

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

May 23, 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 May 23, 2019.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Agricultural Pool – Crops
City of Pomona
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
California Speedway Corporation
City of Chino
Agricultural Pool – Crops
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative
Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Bowcock
Don Galleano

CalMat Co.
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
Andy Malone

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT

Teri Layton
John Bosler
Shivaji Deshmukh
Ron Craig
Bob Feenstra
Van Jew
Amanda Coker
Steve Corrington
David De Jesus
Chris Berch
Manny Martinez
Art Kidman
Betty Anderson
Praseetha Krishnan
Nadia Loukeh
Victor Preciado
Dave Crosley

San Antonio Water Company
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
City of Chino Hills
Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Monte Vista Water District
City of Chino
MIH Water Treatment, Inc.
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Monte Vista Water District
Kidman Gagen Law, LLP
Jurupa Community Services District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
West Valley Water District
City of Pomona
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

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

Approve as presented:

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held April 25, 2019

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of March 2019
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of March 2019
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019

C. WATER TRANSACTIONS

Approve the proposed transaction:

The purchase of 3,800.000 acre-feet of water from the City of Pomona by Cucamonga Valley Water District. This purchase is made from the City of Pomona's Excess Carryover Account. Date of application: March 25, 2019.

(0:01:25)

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

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. WATERMASTER FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 PROPOSED BUDGET

Adopt the proposed FY 2019/20 budget as presented.

(0:02:04) Mr. Joswiak gave a presentation.

(0:05:46)

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

Moved to approve Business Item II.A. as presented.

(0:06:04) Mr. Elie commended and congratulated Watermaster staff for a smooth budget process. Chair Pierson echoed commendations, and a discussion ensued.

B. WILDERMUTH ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. CONTRACT

Approve the proposed contract and authorize the General Manager to execute on behalf of Watermaster subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

(0:07:27) Mr. Kavounas gave report. A discussion ensued.

(0:11:20)

Motion by Vice-Chair Darron Poulsen seconded by Mr. Bob Kuhn, and by unanimous vote.

Moved to approve Business Item II.B. as presented.

(0:11:34) Mr. Malone thanked the Watermaster Board on behalf of Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. for supporting the contract.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Watermaster Rules and Regulations Update Process
2. June 7, 2019 Hearing

(0:12:46) Mr. Slater gave report and suggested there are additional areas of the Rules and Regulations that can be updated as a matter of housekeeping, referring to provisions that have become obsolete due to the passage of time. A discussion ensued and the Board asked for the additional clean-up at a time that makes sense, as well as a built-in periodic review of the Rules and Regulations in the future.

B. ENGINEER REPORT

1. Pomona Extensometer Update
2. Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee Annual Report
3. State of the Basin – Presentation on Water Levels and Storage

(0:20:45) Mr. Malone gave report on Items III.B.1. – III.B.2. and a presentation on Item III.B.3. A discussion ensued.

C. CFO REPORT

1. Exhibit “G” Water Payments

(0:32:51) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

D. GM REPORT

1. OBMP Update Status
2. Prior Assessment Package True-Up Process
3. Ely 3 Basin
4. Water Quality Colloquium
5. ACWA Excellence in Water Leadership Award
6. RMPU Funding Update
7. Storage Management Plan
8. Other

(0:34:31) Mr. Kavounas prefaced Item III.D.1. and introduced Mr. Tellez Foster to give a report.

(0:39:42) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on Items III.D.2. – III.D.5.

(0:41:33) Mr. Filippi commended Watermaster and Wildermuth Environmental on a successful Water Quality Colloquium. Chair Pierson echoed the commendation.

(0:43:21) Mr. Berch gave a report on Item III.D.6.

(0:45:53) Mr. Kavounas congratulated Mr. Berch for his efforts which lead to successfully receiving funding for the RMPU projects and for his new position as Jurupa Community Services District’s General Manager. Mr. Feenstra, Chair Pierson and Mr. Elie echoed appreciation for the RMPU funding success.

(0:50:10) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on Item III.D.7. and announced that there is an article regarding the BIA in Board member folders. A discussion ensued.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Cash Disbursements for April 2019

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Pierson called for a confidential session at 11:52 a.m. to discuss the General Manager Performance Evaluation. Mr. Slater announced that confidential session concluded at 12:36 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pierson adjourned the Watermaster Board at 12:37 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ June 27, 2019