

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

September 24, 2020

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) on September 24, 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
Bob Bowcock	CalMat Co.
Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Don Galleano	Western Municipal Water District
Bob Feenstra for Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Victor Preciado	City of Pomona
Peter Rogers	City of Chino Hills

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Vanessa Aldaz	Administrative Assistant

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
Frank Yoo	Water Resources Senior Associate

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
David De Jesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Pete Hall	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – CIM/CDCR
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Marilyn Levin	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – DOJ
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino
Joshua Aguilar	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Richard Rees	Wood plc
Amanda Coker	City of Chino
John Bosler	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Steven Ledbetter	City of Upland
Steven Ledbetter	West End Consolidated Water Company
Scott Burton	City of Ontario
Betty Anderson	Jurupa Community Services District
Brian Lee	San Antonio Water Company
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District

Cris Fealy
 Denise Jackman
 Eduardo Espinoza
 John Lopez
 Justin Scott-Coe
 Kevin Kenley
 Matthew Litchfield
 Randall Reed
 Ryan Shaw
 Shivaji Deshmukh
 Sylvie Lee

Fontana Water Company
 Three Valleys Municipal Water District
 Cucamonga Valley Water District
 Santa Ana River Water Company
 Monte Vista Water District
 Cucamonga Valley Water District
 Three Valleys Municipal Water District
 Cucamonga Valley Water District
 Western Municipal Water District
 Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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CALL TO ORDER

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

(0:02:50) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was 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 August 25, 2020

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

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

C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2020-1

Adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2020-1, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

Approve the proposed transaction:

The purchase of 66.4 acre-feet of water from West End Consolidated Water Company by Golden State Water Company. This purchase is made from West End Consolidated Water Company’s Excess Carryover Account. Golden State Water Company is utilizing this transaction to produce its West End Consolidated Water Company shares. Date of application: June 18, 2020.

E. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENTS – APPROPRIATIVE POOL

Approve the proposed agreements:

Consideration of Application for Local Storage Agreements – Storage of Local Supplemental Water by members of the Appropriative Pool.

(0:05:05) A motion was introduced by Mr. Kuhn and seconded by Mr. Rogers.

(0:05:38) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Bob Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Peter Rogers, and by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2020 OBMP CEQA – INCREASED SCOPE OF WORK

Approve necessary contract amendments to expand the WEI, TDA, and BHFS scope of work, as necessary, to implement the Local Storage Limitation Solution first.

(0:07:13) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Preciado joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

(0:19:51) A motion was introduced by Mr. Preciado and seconded by Vice-Chair Curatalo.

(0:20:45) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Victor Preciado, seconded by Vice-Chair Curatalo, and by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes

Moved to approve Business Item II.A., 2020 OBMP CEQA – Increased Scope of Work as presented.

B. FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 BUDGET AMENDMENT (FORM A-20-09-01)

Adopt FY 2020/21 Budget Amendment (Form A-20-09-01) as presented.

(0:21:58) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

(0:23:02) A motion was introduced by Vice-Chair Curatalo and seconded by Mr. Rogers.

(0:23:24) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Vice-Chair Curatalo, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes

Moved to approve Business Item II.B., Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Amendment (Form A-20-09-01) as presented.

C. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2020 OPTIMUM BASIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Postpone consideration of the 2020 OBMP for one month to allow proper evaluation and disposition of stakeholder input (this is predicated on the understanding from Advisory Committee discussion that further comments will be forthcoming prior to the Board meeting).

(0:24:22) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:34:47) A motion was introduced by Mr. Elie. A discussion ensued.

(0:36:20) The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Curatalo. Further discussion ensued.

(0:44:31) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Elie, seconded by Vice-Chair Curatalo, and by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes

Moved to approve Business Item II.C., Consideration of the 2020 Optimum Basin Management Program Update as presented.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. September 25, 2020 Hearing

(0:45:48) Mr. Slater gave a report adding that a motion was filed by members of the Appropriative Pool regarding the Agricultural Pool Budget for the October Hearing. Watermaster will wait for pleadings to be still before possibly lodging a factual recitation statement with the Court as may be required. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER REPORT

1. Water Rights Permit 21225
2. Plume Reports
3. GLMC Annual Report

(0:55:00) Mr. Malone gave a report.

