

**MINUTES**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING**

January 26, 2017

The Watermaster Board meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA on January 26, 2017.

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Curatalo, Chair	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Robert DiPrimio, Vice-Chair	Fontana Water Company
Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bob Bowcock	Calmat Company (Vulcan Materials Co.)
Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Tom Thomas	City of Upland
Don Galleano	Western Municipal Water District

**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Anna Truong	Executive Services Director/Board Clerk
Edgar Tellez Foster	Senior Environmental Engineer
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Senior Associate
Camille Gregory	Administrative Assistant

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

Scott Slater	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Mike Blazevic	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Todd Corbin	Jurupa Community Services District
Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Brian Geye	Auto Club Speedway
Jeff Pierson	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Pete Hall	State of California – CIM
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Rick Hansen	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
John Bosler	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Amanda Coker	City of Chino
Chris Berch	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
John Rossi	Western Municipal Water District
Ken Jeske	California Steel Industries
David De Jesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Sheri Rojo	Basin Creek Consulting
Kati Parker	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Eunice Ulloa	Chino Basin Water Conservation District
Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group
Marilyn Levin	State of California – DOJ
Ramsey Haddad	California Steel Industries
Marty Zvirbulis	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Darron Poulsen	City of Pomona

Raul Garibay  
Rosemary Hoerning  
Manny Martinez

City of Pomona  
City of Upland  
Monte Vista Water District

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Steve Elie, 2016 Chair called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER**

(0:00:38) Mr. Kavounas announced that after the Board elections conclude, there will be a five minute recess to allow the photographer to take a new Board photo.

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBER’S SERVICE ON WATERMASTER BOARD**

(0:01:16) Mr. Elie thanked Mr. Jim Bowman for his service on the Watermaster Board and indicated that staff would make sure he receives the framed certificate of appreciation.

**RECOGNITION OF KEN JESKE’S CONTRIBUTIONS TO WATERMASTER**

(0:01:30) Mr. Elie commented about Mr. Jeske’s tenure in the Basin, particularly at Watermaster, thanked him for his contributions, and presented him with a plaque and photo collage. Others commented and also thanked Mr. Jeske.

**INTRODUCTIONS – CALENDAR YEAR 2017 WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS**

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| Overlying (Ag) Pool     | Paul Hofer (Crops)                                |
| Overlying (Ag) Pool     | Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel (Dairy)                    |
| Overlying (Non-Ag) Pool | Bob Bowcock (Calmat Company)                      |
| Appropriative Pool      | Tom Thomas (City of Upland)                       |
| Appropriative Pool      | Jim Curatalo (Cucamonga Valley Water District)    |
| Appropriative Pool      | Bob DiPrimio (Fontana Water Company)              |
| Municipal               | Steve Elie (Inland Empire Utilities Agency)       |
| Municipal               | Bob Kuhn (Three Valleys Municipal Water District) |
| Municipal               | Don Galleano (Western Municipal Water District)   |

(0:08:39) Mr. Elie asked the 2017 Board members to introduce themselves.

**I. CALENDAR YEAR 2017 OFFICERS – ACTION**

**A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Chair               | <u>James Curatalo</u> |
| Vice-Chair          | <u>Bob DiPrimio</u>   |
| Secretary/Treasurer | <u>Bob Kuhn</u>       |

(0:10:30) Mr. Elie turned control of the meeting over to Mr. Slater to conduct the election of officers.

(0:13:37)

*Mr. Curatalo was the only nominee for the office of Board Chair; approved by unanimous vote*  
***Moved to elect Mr. James Curatalo as calendar year 2017 Board Chair***

(0:15:36)

*Mr. DiPrimio was the only nominee for the office of Board Vice Chair; approved by unanimous vote*  
**Moved to elect Mr. Robert DiPrimio as calendar year 2017 Board Vice-Chair**

(0:15:54) Directors Kuhn and Thomas were nominated for the office of calendar year 2017 Board Secretary/Treasurer.

