

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

February 23, 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 February 23, 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
Bob Bowcock	Calmat Company (Vulcan Materials Co.)
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Gino L. Filippi	City of Upland

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Don Galleano	Western Municipal Water District
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WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Edgar Tellez Foster	Senior Environmental Engineer
Anna Truong	Executive Services Director/Board Clerk
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Senior Associate

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Scott Slater	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Andy Malone	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Geye	Auto Club Speedway
Todd Corbin	Jurupa Community Services District
Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company
Eric Tarango	Fontana Union Water Company
Kati Parker	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Amanda Coker	City of Chino
Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Teri Layton	San Antonio Water Company
Darron Poulsen	City of Pomona
Erin Gilhuly	CV Strategies
Curtis Paxton	Chino Basin Desalter Authority
Marilyn Levin	State of California – DOJ
Manny Martinez	Monte Vista Water District
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Rick Hansen	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Art Kidman	Kidman Law, LLP
Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Curatalo called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(0:00:40) Mr. Feenstra recognized and thanked Mr. Elie for his leadership as Chair on the Watermaster Board for the past two consecutive terms.

(0:03:29) Mr. Filippi, the newly appointed representative for the City of Upland, introduced himself.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

(0:04:22) Mr. Kavounas recommended to the Board to reorder the Legal Counsel Report immediately prior to Confidential Session due to the newly received Safe Yield Reset Agreement Order from the Court. The Board concurred.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held January 26, 2017

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

C. WATER TRANSACTIONS

1. Notice of Sale or Transfer – The permanent transfer of 27.619 acre-feet of Safe Yield from Ameron International Corporation ("Ameron") to TAMCO, a California Corporation ("TAMCO"). In addition, Ameron requests to transfer 27.619 acre-feet of its Carryover Balance, and 169.358 acre-feet from its Local Storage Account to TAMCO.
2. Notice of Sale or Transfer – The purchase of 2,000.000 acre-feet of water from the City of Norco by Fontana Water Company. This purchase is made from the City of Norco's Excess Carryover Account and is to be transferred to Fontana Water Company's Annual Production Right/Operating Safe Yield.

D. RESOLUTION 2017-03 CONCURRING IN NOMINATION OF KATHLEEN J. TIEGS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ACWA JPIA

(0:05:23)

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

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

NONE

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Update of Rules and Regulations
2. Safe Yield Reset

Item III.A., the Legal Counsel Report, was reordered to follow Item VI.

(0:15:43) Mr. Slater gave a report. The item will be revisited during closed session.

B. ENGINEER REPORT

1. Addendum to Optimum Basin Management Program SEIR
2. Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Program
3. Ground-Level Monitoring Program
4. Supplemental Water Recharge Procedures
5. Model Update and Required Demonstrations

(0:05:57) Mr. Malone gave a report. A discussion ensued.

C. CFO REPORT

1. Fiscal Year 2016/17 Mid-Year Review
2. Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget Schedule

(0:09:56) Mr. Kavounas gave a report in Mr. Joswiak's absence.

D. GM REPORT

1. Santa Ana River Watershed Status Report
2. Overlying Non-Agricultural Pool Available Water Per Restated Judgment Exhibit "G"
3. Other

(0:11:57) Mr. Kavounas offered to give a presentation on Item III.D.1., Santa Ana River Watershed Status Report. The Board opted to use the time to discuss the Safe Yield Reset Agreement Order, and move the Santa Ana River presentation to the March 2017 Board agenda.

(0:13:05) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on Item III.D.2, and added an item regarding the Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWQCB) Cooperative Agreement renewal. Watermaster along with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) declined to sign the original agreement in 2008 since Watermaster and IEUA have consistently complied with reporting all the data through its Maximum Benefit obligations, which are the same data that is being asked through this Cooperative Agreement. The original agreement expires in 2018 and the RWQCB is looking to renew. With the Board's support, Staff plans to decline to participate once again since it is a duplication of effort and there is no added benefit. Watermaster and IEUA will continue to supply all the needed data to the RWQCB, including any data that is not currently being supplied. The Board supported staff's decision in declining to sign the cooperative agreement renewal along with IEUA.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Cash Disbursements for January 2017

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Curatalo called for a confidential session at 11:29 a.m. to discuss the Safe Yield Reset Agreement Order. Mr. Slater noted that Pool Chairs and their counsel were allowed to participate, but must honor the rules of confidentiality. Ms. Egoscue excused herself before the start of confidential session as she did not feel it was appropriate for her to be in attendance. Confidential session concluded at 1:11 p.m. with the following reportable actions:

(0:26:03)

1. The Board will hold a conference call special meeting on March 3, 2017 at 9 a.m. to have further discussion with counsel on the Safe Yield Reset Agreement Order of February 22, 2017.
2. The Board directed staff to process a draft of a proposed Storage Management Plan, for consideration by stakeholders, and with stakeholder's input.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: March 23, 2017 _____