

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

March 26, 2020

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) only on March 26, 2020.

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON CALL**

Jeff Pierson, Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
James Curatalo, Vice-Chair	Fontana Union Water Company
Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Peter Rogers	City of Chino Hills
Don Galleano	Western Municipal Water District
Robert DeLoach	City of Pomona
Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Bob Bowcock	CalMat Co.

**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON CALL**

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director/Board Clerk
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. and Planning Dir.
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager

**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Vanessa Aldaz	Administrative Assistant

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON CALL**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL**

Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Betty Anderson	Jurupa Community Services District
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
David De Jesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Water District
Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Sylvie Lee	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Pete Hall	State of California – CIM/CDCR
Shivaji Deshmukh	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Richard Rees	Wood plc
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Christiana Daisy	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Katie Gienger	City of Ontario
Kevin O'Toole	Orange County Water District
John Schatz	John J. Schatz, Attorney at Law
Praseetha Krishnan	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Randall Reed	Cucamonga Valley Water District

Eduardo Espinoza  
Bob Feenstra  
Ben Lewis  
Eunice Ulloa  
Victor Preciado  
Matt Litchfield

Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Agricultural Pool – Dairy  
Golden State Water Company  
City of Chino  
City of Pomona  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

(0:02:59) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that all Board members are present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Note: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to voting unless any members, staff, or the public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.**

**A. MINUTES**

Approve as presented:

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held February 27, 2020

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of January 2020
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of January 2020
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020
6. Cash Disbursements for February 2020 (Information Only)

**C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2019-2**

Adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2019-2, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

**D. SGMA REPORTING FOR WATER YEAR 2019**

Approve and direct staff to file the information/reports with the DWR.

**E. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION**

Approve the proposed transaction:

The permanent transfer of 24.0 acre-feet of water from Southern Service Company dba Blue Seal Linen to ANG II (Multi) LLC. This is a permanent transfer based on transfer of land ownership by Grant Deed dated March 25, 2010. This transfer is contingent on ANG II (Multi) LLC's successful intervention into the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool. Date of Application: January 2, 2020.

**F. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION**

Approve the proposed transaction:

The transfer of 24.0 acre-feet of Operating Safe Yield from ANG II (Multi) LLC to 9W Halo Western Opco, L.P. This transfer is contingent on ANG II (Multi) LLC's successful intervention into the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool. Date of application: January 2, 2020.

**G. FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 EXHIBIT "G" PHYSICAL SOLUTION TRANSFERS**

1) Find that California Speedway Corporation is in compliance with the Restated Judgment, Exhibit "G" ¶9(g), authorizing 2019-2020 Exhibit "G" Physical Solution Transfers, 2) Approve levy of assessments and subsequent payments for same.

(0:10:01)

*Motion by Mr. Peter Rogers, seconded by Mr. Robert DeLoach, and by unanimous vote*  
***Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.***

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. WATERMASTER WORK CONTINUITY DURING NATIONWIDE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Discuss and, if necessary, provide direction to staff.

(0:10:49) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. Mr. John Schatz, legal counsel for the Appropriative Pool addressed the Board. A discussion ensued.

**B. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL STORAGE LIMITATION**

Authorize staff to issue the Notice.

(0:30:31) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:37:01)

*Motion by Vice-Chair Curatalo seconded by Mr. Steve Elie, and by unanimous vote.*  
***Moved to approve Business Item II.B. as presented.***

**C. FIRST AMENDMENT TO TASK ORDER NO. 1 UNDER MASTER AGREEMENT REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS (SALINITY MANAGEMENT)**

Approve the amendment to the Task Order as presented and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of Watermaster subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

(0:37:41) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

(0:39:30)

*Motion by Mr. Robert DeLoach seconded by Mr. Steve Elie, and by unanimous vote.*  
***Moved to approve Business Item II.C. as presented.***

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

1. March 20, 2020 Hearing
2. Maintenance of Active Parties – Interventions

(0:40:45) Mr. Slater gave a report.

**B. ENGINEER REPORT**

1. 2020 Safe Yield Recalculation
2. Maximum Benefit Annual Report
3. PBHSC Activities – Scope and Budget for 2020/21
4. GLMC Activities – Scope and Budget for 2020/21

(0:45:04) Mr. Malone gave a report.

**C. CFO REPORT**

- 1. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Schedule

(0:49:00) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

**D. GM REPORT**

- 1. OBMP Implementation Plan Update
- 2. OAP Contest
- 3. Other

(0:51:10) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

(0:53:46) Mr. Kavounas expressed appreciation for the Board’s patience as we adapt to remote meetings due to stay-at-home orders related to COVID-19. He encouraged Board Members to explore GoToMeeting and all its functionalities and stated that if this meeting format was not working, that we would continue to look for a format that works for everyone. He further stated that Watermaster will likely conduct business remotely until the end of May 2020. Mr. Kavounas then commented on the recent rain events indicating that’s a bit of good news amidst the current pandemic. He also reported that it is Director Galleano’s birthday and wished him well.

**IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

(0:57:07) Vice-Chair Curatalo wished everyone and their families good health and happiness though these challenging times.

(0:57:35) Chair Pierson stated that he is very impressed with how the board meeting was conducted and is confident that even if remote meetings continued through May 2020, that all Watermaster business could continue without interruption.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

(0:58:17) Mr. Kavounas noted that the March 30, 2020 OBMP IPU & PPA Drafting Session #2, listed under Future Meetings, is being postponed as shown in the staff report for Business Item II.A.

**VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

Pursuant to Article 2.6 of the Watermaster Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Board meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Pierson adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 11:59 a.m.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ 4/23/2020