

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

April 23, 2020

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) only on April 23, 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

Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. and Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director/Board Clerk
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
David Huynh	Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
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
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Andy Malone	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
Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Sylvie Lee	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Pete Hall	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – CIM/CDCR
Shivaji Deshmukh	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Christiana Daisy	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Katie Gienger	City of Ontario
John Schatz	John J. Schatz, Attorney at Law
Praseetha Krishnan	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Randall Reed	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Ben Lewis	Golden State Water Company

Brian Lee
Cris Fealy
Marilyn Levin
Michael Camacho
Nadia Loukeh
Bob DiPrimio
Denise Jackman
John Bosler
Geoff Vanden Heuvel

San Antonio Water Company
Fontana Water Company
Agricultural Pool – State of CA - DOJ
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
West Valley Water District
San Gabriel Valley Company
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Agricultural Pool – Dairy

CALL TO ORDER

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

(0:03:05) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that all Board members were 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 March 26, 2020

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of February 2020
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of February 2020
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period February 1, 2020 through February 29, 2020
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020
6. Cash Disbursements for March 2020 (Information Only)

(0:05:41)

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

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2020 SAFE YIELD RECALCULATION

Receive a presentation on the Safe Yield recalculation; and establish a special Watermaster Board meeting to consider the Safe Yield Reset recommendations.

(0:06:13) Messrs. Kavounas and Wildermuth gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(0:30:07) Mr. Kuhn introduced a motion for a special Watermaster Board meeting on May 22, 2020.

(0:34:28) Vote taken

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

Moved to schedule a Watermaster Board Special Meeting on May 22, 2020 to address the 2020 Safe Yield Recalculation.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. June 26, 2020 Hearing

(0:35:08) Mr. Slater gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER REPORT

1. Maximum Benefit Annual Report
2. Annual Report of the Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee
3. SGMA Annual Reporting

(0:41:15) Mr. Malone gave a presentation regarding Item B.1., the Maximum Benefit Annual Report, and reported on Items B.2. and B.3.

C. CFO REPORT

None

D. GM REPORT

1. Storage Management Plan
2. Storage Notice
3. 2020 OBMP Status
4. OBMP Implementation Plan Update
5. OAP Contest
6. Water Rights Permit Reporting/SB88 Compliance
7. FY 2019/20 Second Organization Performance Report
8. Work from Home Update
9. Other

(0:51:40) Mr. Kavounas gave a report and invited Mr. Tellez Foster to report on Item D.3.

(1:14:03) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report on Item D.3., the Water Rights Permit Reporting/SB88 Compliance.

Mr. Paul Hofer left the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and was replaced by Mr. Bob Feenstra.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee Semi-Annual Status Report
2. Chino Airport and South Archibald Plumes Semi-Annual Status Reports

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(1:28:09) Mr. Kavounas commented on the Chino Basin Watermaster/Inland Empire Utilities Agency Ad Hoc Committee. A discussion ensued.

(1:30:04) Chair Pierson will form a committee and reach out to staff for further coordination.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. 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.

The Board took a recess from 12:34 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Chair Pierson called for a confidential session at 12:45 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. General Manager Performance Evaluation

(1:32:44) Confidential Session concluded at 12:58 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pierson adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ May 28, 2020