

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

February 27, 2014

The Watermaster Board meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA on February 27, 2014.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert "Bob" Craig, Chair
Steve Elie, Vice-Chair
J. Arnold Rodriguez
Bob Kuhn
Mark Kinsey
Bob Bowcock
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel
Paul Hofer
Charles Field

Jurupa Community Services District
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Santa Ana River Water Company
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Monte Vista Water District
Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)
Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Agricultural Pool – Crops
Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas
Danielle Maurizio
Joseph Joswiak
Anna Truong

General Manager
Assistant General Manager
Chief Financial Officer
Recording Secretary

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Scott Slater
Veva Weamer

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT

Pete Hall
Dave Crosley
Marty Zvirbulis
Chuck Hays
Rogelio Matta
Jeff Pierson
Ron Craig
David DeJesus
Bob Feenstra
Sheri Rojo
Craig Miller
Eunice Ulloa
Ken Jeske
Terry Catlin
Brian Geye
Art Kidman
Justin Scott-Coe
Manny Martinez
Scott Burton
Curtis Paxton

State of California, CIM
City of Chino
Cucamonga Valley Water District
City of Fontana
City of Fontana
Agricultural Pool – Crops
City of Chino Hills
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Fontana Water Company
Western Municipal Water District
Chino Basin Water Conservation District
California Steel Industries
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Auto Club Speedway
Kidman Law, LLP
Monte Vista Water District
Monte Vista Water District
City of Ontario
Chino Basin Desalter Authority

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Annual Watermaster Board Meeting held January 23, 2014

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of December 2013
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of December 2013
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period December 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

(0:00:50)

Motion by Mr. Bob Kuhn, second by Mr. Mark Kinsey, and carried unanimously
Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. WATERMASTER MID-YEAR REVIEW AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

Consider (1) Receive and file the Mid-Year Review Report for the period of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 as presented. (2) Approve Budget Amendment Form A-13-12-01 as presented.

(0:01:26) Mr. Joswiak gave a report and a brief discussion ensued.

(0:10:35) Mr. Paul Hofer joined the meeting.

(0:26:06)

Motion by Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, second by Mr. J. Arnold Rodriguez, and carried unanimously
Moved to approve Business Item IIA as presented

B. PHONE SYSTEM

Approve staff-recommend purchase of a ShoreTel telephone system (hardware, software, installation and support) from Business Telecommunication Systems, Inc. (BTS) as presented.

(0:26:30) Mr. Kavounas gave background on why a new phone system is needed. He stated that the same information was presented to all three Pools and the Advisory Committee and staff did not receive specific recommendations nor were there any concerns.

(0:28:30)

Motion by Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, second by Mr. Steve Elie, and carried unanimously.
Moved to approve Business Item IIB as presented

(0:28:45) Mr. Elie commented that the Board should include on a future agenda to discuss increasing the General Manager's \$10,000 expenditure approval limit.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. CDA Request
2. City of Fontana – Resolution Discussion
3. Recommendation on Watermaster Board Practices in Conformance with SB 751

(0:29:10) Mr. Slater gave a report.

(0:32:26) Mr. Vanden Heuvel reminded the Board and staff that he requested at the January 2014 meeting that a full report on the Chino Airport plume and its interaction with CDA operations be brought to the March 2014 Board meeting for review. Mr. Slater stated that staff will be prepared for that.

B. CFO REPORT

(0:39:57) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

C. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. CASGEM Compliance and Basin Prioritization

(0:42:17) Ms. Weamer from Wildermuth Environmental gave a presentation and a brief discussion ensued.

(0:56:39) Mr. Hofer inquired if the CASGEM presentation will be posted on Watermaster's website. Mr. Kavounas stated that it will be posted shortly after the meeting.

