Counsel Slater stated it is anticipated to report in June that staff has issued the extension per our suggestions.

2. Paragraph 31 Appeal

Counsel Slater stated we have the fully executed version of the Paragraph 31 settlement documents and, he is pleased to say, under terms that are beneficial to all Pools and Watermaster parties. Thank you to all the parties who assisted in this. Counsel Slater stated Mr. Kuhn has executed the document and it is available for distribution. Counsel Slater offered comment on California Steel Industries participation in this matter. Ms. Lantz inquired if there was a cut-off. Counsel Slater stated there is cut-off, but that will be left up to the members of the Appropriate Pool whether they remain interested in complying with those terms. Mr. Hofer inquired about it being online. Counsel Slater stated it will be distributed to the parties and will be made available online.

Mr. Hofer inquired about the Santa Ana sucker fish. Counsel Slater stated as an un-agenized item this matter is still out there and Watermaster has taken an "observe and report" position and we can get more involved if need be; a report can be given at the next Board meeting. Mr. Hofer noted he wanted to see more on this at the next meeting; this has the possibility to dramatically constrain upstream operations.

Mr. Feenstra stated Mr. Dan McKinney will be at the next Agricultural Pool meeting and he wanted to know what was going on with the Restated Judgment. Counsel Slater stated we have an opportunity of working on the Restated Judgment now that the Paragraph 31 motion is over. Counsel Slater stated people believe there is room for error in doing the Restated Judgment, however, he will try and address any fears and/or concerns. Counsel Slater stated he thinks the court, parties, and others will greatly benefit from a restated and annotated version. Mr. Feenstra asked that Mr. McKinney be kept informed on this matter.

**B. ENGINEERING REPORT**

1. HCMP Monitoring Report

Mr. Wildermuth stated the HCMP report needs to be filed with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) every year. Mr. Wildermuth stated last summer Wildermuth prepared a proposal to the RWQCB that went through coupled with the Basin Plan Amendment, which means the next Hydraulic Control Monitoring report, after the one we just filed, will be in April of 2017 instead of April 2013. Mr. Wildermuth stated this will save Watermaster hundreds of thousands of dollars in having two reports every ten years instead of one report.

2. Groundwater Model Calibration Update

Mr. Wildermuth stated the schedule for the groundwater modeling calibration has been pushed out slightly to accommodate the modeling work that was done for the Recharge Master Plan Update. Mr. Wildermuth stated this will be coming back sometime in July, or possibly August, with the modeling calibration results. Mr. Wildermuth stated this is going to be used for resetting the safe yield; there are some hydrology things we are running down to make sure we do the best job we can.

3. Extensometer Progress

Mr. Wildermuth stated the new vertical extensometer is to be constructed in Chino Creek Well Field; the well has been constructed and we are developing it this week and equipping it shortly thereafter. Mr. Wildermuth stated that will be on line and ready before the end of the fiscal year.

**C. CEO REPORT**

No comment was made.

**IV. INFORMATION**

1. Cash Disbursements for April 2012

No comment was made.

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comment was made.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

No comment was made.

The regular open Watermaster Board meeting was convened to hold its confidential session at 11:34 a.m.

**VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

Pursuant to Article 2.6 of the Watermaster Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

1. CEO/General Manager/Personnel Matters

The confidential session concluded at 12:02 p.m.

Counsel Slater stated after the closed session concluded the Watermaster Board authorized the CEO and general counsel to negotiate certain personnel arrangements with staff and to prepare conforming documentation, and to present it back to the Watermaster Board.

Mr. Hofer stated he has a request to have a brief overview on the Santa Ana sucker fish as to what is going on with that and what the repercussions of that could potentially be at our next Watermaster Board meeting; please agendaize.

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS AT WATERMASTER**

<del>Tuesday, May 22, 2012</del>	<del>9:00 a.m.</del>	<del>GRCC Meeting</del>
Thursday, May 24, 2012	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
<b>* Tuesday, May 29, 2012</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>GRCC Meeting</b>
Thursday, June 7, 2012	10:00 a.m.	CB RMPU Steering Comm. and Storage Mtg.
Thursday, June 14, 2012	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative Pool Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2012	11:00 a.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Conference Call Mtg.
Thursday, June 14, 2012	1:30 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2012	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2012	10:00 a.m.	CB RMPU Steering Comm. and Storage Mtg.
Thursday, June 28, 2012	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

**\* NOTE: New date for the GRCC Meeting**

Chair Kuhn adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved: June 28, 2012