

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

March 24, 2016

The Watermaster Board meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA on March 24, 2016.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Elie, Chair
James Curatalo, Vice-Chair
David DeJesus for Bob Kuhn
Paul Hofer
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel
Jim Bowman
Bob Bowcock
Tom Thomas
Don Galleano

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Agricultural Pool – Crops
Agricultural Pool – Dairy
City of Ontario
Calmat Company (Vulcan Materials Co.)
City of Upland
Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas
Joseph Joswiak
Anna Truong

General Manager
Chief Financial Officer
Recording Secretary

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Scott Slater
Brad Herrema
Mark Wildermuth
Andy Malone

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
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Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
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OTHERS PRESENT

Pete Hall
Tracy Egoscue
Justin Scott-Coe
Terry Catlin
Dave Crosley
Scott Burton
Jeff Pierson
Ryan Shaw
Sheri Rojo
Darron Poulsen
Ken Jeske
Eunice Ulloa
John Bosler
Rick Rees
Chad Blais
Ron Craig
Art Kidman
Teri Layton

State of California – CIM
Egoscue Law Group
Monte Vista Water District
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
City of Chino
City of Ontario
Agricultural Pool – Crops
City of Ontario
Fontana Water Company
City of Pomona
California Steel Industries
Chino Basin Water Conservation District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
AMEC
City of Norco
City of Chino Hills
Kidman Law, LLP
San Antonio Water Company

Craig Miller
Manny Martinez

Western Municipal Water District
Monte Vista Water District

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

(0:00:31) Chair Elie stated that the Engineer Report on MZ3 Water Levels would be reordered to follow the Consent Calendar.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held February 25, 2016

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of January 2016
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of January 2016
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2016
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016

C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORTS 2013-2 AND 2014-1

Adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Reports 2013-2 and 2014-1, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

D. SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY – APPLICATION FOR RECHARGE

Notice of Application for Recharge – On January 22, 2016, San Antonio Water Company submitted an Application for Recharge for up to 200,000 acre-feet to be recharged into Montclair 2, 3, and 4, and Brooks recharge basins.

E. EXHIBIT “G” PHYSICAL SOLUTION TRANSFERS

1) Find that Auto Club Speedway (California Speedway Corporation), California Steel Industries, and NRG California South LP are in compliance with the Restated Judgment, Exhibit “G” ¶19(g), authorizing 2015-2016 Exhibit “G” Physical Solution Transfers, 2) Approve levy of assessments and subsequent payments for same.

F. PERSONNEL POLICY – ADOPTION OF THE REVISED VACATION POLICY TO INCLUDE A VACATION BUY-BACK PROVISION, POLICY 3.5.2

Approve the Adoption of the Vacation Buy-Back Policy 3.5.2 as Part of the Current Chino Basin Watermaster Employee Manual.

(0:00:50)

Motion by Mr. Tom Thomas, seconded by Mr. Jim Bowman, and carried unanimously
Moved to approve Consent Calendar as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. SUPPORT FOR CHINO BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION REQUEST SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

(0:11:35) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

(0:14:38)

Motion by Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, seconded by Mr. Tom Thomas, and carried unanimously
Moved to adopt Resolution 2016-03, expressing support for the request to modify the Chino Basin Boundaries in Bulletin 118, made by Western MWD, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, and Three Valleys MWD, as presented

B. APPROVAL OF THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER SUBMITTAL OF ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADJUDICATED BASINS PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

(0:14:58) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:36:36)

Motion by Vice-Chair Curatalo, seconded by Mr. Jim Bowman, and carried unanimously
Moved to approve the submittal and authorize the filing subject to the establishment of an ad hoc committee consisting of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer, which will take input from the Chairs of the three Pools, and their legal counsel, in an effort to evaluate the language that was stricken in the Ag Pool motion and to consider the potential for revised language, and to come to a resolution under paragraph E of the report by April 1, 2016, as presented

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. February 26, 2016 Hearing
2. April 8, 2016 Hearing
3. 36th Annual Report (Fiscal Year 2012/13)

(0:36:54) Mr. Slater gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. CFO REPORT

1. Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget Schedule

(0:40:48) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

C. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. MZ3 Water Levels (Follow-Up on Director Galleano's Request)

This item was reordered to follow the Consent Calendar.

(0:01:07) Mr. Malone gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

D. GM REPORT

- 1. Appropriative Pool Voting on Advisory Committee
- 2. SGMA Update
- 3. Business Plan Update
- 4. East Declez Project Status
- 5. Other

(0:42:28) Mr. Kavounas gave a report and added an item on the second interim assessments indicating that it will need to be issued in June 2016 regardless of the outcome of the May 6, 2016 Court hearing. He also mentioned that the April 26, 2016 Board Workshop has been cancelled. A discussion ensued.

IV. INFORMATION

- 1. Cash Disbursements for February 2016

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(0:47:02) Mr. Galleano inquired about the East Declez Basin project and related land acquisition. A discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

(0:48:15) Chair Elie commented on the new process for Board member stipends starting in April 2016. A discussion ensued.

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Elie adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ May 26, 2016