D. GM REPORT

1. Safe Yield Recalculation
2. Hydraulic Control
3. Overlying Non-Agricultural Pool Available Water Per Judgment Exhibit "G"
4. Dry Year Yield Program
5. Agricultural Pool Water Quality Sampling Results Transmittal
6. Other

(0:57:03) Mr. Kavounas gave an update on the Safe Yield Recalculation and mentioned that Watermaster has started the effort to compute the Safe Yield for the prior ten-year period and to reset the Safe Yield for the next ten years in accordance with the Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP) which was due in 2010/2011. In the process of doing so, and in the 15 years since the Peace Agreement and OBMP, the discussions are showing that with the existing model, there may be value in considering a different base period than the prior ten years as the OBMP has led Watermaster to follow. Watermaster is working with the interested parties to assist them to bring a proposal to Watermaster to consider an alternative base period. An additional question that was discussed was the new yield from the Santa Ana River Underflow and whether or not it is appropriate to use the baseline of June 1, 2000 that was outlined in the documents. Watermaster is reviewing this information and working on an alternative definition that will be appropriate in determining the Safe Yield Recalculation figure. To assist parties with the technical aspect, Mr. Mark Wildermuth of Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. (WEI) has held one technical group meeting on January 30,

2014 and a second meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2014. The goal of these technical meetings is to review the model in detail and develop a different base period and a different baseline to bring before the Court for consideration. A discussion ensued.

(1:11:12) Mr. Kavounas mentioned that since we have now received the letter from the Regional Board, we can now work toward determining whether we have achieved Hydraulic Control, and if we have, what (if any) should the loss from storage accounts be in accordance with Peace II and the OBMP. A discussion ensued.

(1:18:32) Mr. Kavounas stated that a reminder has been given to all Appropriators and that Watermaster has issued a notice and a table indicating the Exhibit "G" Non-Agricultural Pool water available for purchase. The deadline for the form to be turned in to Watermaster is March 1, 2014.

(1:19:20) Mr. Kavounas gave a brief update on the Dry Year Yield (DYY) program indicating that IEUA is leading the effort and that Watermaster has been asked what (if any) impact the DYY program could have on the Safe Yield. Watermaster will work to help the parties better understand the DYY program relationship to the Safe Yield. Since the DYY program changes are modifying the existing agreement, it will require approval by the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board; this will likely happen in June 2014.

(1:20:41) Mr. Kavounas announced that the Agricultural Pool initiated the effort, and involved Watermaster, in crafting a letter to be used on a routine basis to communicate water quality sampling results to well owners if those sampling results exceed MCLs. The Pool worked with their counsel, Ms. Tracy Egoscue to develop the letter and it meets the existing Watermaster policy related to transmitting private well information.

(1:22:34) Mr. Kavounas mentioned that he and Watermaster staff had assisted on IEUA's February 6, 2014 Basin Tour, and it went very well. He also stated that he attended the Three Valleys MWD Leadership Breakfast where the Bay Delta proposal was discussed. Lastly, Mr. Kavounas thanked the Board for their attendance and participation at the Watermaster Board Briefing 2014 on February 24, 2014 held at the Chino Basin Water Conservation District. He hoped that attendees found it informative and asked that if anyone had suggestions for future Board Briefings, he is open to hearing all suggestions.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Cash Disbursements for January, 2014

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(1:25:56) Chair Craig thanked Eunice Ulloa for her hospitality in allowing Watermaster to use the Conservation District to host the Board Briefing. He also stated that Western MWD is in negotiations with Orange County regarding the discharge out of the sewer treatment plant and that negotiations are ongoing at this point.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Craig called for a Confidential Session at 12:27 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1. City of Fontana Motion

Closed Session concluded at 1:41 p.m. with no reportable action.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS AT WATERMASTER

2/24/14	Mon	12:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Briefing 2014 (at CBWCD)
2/27/14	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board
3/03/14	Mon	10:00 a.m.	2 nd Technical (GW Model) Group (at WEI Offices)
3/13/14	Thu	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative Pool Committee
3/13/14	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Committee
3/13/14	Thu	1:30 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Committee
3/20/14	Thu	8:00 a.m.	Dry Year Yield
3/20/14	Thu	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee
3/20/14	Thu	10:00 a.m.*	Joint IEUA/CBWM Recharge Improvement Projects AND RMPU Steering Committee
3/25/14	Tue	9:00 a.m.	GRCC (at CBWCD)
3/27/14	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board

***Note:** This meeting will take place immediately following the Advisory Committee Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Craig adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: March 27, 2014