

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2020

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) on November 19, 2020.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON CALL

Jeff Pierson, Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Robert DiPrimio for 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
Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Victor Preciado	City of Pomona
Peter Rogers	City of Chino Hills

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

James Curatalo, Vice-Chair	Fontana Union Water Company
----------------------------	-----------------------------

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director/Board Clerk
Frank Yoo	Water Resources Senior Associate
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON CALL

Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. and Planning Dir.
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager

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.
Charles Duncan	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL

Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
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
Joshua Aguilar	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Richard Rees	Wood plc
Steven Ledbetter	City of Upland
Steven Ledbetter	West End Consolidated Water Company
Betty Anderson	Jurupa Community Services District
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company

Sylvie Lee
Ben Lewis
Christiana Daisy
Ryan Shaw
Praseetha Krishnan
Eunice Ulloa
Eduardo Espinoza
Kevin Kenley
Luis Cetina
Matthew Litchfield

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Golden State Water Company
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Western Municipal Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
City of Chino
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pierson called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

(0:02:32) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBER'S SERVICE ON WATERMASTER BOARD

(0:04:11) Chair Pierson recognized outgoing Board Member, Director Preciado, for his service and dedication to the Chino Basin. Director Preciado was presented with a certificate of commendation for his service on the Watermaster Board.

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 Special Meeting held October 20, 2020
2. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held October 22, 2020

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of September 2020
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of September 2020
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020
6. Cash Disbursements for October 2020 (Information Only)

C. ANNUAL FINDING OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECHARGE MASTER PLAN

Adopt the finding that Watermaster is in substantial compliance with the Recharge Master Plan.

D. 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GROUND-LEVEL MONITORING COMMITTEE

Approve the 2019/20 Annual Report of the Ground-Level Monitoring Committee, along with filing a copy with the Court.

(0:07:27) A motion was introduced by Mr. Elie and seconded by Mr. Rogers.

(0:08:05) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Steve Elie, 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. FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE

Approve the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Assessment Package as presented.

(0:09:26) Mr. Kavounas introduced the item and invited Mr. Yoo to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(0:25:02) A motion was introduced by Mr. Kuhn and seconded by Mr. Preciado.

(0:25:36) A roll call vote was taken.

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

Moved to approve Business Item II.A., Fiscal Year 2020/21 Assessment Package as presented.

B. RESOLUTION TO LEVY REPLENISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21

Adopt Resolution 2020-07 as presented.

(0:26:54) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

(0:27:49) A motion was introduced by Mr. Bowcock and seconded by Mr. Rogers.

(0:28:05) A roll call vote was taken.

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

Moved to adopt Business Item II.B., Resolution to Levy Replenishment and Administrative Assessments for Fiscal Year 2020/21 as presented.

C. FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

Adopt the revised Fiscal Year 2020/21 pay schedule as presented.

(0:30:15) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

(0:34:00) A motion was introduced by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Elie.

(0:34:21) A roll call vote was taken.

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

Moved to adopt Business Item II.C., Fiscal Year 2020/21 Cost of Living Adjustment as presented.

(0:35:57) Mr. Kavounas, on behalf of all staff, thanked the Board for their consideration and support of this item.

D. WEI CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT TO WEST YOST

Authorize the General Manager to execute the assignment of the WEI contract to West Yost.

(0:36:15) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(0:42:40) A motion was introduced by Chair Pierson and seconded by Mr. DiPrimio.

(0:43:14) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Chair Pierson, seconded by Mr. Robert DiPrimio, and by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes

Moved to approve Business Item II.D., WEI Contract Assignment to West Yost as presented.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. Motion of Appropriative Pool Member Agencies Re: Agricultural Pool Legal and Other Expenses
3. January 8, 2021 Hearing
4. Kaiser Lawsuit

(0:45:07) Mr. Slater gave a report.

B. ENGINEER REPORT

1. 2020 OBMP CEQA – Local Storage Limitation Solution

(0:54:11) Mr. Malone gave a report.

C. CFO REPORT

1. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Assessment Invoicing

(0:56:13) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

D. GM REPORT

1. Status Report: OAP Contest
2. History of Basin Storage Estimates
3. Holiday Meeting Schedule
4. Other

(0:57:28) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

V. OTHER COMMENTS

None

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.

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a) – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

1. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, et al. v. Chino Basin Water Conservation District, et al., San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No: CIVDS1933655

The Board did not hold a confidential session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pierson adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: January 28, 2021

Attachments:

1. 20201119 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar
2. 20201119 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.
3. 20201119 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.B.
4. 20201119 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.C.
5. 20201119 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.D.

**Attachment 1 to 20201119 Watermaster Board Minutes
Consent Calendar Items I.A.-I.D.**

November 19, 2020 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote for
Consent Calendar Items I.A.-I.D.

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

*Absent

**Attachment 2 to 20201119 Watermaster Board Minutes
Business Item II.A.- Fiscal Year 2020/21 Assessment Package**

November 19, 2020 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote for
Business Item II.A.- Fiscal Year 2020/21 Assessment Package

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

*Absent

**Attachment 3 to 20201119 Watermaster Board Minutes
 Business Item II.B.- Resolution to Levy Replenishment and Administrative Assessments for
 Fiscal Year 2020/21**

November 19, 2020 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote for
 Business Item II.B.- Resolution to Levy Replenishment and Administrative Assessments for Fiscal Year 2020/21

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

*Absent

**Attachment 4 to 20201119 Watermaster Board Minutes
Business Item II.C.- Fiscal Year 2020/21 Cost of Living Adjustment**

November 19, 2020 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote for Business Item II.C.- Fiscal Year 2020/21 Cost of Living Adjustment
--

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

*Absent

**Attachment 5 to 20201119 Watermaster Board Minutes
Business Item II.D.- WEI Contract Assignment to West Yost**

November 19, 2020 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote for
Business Item II.D.- WEI Contract Assignment to West Yost

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

*Absent