

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING
February 26, 2015

The Watermaster Board meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA on February 26, 2015.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Elie, Chair
Paul Hofer, Vice-Chair
J. Arnold Rodriguez
Mark Kinsey
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel
Bob Bowcock
Jim W. Bowman
Bob Kuhn
Don Galleano

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Agricultural Pool – Crops
Santa Ana River Water Company
Monte Vista Water District
Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Calmat Company (Vulcan Materials Co.)
City of Ontario
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
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
Mark Wildermuth

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT

Pete Hall
Robert Young
Dave Crosley
Scott Burton
Ryan Shaw
Robert Tock
David DeJesus
Terry Catlin
Nadeem Majaj
Sheri Rojo
Brian Geye
Jeff Pierson
Bob Feenstra
Eunice Ulloa
Darron Poulsen
Raul Garibay
John Bosler
Ron Craig
Curtis Paxton
Art Kidman
Manny Martinez

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elie called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:04 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 22, 2015
2. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Special Meeting held January 29, 2015

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of December 2014
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of December 2014
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

(0:00:36)

*Motion by Mr. Bob Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Jim Bowman, and carried unanimously
Moved to approve Consent Calendar as presented*

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 35TH ANNUAL REPORT

Adopt the 35th Annual Report with alternative language for Page 3 recommended by the Advisory Committee, along with filing a copy with the Court, and subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

(0:00:49) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:01:57) Motion introduced by Mr. Bob Kuhn.

(0:27:21) Vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Bob Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Mark Kinsey, and passed by majority vote with opposition by Mr. Geoff Vanden Heuvel

Moved to approve Business Item II.A. with revisions as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

(0:27:36) Mr. Don Galleano left the meeting.

B. SAFE YIELD RECALCULATION AND RESET (Discussion Only)

(0:27:59) Messrs. Kavounas and Slater gave a report. A discussion ensued.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. January 16, 2015 Alvarez CalPERS Hearing

(0:30:46) Mr. Slater gave a report.

B. CFO REPORT

None

C. ENGINEERING REPORT

None

D. GM REPORT

1. Increase Total Project Budgets for San Sevaine and East Declez Basins
2. Overlying Non-Agricultural Pool Available Water Per Judgment Exhibit "G"
3. ACWA Water Storage Policy Task Force
4. Other

(0:31:24) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Introduction to CivicSpark AmeriCorps Program
2. Cash Disbursements for January 2015

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(0:34:45) Mr. Kinsey commented about Board reappointments indicating that he has heard interest in making possible changes to the Board rotation schedule. If it is a matter parties are interested in considering, the Board should probably start the process soon. In light of the Safe Yield Recalculation and Reset process, it probably is not a good time but should be considered soon. Chair Elie stated he and Mr. Kavounas have discussed the matter and plan to initiate the discussion for this summer.

(0:35:44) Vice-Chair Hofer commented that it is great that Mr. Kavounas has been asked to participate in the ACWA Water Storage Policy Task Force and stated that it is great for the Chino Basin and congratulated Mr. Kavounas. Chair Elie echoed the sentiment and added that it is also good that Mr. Kavounas was asked to participate on the DWR's Technical Advisory Panel as it will be helpful for Watermaster to be on the ground floor as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act is implemented.

(0:36:04) Chair Elie mentioned that the Board will soon be starting the process for the General Manager's review and that Mr. Slater has graciously agreed again this year to collect and disseminate evaluation forms to the group. In addition this year, Pool Chairs will also be participating in the General Manager's review process. The process will be the same as was done last year; Directors will submit forms to Mr. Slater and Mr. Slater will collate and put them into a form for Directors' and Pool Chairs' review. Mr. Kavounas will also be asked to give a self-evaluation of his performance.

(0:37:03) Chair Elie also stated that he, Vice-Chair Hofer, and Mr. Kavounas have discussed having a social event for the Board, potentially at Mr. Galleano's Winery. They will work on finding a date that works for everyone, possibly in the March/April timeframe.

(0:37:43) Mr. Kuhn stated that in light of the Safe Yield Recalculation and Reset and the Board needing to reset the Safe Yield by April, he asked if the social event could be planned after the Safe Yield Recalculation is completed. Chair Elie stated that he understood Mr. Kuhn’s concerns and that the idea was to have a social event for the Board, similar to the Board briefings that were held the past few years, but perhaps it could be held in the May timeframe.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Elie called for a confidential session at 11:43 a.m. to discuss the following:

1. Alvarez CalPERS Hearing

Confidential session concluded at 11:52 a.m. with no reportable action.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS AT WATERMASTER

2/20/15	Fri	10:00 a.m.*	Safe Yield Recalculation and Reset Facilitated Discussion
2/24/15	Tue	9:00 a.m.	GRCC (at Chino Basin Water Conservation District)
2/26/15	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board
2/27/15	Fri	10:00 a.m.*	Safe Yield Recalculation and Reset Facilitated Discussion
3/06/15	Fri	10:00 a.m.*	Safe Yield Recalculation and Reset Facilitated Discussion
3/12/15	Thu	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative Pool
3/12/15	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool
3/12/15	Thu	1:30 p.m.	Agricultural Pool
3/13/15	Fri	10:00 a.m.*	Safe Yield Recalculation and Reset Facilitated Discussion
3/19/15	Thu	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee
3/19/15	Thu	10:00 a.m.	Joint IEUA/CBWM Recharge Improvement Projects Committee
3/20/15	Fri	10:00 a.m.*	Safe Yield Recalculation and Reset Facilitated Discussion
3/26/15	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board
3/27/15	Fri	10:00 a.m.*	Safe Yield Recalculation and Reset Facilitated Discussion
TBA			RMPU Amendment Steering Committee Quarterly
TBA			Land Subsidence Committee

***Note:** These meetings are intended for parties who have signed the Safe Yield Recalculation and Reset Facilitation and Non-Disclosure Agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Elie adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: March 26, 2015