

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

February 28, 2019

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 28, 2019.

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeff Pierson, Chair  
Darron Poulsen, Vice-Chair  
Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer  
Bob Bowcock  
Eunice Ulloa  
Paul Hofer  
Steve Elie  
Gino Filippi  
Don Galleano

Agricultural Pool – Crops  
City of Pomona  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
CalMat Co.  
City of Chino  
Agricultural Pool – Crops  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative  
Western Municipal Water District

**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Kavounas  
Joseph Joswiak  
Edgar Tellez Foster  
Anna Nelson  
Justin Nakano

General Manager  
Chief Financial Officer  
Senior Environmental Engineer  
Executive Services Director/Board Clerk  
Water Resources Senior Associate

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

Scott Slater  
Brad Herrema  
Andy Malone

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP  
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Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ron Craig  
Pete Hall  
Amanda Coker  
Bob Feenstra  
Teri Layton  
Van Jew  
Raul Garibay  
Betty Anderson  
Matt Litchfield  
Eldon Horst  
Steve Corrington  
Brian Geye  
Eduardo Espinoza  
Ryan Shaw  
Mark Kinsey  
Manny Martinez  
Art Kidman  
Dave Crosley

City of Chino Hills  
State of California – CIM  
City of Chino  
Agricultural Pool – Dairy  
San Antonio Water Company  
Monte Vista Water District  
City of Pomona  
Jurupa Community Services District  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Jurupa Community Services District  
MIH Water Treatment, Inc.  
California Speedway Corporation  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Western Municipal Water District  
Monte Vista Water District  
Monte Vista Water District  
Kidman Gagen Law, LLP  
City of Chino

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER**

(0:01:22) Mr. Kavounas requested the addition of two Business Items, the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Election and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Program.

(0:01:45)

*Motion by Mr. Bob Kuhn seconded by Ms. Eunice Ulloa, and by unanimous vote.*

***Moved to approve adding the two Business Items as shown above.***

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. MINUTES**

Approve as presented:

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held January 24, 2019

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of December 2018
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of December 2018
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

(0:02:02)

*Motion by Mr. Don Galleano seconded by Mr. Bob Kuhn, and by unanimous vote.*

***Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.***

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ACWA/JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION**

(0:02:16) Mr. Kavounas gave a report regarding the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Election, and suggested that those with nominations give them to Mr. Kuhn who, if approved by the Board, will have the authority to vote on behalf of Watermaster during the Spring 2019 Election.

(0:03:26)

*Motion by Mr. Don Galleano seconded by Mr. Steve Elie, and by unanimous vote.*

***Moved to approve for Mr. Kuhn to vote on behalf of Watermaster at the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Election as he deems appropriate.***

(0:03:37) A discussion ensued regarding the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Election.

**NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

(0:04:15) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on Watermaster's existing Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Program, and recommended to the Board to approve Resolution 2019-04 which, if approved, amends the Program and will result in a net savings to Watermaster. The changes come with recommendations from BHFS, and Mr. Kavounas announced that the Personnel Committee reviewed and unanimously recommends approval of Resolution 2019-04. A discussion ensued.

(0:11:16)

*Motion by Mr. Steve Elie seconded by Mr. Paul Hofer, and by unanimous vote.*

***Moved to approve Resolution 2019-04 amending the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Program as presented.***

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

1. Appeal from April 28, 2017 Order
2. MVWD Ex Parte Application
3. March 15, 2019 Hearing

(0:11:37) Mr. Slater gave a report. A discussion ensued.

**B. ENGINEER REPORT**

1. Pomona Extensometer Update
2. Results of Evaluation of the Chino Airport Remedial Action Plan
3. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee Scoping and Budgeting for Fiscal Year 2019/20
4. Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Program Scoping and Budgeting for Fiscal Year 2019/20
5. SGMA Adjudicated Basin Annual Reporting

(0:19:46) Mr. Malone gave a report. A discussion ensued.

**C. CFO REPORT**

1. Fiscal Year 2018/19 Mid-Year Review

(0:45:11) Mr. Joswiak gave a report. A discussion ensued.

**D. GM REPORT**

1. OBMP Update
2. Ely 3 Basin Update
3. USACE Feasibility Study EIR/EIS
4. Watermaster Mechanics Workshop
5. ACWA Nomination for Excellence in Water Leadership Award (David Kimbrough)
6. Board Room Conference Call Capability
7. Other

(1:02:51) Mr. Kavounas introduced Mr. Tellez Foster to give a presentation for Item III.D.1. A discussion ensued.

(1:13:20) Mr. Kavounas invited Mr. Kirby Brill, IEUA Interim General Manager, to address the Board.

(1:18:50) After discussion the Board directed Mr. Kavounas to collaborate with IEUA to host a joint meeting of the two Boards.

(1:19:29) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on the remainder of the GM Report. A discussion ensued.

(1:24:34) The Board commended staff on the Watermaster Mechanics Workshop and would like to see it hosted annually.

(1:27:07) Mr. Kavounas added an announcement regarding the Water Quality Colloquium which will take place on May 2, 2019 at the Chino Basin Water Conservation District and gave an update on Stormwater Recharge to date. A discussion ensued.

**IV. INFORMATION**

1. Cash Disbursements for January 2019
2. Ground-Level Monitoring Status Report (Semi-Annual)
3. Santa Ana River Watershed Status Report (Semi-Annual)

**V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Pierson called for a confidential session at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the Appeal from April 28, 2017 Order. Mr. Slater announced that confidential session concluded at 1:02 p.m. with no reportable action and that the Watermaster Board meeting is recessed until Monday, March 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Galleano left the meeting at 12:50 p.m., and Mr. Elie left the meeting at 12:55 p.m. during Confidential Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Watermaster Board Meeting was recessed on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 1:03 p.m., to Monday March 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.; there being no further business, Chair Pierson adjourned the meeting on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 4:02 p.m. with a notice that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on March 28, 2019.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ March 28, 2019