

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

April 22, 2021

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) on April 22, 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
Sodavy Ou	West Yost
Garrett Rapp	West Yost
Lauren Sather	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
Marilyn Levin	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – DOJ
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
John Bosler	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Luis Cetina	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Mark Gibboney	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Kevin Kenley	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Praseetha Krishnan	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Randall Reed	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jiwon Seung	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Tarren Torres	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Ben Lewis	Golden State Water Company

Joshua Aguilar
Christiana Daisy
Shivaji Deshmukh
Sylvie Lee
Justin Scott-Coe
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Kevin O'Toole
Brian Lee
John Lopez
David De Jesus
Mike Gardner
Craig Miller
Ryan Shaw

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Monte Vista Water District
Orange County Water District
San Antonio Water Company
Santa Ana River Water Company
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Western Municipal Water District
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CALL TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

(0:02:20) Mr. Kavounas 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 March 25, 2021

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of February 2021
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of February 2021
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021
6. Cash Disbursements for March 2021 (Information Only)

(0:08:17) A roll call vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. Bob Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Bob Bowcock, 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. April 30, 2021 Hearing
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:09:30) Mr. Slater gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. Maximum Benefit Annual Report
2. 2020 State of the Basin: Production and Recharge
3. Physical Storage Changes vs Managed Storage Changes

(0:15:36) Mr. Malone gave a presentation on Item 1 and introduced Ms. Ou and Ms. Sather (West Yost staff) who gave a presentation on Item 2. A discussion ensued.

(0:35:48) Mr. Malone introduced Mr. Rapp (West Yost staff) who gave a presentation for Item 3. A discussion ensued.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Status Report: Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget

(0:43:17) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Status Report: Peace Agreement Amendment (PE8)
2. Annual Meeting with the RWQCB
3. Diversion Permits Annual Progress Reports
4. FY 2020/21 Second Organization Performance Report
5. Other

(0:45:46) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on the first two items and introduced Mr. Tellez Foster, who gave a report on Item 3, Diversion Permits Annual Progress Reports.

(0:50:10) Mr. Kavounas continued with the GM report and gave a presentation on Item 4, the FY 2020/21 Second Organization Performance Report. A discussion ensued.

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

(1:02:13) Vice-Chair Pierson commented on the presentations provided to the Board.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. 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.

Chair Curatalo called for a confidential session at 12:05 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Tentative Ruling re Appropriative Pool Members' Motion re Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Expenses
2. General Manager Performance Evaluation

(1:05:05) Confidential session concluded at 12:59 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____ May 27, 2021

Attachments:

1. 20210422 Roll Call Vote Outcome for the Consent Calendar

Attachment 1 to 20210422 Watermaster Board Minutes

April 22, 2021 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome - Consent Calendar

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