

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2021

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) on February 25, 2021.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON CALL

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

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON CALL

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
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
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	West Yost
Andy Malone	West Yost
Garrett Rapp	West Yost
Carolina Sanchez	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Ruben Llamas	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Pete Hall	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – CIM/CDCR
Marilyn Levin	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – DOJ
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Daniel Bobadilla	City of Chino Hills
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Mark Wiley	City of Chino Hills
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Braden Yu	City of Upland
John Bosler	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Luis Cetina	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Mark Gibboney	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Rob Hills	Cucamonga Valley Water District

Kevin Kenley
Praseetha Krishnan
Randall Reed
Jiwon Seung
Shawn Harkness
Robert DiPrimio
Ben Lewis
Joshua Aguilar
Michael Camacho
Christiana Daisy
Shivaji Deshmukh
Sylvie Lee
Christina Valencia
Chris Berch
Andrew Gagen
Justin Scott-Coe
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Kevin O'Toole
Brian Lee
John Lopez
Todd Minten
Brian Bowcock
David De Jesus
Timothy Kellett
Matthew Litchfield
Kaitlyn Dodson
Craig Miller
Mike Gardner
Richard Rees

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Jurupa Community Services District
Kidman Gagen Law, LLP
Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Monte Vista Water District
Orange County Water District
San Antonio Water Company
Santa Ana River Water Company
Santa Ana River Water Company
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
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Tom Dodson & Associates
Western Municipal Water District
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Wood plc

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Curatalo called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

(0:02:09) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

(0:06:30) Vice-Chair Pierson requested that Consent Calendar Items I.C.-I.F. be pulled for separate discussion.

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 January 28, 2021

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of December 2020
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of December 2020
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020
6. Cash Disbursements for January 2021 (Information Only)

(0:07:25) A roll call vote was taken.

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

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items I.A. & I.B. as presented

(0:08:53) Vice-Chair Pierson addressed the Board regarding the pulled Consent Calendar Items. A discussion ensued. Individual Roll Call votes were taken for each of the pulled Consent Calendar Items as shown below.

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

Approve the proposed transaction:

The purchase of 1,000.0 acre-feet of water from West Valley Water District by Cucamonga Valley Water District. This purchase is made from West Valley Water District's Excess Carryover Account.

(0:11:27) A roll call vote was taken.

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

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item I.C., Application: Water Transaction, as presented.

D. APPLICATION: RECHARGE

Approve Jurupa Community Services District's Application for Recharge and direct Watermaster staff to account for this recharge.

(0:13:02) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Peter Rogers, seconded by Ms. Betty Folsom, and passed by majority roll call vote as attached to these minutes

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item I.D., Application: Recharge, as presented.

E. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENTS

Approve the proposed agreements on the condition that Watermaster's approval of Storage Agreements authorizing storage in excess of the 500,000 acre-feet Safe Storage Capacity beyond June 30, 2021 are subject to Watermaster's further exercise of discretion to limit and reduce storage in accordance with the Peace Agreement.

(0:14:27) A roll call vote was taken.

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

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item I.E., Application: Local Storage Agreements, as presented.

F. RICHARD ANDERSON OVERLYING (AGRICULTURAL) POOL INTERVENTION REQUEST

Approve and direct staff to file the request for intervention with the Court.

(0:16:14) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Bob Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Don Galleano, and passed by majority roll call vote as attached to these minutes

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item I.F., Richard Anderson Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Intervention Request, as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2013 RMPU PROJECTS FINANCING OPTIONS

Approve the 20 year loan term.

(0:17:54) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

(0:20:04) A roll call vote was taken.

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

Moved to approve Business Item II.A., 2013 RMPU Projects Financing Options, as presented.

B. LOCAL STORAGE LIMITATION SOLUTION (DISCUSSION ONLY)

(0:21:16) Mr. Kavounas gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(0:48:20) Mr. Elie requested that Watermaster staff seek input from the Pool Committees on this item at their March meetings and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board concurred with this direction. Further discussion ensued.

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. March 26, 2021 Hearing
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:51:17) Mr. Herrema gave a report on behalf of Mr. Slater.

B. ENGINEER

1. Local Storage Limitation Solution – Engineering Analysis Results
2. History of Basin Storage Estimates – Errata
3. 2023 RMPU Scope of Work
4. GLMC – CY 2021 Schedule
5. PBHSC – CY 2021 Schedule

(0:56:03) Mr. Malone gave a report.

(0:59:59) During the report on Item 3, the 2023 RMPU Scope of Work, Mr. Kavounas stated that because the RMPU is required to be adopted by both Watermaster and IEUA, an ad hoc committee comprised of members of both agencies would be helpful. Chair Curatalo, and Board Members Kuhn and Bowcock offered to be on the 2023 RMPU ad hoc committee representing Watermaster.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Mid-Year Review
2. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Schedule

(1:04:06) Mr. Joswiak gave a presentation and report.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Proposed Changes to the Chino Basin Peace Agreement (2000)
2. San Sevaine Project Recognition
3. Watermaster Budget Process and Advisory Committee Role
4. Other

(1:16:43) Mr. Kavounas gave a report and added that he had an opportunity recently to give a presentation alongside Mr. Deshmukh of IEUA at the Association of Ground Water Agencies and American Ground Water Trust 2021 Groundwater Virtual Conference specifically on Salinity Management in the Chino Basin. The presentation was well received, and good feedback was provided. He also reported on IEUA's proposed project to install trash collection systems in the recharge basin throughout Chino Basin. Finally, Mr. Kavounas encouraged the Board to read the article that was distributed earlier in the week from the Daily Bulletin on the Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Pursuant to Article II, Section 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

(1:24:36) Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ March 25, 2021

Attachments:

1. 20210225 Roll Call Vote Outcomes for
 - Consent Calendar Items I.A & I.B.
 - Consent Calendar Item I.C.
 - Consent Calendar Item I.D.
 - Consent Calendar Item I.E.
 - Consent Calendar Item I.F.
 - Business Item II.A.

Attachment 1 to 20210225 Watermaster Board Minutes

February 25, 2021 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcomes

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar Items I.A. & I.B.	Consent Calendar Item I.C.	Consent Calendar Item I.D.	Consent Calendar Item I.E.	Consent Calendar Item I.F.	Business Item II.A.
Bowcock, Bob		yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Elie, Steve		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Folsom, Betty		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Galleano, Don		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Hofer, Paul		yes	no	no	no	no	yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		yes	no	no	no	no	yes
Rogers, Peter		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
OUTCOME:		Passed Unanimously	Passed by Majority	Passed by Majority	Passed by Majority	Passed by Majority	Passed Unanimously