C. CFO REPORT

1. FY 2019/20 Audit Schedule
2. AP Special Assessment for \$165,694.75

(0:58:54) Mr. Joswiak gave a report adding that an escrow account for the disputed funds has been established as directed by the Appropriative Pool. A discussion ensued.

D. GM REPORT

1. Status Report: OAP Contest
2. Stored Water Account Balances (June 30, 2020 Preliminary Numbers)
3. San Sevaine Project Award
4. Agricultural Pool Revised Rules and Regulations
5. Water Activity Report Tracker
6. Other

(1:16:00) Mr. Kavounas gave a report adding that the Watermaster website update, that was started in 2019, is anticipated to be finished by the end of the year resulting in a more modern and user-friendly website. He also brought up the article provided to the Board by Watermaster staff regarding the City of South Pasadena Litigation on 1, 2, 3-TCP.

In response to a question posed by Chair Pierson, Mr. Kavounas gave a brief update on the preparations being done to the office for reopening and assured the Board that Watermaster Staff is following CDC guidelines for reopening.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(1:25:23) Mr. Feenstra raised a question regarding recycled water and commented about the OBMPU. A discussion ensued.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(1:29:16) Mr. Kavounas reminded everyone that the Ground-Level Monitoring Committee meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2020 as shown under Future Meetings of the agenda.

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 12:31 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ October 22, 2020

Attachments:

1. 20200924 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar
2. 20200924 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.
3. 20200924 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.B.
4. 20200924 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.C.

Attachment 1 to 20200924 Watermaster Board Minutes
Consent Calendar Items I.A.-I.E.

September 24, 2020 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote for Consent Calendar Items I.A.-I.E.

Member	Alternate	I.A.-I.E.
Bowcock, Bob		yes
Curatalo, James, Vice-Chair		yes
Elie, Steve		yes
Galleano, Don		yes
Hofer, Paul		
	Feenstra, Bob	yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes
Preciado, Victor*		
Rogers, Peter		yes
Pierson, Jeff, Chair		yes
OUTCOME:		Passed Unanimously

*absent during vote

**Attachment 2 to 20200924 Watermaster Board Minutes
Business Item II.A.- 2020 OBMP CEQA - Increased Scope of Work**

September 24, 2020 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote for Business Item II.A.- 2020 OBMP CEQA - Increased Scope of Work
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Member	Alternate	II.A.
Bowcock, Bob		yes
Curatalo, James, Vice-Chair		yes
Elie, Steve		yes
Galleano, Don		yes
Hofer, Paul		
	Feenstra, Bob	yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes
Preciado, Victor		yes
Rogers, Peter		yes
Pierson, Jeff, Chair		yes
OUTCOME:		Passed Unanimously

**Attachment 3 to 20200924 Watermaster Board Minutes
Business Item II.B.- Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Amendment (Form A-20-09-01)**

September 24, 2020 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote for Business Item II.B.- Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Amendment (Form A-20-09-01)
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Member	Alternate	II.B.
Bowcock, Bob		yes
Curatalo, James, Vice-Chair		yes
Elie, Steve		yes
Galleano, Don		yes
Hofer, Paul		
	Feenstra, Bob	yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes
Preciado, Victor		yes
Rogers, Peter		yes
Pierson, Jeff, Chair		yes
OUTCOME:		Passed Unanimously

**Attachment 4 to 20200924 Watermaster Board Minutes
Business Item II.C.- Consideration of the 2020 Optimum Basin Mangement Program Update**

September 24, 2020 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote for Business Item II.C.- Consideration of the 2020 Optimum Basin Mangement Program Update
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Member	Alternate	II.C.
Bowcock, Bob		yes
Curatalo, James, Vice-Chair		yes
Elie, Steve		yes
Galleano, Don		yes
Hofer, Paul		
	Feenstra, Bob	yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes
Preciado, Victor		yes
Rogers, Peter		yes
Pierson, Jeff, Chair		yes
OUTCOME:		Passed Unanimously