

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

June 27, 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 June 27, 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
Mark Wildermuth
Andy Malone
Veva Weamer

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

Art Kidman
Bob Feenstra
Sylvie Lee
Amanda Coker
Van Jew
Manny Martinez
Dave Crosley
Betty Anderson
Brian Geye
Tom O'Neill
Ron Craig
Steve Corrington
David De Jesus

Kidman Gagen Law, LLP
Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
City of Chino
Monte Vista Water District
Monte Vista Water District
City of Chino
Jurupa Community Services District
California Speedway Corporation
Chino Basin Desalter Authority
City of Chino Hills
MIH Water Treatment, Inc.
Three Valleys Municipal Water District

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pierson called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

(0:00:58) Mr. Kuhn requested to take Business Item II.B. after Confidential Session. The Board concurred.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

Approve as presented:

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held May 23, 2019

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of April 2019
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of April 2019
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019

C. WATER TRANSACTIONS

Approve the proposed transaction:

The purchase of 7,500.000 acre-feet of water from the Cucamonga Valley Water District to Fontana Water Company. This purchase is made from Cucamonga Valley Water District's Annual Production Right/Operating Safe Yield first, then any additional from Excess Carryover.

D. PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC OUTREACH SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN RAUCH COMMUNICATION CONSULTANTS INC. AND CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Watermaster.

E. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN APPLIED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES AND CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Watermaster.

F. FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 PAY SCHEDULE

Adopt the FY 2019/20 Pay Schedule.

(0:01:22)

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

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2018 PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Receive and file.

(0:01:50) Mr. Malone gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(0:06:48)

Motion by Ms. Eunice Ulloa seconded by Mr. Paul Hofer, and by unanimous vote.

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

B. GENERAL MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT #5

None. Public Board discussion, deliberation, and possible action on proposed employment agreement amendment.

Business Item II.B. was taken after confidential session.

(0:37:08) Motion introduced by Mr. Elie who requested Counsel Slater to read for the record:

1. The Board approves the proposed amendment to the employment agreement set forth in Attachment #2 on pages 137 and 138 of the Board meeting package – Amendment #5; thereby increasing the amount of the existing retention incentive from \$55,256.31 to \$98,357.56 and directs the Chair to execute the amendment;
2. In accordance with Employment Agreement Section 5(b) the Board awards a one-time discretionary bonus in the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars), less applicable withholdings and deductions, subject to the following terms and conditions: (i) the One-Time Bonus will be paid in a single installment that will be made no later than June 30, 2019 in accordance with Watermaster's customary payroll practices and (ii) the One-Time Bonus will not be included for purposes of calculating CalPERS contributions or retirement benefits.

(0:38:40) Vote Taken

Motion by Mr. Steve Elie seconded by Mr. Bob Kuhn, and by unanimous vote.

Moved to approve the General Manager Contract Amendment No. 5 as shown on pages 137 and 138 of the June 27, 2019 Board meeting package, and as described under Business Item II.B. above.

(0:38:54) Mr. Kavounas expressed his gratitude to the Board, consultants, and fellow staff members. A discussion ensued.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

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

(0:07:09) Mr. Slater gave a report and recommended to the Board to consider filing a brief with the Court to update Judge Reichert on the ongoing effort to update the 2000 OBMP.

B. ENGINEER REPORT

1. State of the Basin Report – Water Quality
2. Pomona Extensometer Update

(0:09:23) Ms. Weamer gave a presentation for Item III.B.1. A discussion ensued.

(0:20:15) Mr. Malone gave a report on Item III.B.2. A discussion ensued.

C. CFO REPORT

1. Upcoming FY 2018/19 Budget Amendment

(0:22:11) Mr. Joswiak gave a report and announced that he will present the Budget Transfers and/or Budget Amendments at the September 2019 meetings. A discussion ensued.

D. GM REPORT

1. Status Report: OBMP Update
2. Status Report: Storage Management Plan
3. Status Report: Revised Assessment Package Process
4. 2020 Safe Yield Reset
5. Ely 3 Basin
6. August Meeting Schedule
7. Other

(0:25:45) Mr. Kavounas gave a report, and announced that the Board has been provided a Champion Newspaper article relating to a party and a letter regarding *Occurrence of PFAS in the Orange County*

Groundwater Basin and the Santa Ana River from Orange County Water District in their Board member folders. A discussion ensued.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Cash Disbursements for May 2019

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Pierson called for a confidential session at 11:47 a.m. to discuss the General Manager Performance Evaluation and Business Item II.B. Mr. Slater announced that confidential session concluded at 11:52 a.m. with no reportable action. Business Item II.B., the General Manager Employment Contract Amendment #5 was taken in open session and the action is shown above.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pierson adjourned the Watermaster Board at 11:55 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ July 25, 2019