

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

March 25, 2021

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) on March 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

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Scott Slater	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost
Mark Wildermuth	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Pete Hall	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – CIM/CDCR
Gregor Larabee	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – DOJ
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Amanda Coker	City of Chino
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino
Daniel Bobadilla	City of Chino Hills
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Scott Burton	City of Ontario
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Christopher Quach	City of Ontario
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Steven Ledbetter	City of Upland
Braden Yu	City of Upland
Steven Raughley	County of San Bernardino
Luis Cetina	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Praseetha Krishnan	Cucamonga Valley Water District

Randall Reed
Jiwon Seung
Ben Lewis
Joshua Aguilar
Christiana Daisy
Shivaji Deshmukh
Sylvie Lee
Christina Valencia
Justin Scott-Coe
Justin Scott-Coe
Bill Schwartz
Frederic Fudacz
Brian Lee
John Lopez
David De Jesus
Timothy Kellett
Matthew Litchfield
Steven Ledbetter
Mike Gardner
Craig Miller

Cucamonga Valley Water District
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Golden State Water Company
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Monte Vista Water District
Monte Vista Water District
Nossaman LLP
San Antonio Water Company
Santa Ana River Water Company
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
West End Consolidated Water Company
Western Municipal Water District
Western Municipal Water District

CALL TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

(0:02:35) 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 February 25, 2021

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

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

6. Cash Disbursements for February 2021 (Information Only)

C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2020-2

Adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2020-2, and direct staff to file a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

D. SGMA REPORTING FOR WATER YEAR 2020

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

(0:04:53) A roll call vote was taken.

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

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

NONE

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. March 26, 2021 Hearing
3. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:06:52) Mr. Slater gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER

1. GLMC/PBHSC Scope and Budget Process – FY 2021/2022

(0:18:03) Mr. Malone gave a report.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Schedule

(0:19:29) Mr. Joswiak gave a report. A discussion ensued.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Status Report: Peace Agreement Amendment (PE8)
2. Status Report: Local Storage Limitation Solution – Addendum
3. Status Report: Exhibit G Physical Solution Transfers
4. Chino Basin Optimum Management
5. Response to the AP Request for Recommendations in re: Advisory Committee Role in the Budget Process
6. Other

(0:43:50) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on the first two items and introduced Ms. Nelson, who gave a report on Item 3, Status Report: Exhibit G Physical Solution Transfers. A discussion ensued.

(0:48:20) Mr. Kavounas continued with Items 4 and 5 of the General Manager Report. Further discussion ensued.

(1:17:20) Under Item 6, Other, Mr. Kavounas discussed an article from the Los Angeles Times that had been previously distributed to the Board, *Will March Rain Help California Winter Drought Conditions?* State Water Project allocation was reduced from 10% to 5% and it highlights the significance of storage management in the Chino Basin.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(1:19:46) Mr. Hofer commented on the Agricultural Pool's concerns regarding the Budget.

(1:21:50) Chair Curatalo encouraged earnest communication to rebuild trust amongst the stakeholders.

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

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ April 22, 2021

Attachments:

1. 20210325 Roll Call Vote Outcome for the Consent Calendar

Attachment 1 to 20210325 Watermaster Board Minutes

March 25, 2021 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar
Bowcock, Bob		yes
Elie, Steve		yes
Folsom, Betty		yes
Galleano, Don		yes
Hofer, Paul		yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		yes
Rogers, Peter		yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		yes
OUTCOME:		Passed Unanimously