(0:17:23) *Roll call vote taken; approved by majority vote:*

**Moved to elect Bob Kuhn as calendar year 2017 Board Secretary/Treasurer**

**Roll Call results:**

**Director Galleano – Kuhn**

**Director Thomas – Thomas**

**Director DiPrimio – Kuhn**

**Director Vanden Heuvel – Thomas**

**Director Hofer - Thomas**

**Director Kuhn – Kuhn**

**Director Curatalo – Kuhn**

**Director Elie – Kuhn**

**Director Bowcock - Kuhn**

(0:18:33) Mr. Kavounas congratulated the newly elected officers; the Board took a recess to work with the photographer.

## **II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **A. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held November 17, 2016

### **B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of October 2016
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of October 2016
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016
6. Cash Disbursements for the month of November 2016
7. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of November 2016
8. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016
9. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period November 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016
10. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016

### **C. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER INVESTMENT POLICY**

Adopt Resolution 2017-01 – Resolution of the Chino Basin Watermaster, San Bernardino County, California, Re-Authorizing the Watermaster's Investment Policy

### **D. LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND**

Adopt Resolution 2017-02 – Resolution Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund

### **E. WATER TRANSACTION**

Notice of Sale or Transfer – The purchase of 112.219 acre-feet of water from the City of Pomona by the City of Ontario. This purchase is made from the City of Pomona's Excess Carryover Account. Date of application: August 18, 2016.

### **F. NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE THE OPERATING SAFE YIELD OF THE CHINO GROUNDWATER BASIN**

(0:18:50) The newly elected Chair, Mr. Curatalo, resumed the Board meeting.

(0:19:04)

*Motion by Mr. Tom Thomas, seconded by Mr. Bob Kuhn, and carried unanimously  
Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items A. through F. as presented.*

### III. BUSINESS ITEMS

#### A. STORAGE AGREEMENTS (Information Only)

(0:19:21) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

#### B. NOTICE OF OVERLYING (NON-AGRICULTURAL) POOL AVAILABLE WATER PER RESTATED JUDGMENT EXHIBIT "G" (Information Only)

(0:22:35) Ms. Truong gave a report.

### IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

#### A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. December 9, 2016 Hearing
2. Filing of 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Report
3. January 10, 2017 Court Order
4. Update of Rules and Regulations

(0:23:09) Mr. Slater gave a report and added an update on the Alvarez CalPERS appeal. A discussion ensued.

(0:29:52) Mr. Kavounas announced that the agenda did not reflect an Engineer Report, and that Mr. Wildermuth will give a brief update.

(0:30:09) Mr. Wildermuth introduced Mr. Mike Blazevic to give a report on the Pomona Extensometer.

(0:32:23) Mr. Kavounas gave an update on the Santa Ana River activities.

(0:34:09) Mr. Wildermuth gave a report on the remaining items of the Engineer's Report:

- SGMA: Model Update and Required Demonstrations, Annual Reporting, and Fringe Areas
- California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM)
- Watermaster Reporting Requirements

A discussion ensued.

#### B. CFO REPORT

1. 2016/17 Assessment Invoicing

(0:39:42) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

#### C. GM REPORT

1. Santa Ana River Watershed Update
2. SGMA Update
3. Grant Funds for RMPU Amendment Projects
4. Other

(0:40:33) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on Item IV.C.2., SGMA Update.

(0:41:11) Mr. Kavounas asked Mr. Berch from the Inland Empire Utilities Agency to give a report on item IV.C.3., Grant Funds for RMPU Amendment Projects.

(0:42:42) Mr. Kavounas added a report on the Chino Basin management study; an update of Dr. Bill Blomquist's book, *Dividing the Waters*. A discussion ensued.

**V. INFORMATION**

1. Cash Disbursements for December 2016
2. Ground Level Monitoring Report (Quarterly)
3. Update on South Archibald and Chino Airport Plumes (Quarterly)
4. RMPU Status Report (Quarterly)

**VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

(0:47:42) Mr. Thomas welcomed Mr. DiPrimio.

(0:47:47) Mr. Kuhn raised a question regarding the Safe Yield Reset matter. A discussion ensued.

(0:49:29) Mr. Elie introduced IEUA Board Member Ms. Kati Parker, who is also his alternate on the Board.

(0:49:41) Chair Curatalo thanked Mr. Elie for his past service as Chair, and welcomed Mr. DiPrimio.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 11:58 a.m.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ February 23, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_