

**MINUTES**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING**

June 24, 2021

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) on June 24, 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
Jane Anderson for Betty Folsom	Jurupa Community Services District
Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District
Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Peter Rogers	City of Chino Hills

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Betty Folsom	Jurupa Community Services District
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**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON CALL**

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director/Board Clerk
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Water Resources Senior Associate
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist
David Huynh	Senior Field Operations Specialist
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
Andy Malone	West Yost
Lucy Hedley	West Yost
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**OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL**

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Carol Boyd	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – CIM
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Amanda Coker	City of Chino
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Daniel Bobadilla	City of Chino Hills
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Christopher Quach	City of Ontario
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
Steve Nix	City of Upland
Braden Yu	City of Upland
Luis Cetina	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Kevin Kenley	Cucamonga Valley Water District

Randall Reed  
Bob Roberts  
Jiwon Seung  
Tarren Torres  
Ben Lewis  
Joshua Aguilar  
John Schatz  
Chris Berch  
Stephanie Reimer  
Stephanie Reimer  
Ryan Shaw  
Jeff Davis  
John Lopez  
David De Jesus  
Mathew Litchfield  
Richard Rees

Cucamonga Valley Water District  
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Egoscue Law Group, Inc.  
Golden State Water Company  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
John J. Schatz, Attorney at Law  
Jurupa Community Services District  
Monte Vista Irrigation Company  
Monte Vista Water District  
Western Municipal Water District  
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group  
Santa Ana River Water Company  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Three Valley Municipal Water District  
Wood plc

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

(0:01:28) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

(0:02:13) Chair Curatalo welcomed Mr. Mike Gardner, Watermaster's new board member, and Ms. Jane Anderson, who was attending her first meeting as an alternate to Ms. Betty Folsom.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The item was re-ordered to immediately precede Agenda – Additions/Reorder. There were no public comments.

### **RECOGNITION AND TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE DON GALLEANO**

(0:03:27) Chair Curatalo commented on the passing of Don Galleano. Additional comments were made by, Mr. Kavounas, Mr. Elie, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Pierson, Mr. Bowcock, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Hofer, Mr. De Jesus, Mr. Feenstra, and Mr. Herrema.

### **AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

(0:30:35) Consent Calendar Item I.F., Refund of Prior Assessed Recharge Improvement Project Funds, was pulled for separate discussion. Business Item II.B., Amendment Number 1 To Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, General Manager, will be taken following confidential session.

#### **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 May 27, 2021

##### **B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of April 2021
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of April 2021
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021
6. Cash Disbursements for May 2021 (Information Only)

**C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION**

Approve the proposed transaction:

The transfer of 500 acre-feet of water from the City of Chino to Monte Vista Water District.

**D. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

Approve Cucamonga Valley Water District's Application for Recharge and direct Watermaster staff to account for this supplemental water recharged in Cucamonga Valley Water District's existing Local Supplemental Storage account.

**E. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT (ONAP)**

Approve the proposed agreements on the condition that Watermaster's approval of Storage Agreements authorizing storage in excess of 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.

**F. REFUND OF PRIOR ASSESSED RECHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS**

Adopt the refund of the carry-over monies for the previously assessed Recharge Improvement Projects Funds of \$1,234,582.42 with the upcoming November 2021 Assessment Package.

**G. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN RAUCH COMMUNICATION CONSULTANTS INC. AND CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Watermaster.

**H. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN APPLIED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES AND CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Watermaster.

**I. FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 PAY SCHEDULE**

Adopt the FY 2021/22 Pay Schedule.

(0:32:47) 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, with the exception of Item I.F., Refund of Prior Assessed Recharge Improvement Project Funds.***

(0:35:00) Mr. Elie commented on Item I.F., Refund of Prior Assessed Recharge Improvement Project Funds, stating that this item needed to be highlighted for the work that IEUA and Watermaster staff put into bringing this money into the region. A discussion ensued.

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

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

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item I.F., Refund of Prior Assessed Recharge Improvement Project Funds, as presented.***

## II. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### A. **2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

Receive and file.

(0:40:25) Mr. Malone offered thoughts on the passing of Don Galleano and gave a presentation on the 2020 Annual Report of the Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee.

(0:52:51) A roll call vote was taken.

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

***Moved to receive and file Business Item II.A., the 2020 Annual Report of the Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee, as presented.***

### B. **AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, GENERAL MANAGER**

No recommendation. Public Board discussion, deliberation, and possible action on proposed employment agreement amendment.

This item was taken after confidential session.

(1:46:20) A discussion ensued following confidential session. The Board and parties took turns commending General Manager Kavounas for his efforts in successfully leading the organization and for his diligence in seeing through the many important efforts in the Chino Basin.

(1:51:29) 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.B., Amendment Number 1 to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, General Manager, as presented.***

## III. **REPORTS/UPDATES**

### A. **LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. May 28, 2021 Hearing
3. June 25, 2021 Hearing
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:53:29) Mr. Slater offered thoughts on the passing of Don Galleano and gave the legal counsel report.

### B. **ENGINEER**

1. 2020 State of the Basin: Groundwater Quality

(1:00:57) Mr. Malone introduced the item and handed off to Ms. Hedley (West Yost staff) who gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

### C. **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

1. Audit of Recharge O&M Expenses
2. FY 2020/21 Ongoing Auditing Activity by Fedak & Brown, LLP
3. Pool Budget Process, Approvals, and Invoicing

(1:13:48) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

**D. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Expenses Paid by Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool
2. Agricultural Pool Well Tax Discussion
3. Disadvantaged Communities
4. Other

(1:20:13) Mr. Kavounas gave a report and under Item 4, Other, added that he has spoken with Mr. Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel regarding the public comments made at the May Board meeting. Mr. Kavounas stated that Watermaster will be addressing those questions in an open and inclusive process. Mr. Kavounas also provided an update on the DWR's Executive Drought Proclamation and reminded the Board of the article that had been previously distributed earlier in the week. *Where Did Sierra Snow go This Spring? Not into California Rivers and Water Supplies* was written by Mr. Paul Rogers and Mr. Martin Wisckol and published on June 24, 2021 in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin.

**IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

(1:38:20) Mr. Kuhn commented on remote meetings and the services provided by Rauch Communication Consultants Inc.

**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.

Chair Curatalo called for a confidential session at 12:42 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. General Manager Performance Evaluation

(1:43:08) Confidential session concluded at 12:54 p.m. with no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting in memory of Don Galleano at 1:13 p.m.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ July 22, 2021

Attachments:

1. 20210624 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar and Business Items II.A. & II.B.

# Attachment 1 to 20210624 Watermaster Board Meeting Minutes

## June 24, 2021 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar Items I.A.- I.E. & I.G.- I.I.	Consent Calendar Item I.F.	Business Item II.A.	Business Item II.B.
Bowcock, Bob		yes	yes	yes	yes
Elie, Steve		yes	yes	yes	yes
Folsom, Betty					
	Anderson, Jane	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gardner, Mike		yes	yes	yes	yes
Hofer, Paul		yes	yes	yes	yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes	yes	yes	yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair*		yes	yes	yes	
Rogers, Peter		yes	yes	yes	yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>OUTCOME:</b>		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously by those present</b>

\*Vice-Chair Pierson experienced technical difficulties during the vote for Item II.B.