

**MINUTES**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING**  
November 18, 2021

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on November 18, 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
Mike Gardner	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. & Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director/Board Clerk
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
David Huynh	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON CALL**

Scott Slater	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost
Garrett Rapp	West Yost

**OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL**

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Pete Hall	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – CIM
Marilyn Levin	Agricultural Pool – State of CA – DOJ
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Steve Anderson	Best Best & Krieger LLP
Gene Tanaka	Best Best & Krieger LLP
Amanda Coker	City of Chino
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Scott Burton	City of Ontario
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Vanny Khu	City of Ontario
Chris Quach	City of Ontario
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
Braden Yu	City of Upland
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Mark Gibboney	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Rob Hills	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Gidti Ludesirishoti	Cucamonga Valley Water District

Jiwon Seung  
Tara Bravo  
Tarren Torres  
Ben Lewis  
Joshua Aguilar  
Andy Campbell  
Jean Cihigoyenetché  
Liz Hurst  
Justin Scott-Coe  
Justin Scott-Coe  
Kevin O'Toole  
Jeff Davis  
Brian Lee  
John Lopez  
Jeff Mosher  
David De Jesus  
Laura Roughton  
Ryan Shaw  
Richard Rees

Cucamonga Valley Water District  
CV Strategies  
Egoscue Law Group, Inc.  
Golden State Water Company  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
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Monte Vista Irrigation Company  
Monte Vista Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group  
San Antonio Water Company  
Santa Ana River Water Company  
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Western Municipal Water District  
Western Municipal Water District  
Wood plc

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Curatalo led the Watermaster Board in the flag salute.

#### **ROLL CALL**

(0:00:53) 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**

(0:02:27) Mr. Kavounas announced that Members Rogers and Curatalo are rotating off the Board next year, and thanked them for their service. He invited Chair Curatalo to comment on Member Rogers' service. Vice-Chair Pierson commented on Chair Curatalo's service. The Board took turns commending Member Rogers and Curatalo for their outstanding public service on the Watermaster Board.

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

(0:22:42) Mr. Kavounas indicated that Consent Calendar Item I.C. is being pulled for a separate vote and that Business Item II.F. is being reordered to take place before the Consent Calendar.

#### **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 October 28, 2021

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

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

**C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION**

Approve the proposed transaction:

The transfer of 1,000.0 acre-feet of water from Santa Ana River Water Company to BlueTriton Brands, Inc. This transfer is made from Santa Ana River Water Company's Excess Carryover Account.

**D. ANNUAL FINDING OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECHARGE MASTER PLAN**

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

**E. 2020/21 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GROUND-LEVEL MONITORING COMMITTEE**

Approve the 2020/21 Annual Report of the Ground-Level Monitoring Committee, along with filing a copy with the Court.

**F. FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 REVISED PAY SCHEDULE**

Adopt the revised Pay Schedule, effective January 1, 2022.

(0:46:15) A roll call vote was taken.

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

***Moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item I.C. and with a correction to the October 28, 2021, minutes as presented.***

(0:51:18) A roll call vote was taken.

*Motion by Mr. Steve Elie, seconded by Mr. Mike Gardner, and passed by majority roll call vote as attached to these minutes.*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item I.C. as presented.***

No votes were cast by Messrs. Hofer and Pierson on Consent Calendar Item I.C.

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 SCOPE AND BUDGET FOR THE SAFE YIELD RESET METHODOLOGY UPDATE (DISCUSSION ONLY)**

(0:52:22) Mr. Kavounas gave a report and invited Mr. Rapp of West Yost to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

**B. FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 BUDGET AMENDMENT (FORM A-21-11-01)**

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Amendment (Form A-21-11-01).

(1:04:50) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

(1:06:45) A roll call vote was taken.

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

***Moved to approve Business Item II.B. as presented.***

**C. DRY YEAR YIELD PROGRAM**

Staff report will be distributed separately.

(1:07:52) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(1:23:20) *Motion by Mr. Bob Bowcock, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, and passed by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes.*

(1:25:25) Mr. Gardner suggested kicking back to the Appropriative Pool Committee and to see if there is interest in pursuing. Additional discussion ensued.

(1:34:54) A roll call vote was taken.

*Motion repeated by Mr. Bob Bowcock, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, and passed unanimously.*

*(Mr. Hofer left meeting)*

***Moved to approve Business Item II.C. as presented.***

**D. FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE**

Approve the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Assessment Package as presented.

(1:39:02) Mr. Kavounas introduced Mr. Frank Yoo who provided a presentation to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Assessment Package. A discussion ensued.

(1:50:25) A roll call vote was taken.

*Motion by Vice-Chair Pierson, seconded by Mr. Bob Kuhn, and passed unanimously.*

***Moved to approve Business Item II.D. as presented.***

**E. RESOLUTION TO LEVY REPLENISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/22**

Adopt Resolution 2021-05 as presented.

(1:52:20) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

(1:53:32) A roll call vote was taken.

*Motion by Mr. Elie, seconded by Mr. Mike Gardner, and passed unanimously*

***Moved to approve Business Item II.E. as presented.***

**F. SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED WEATHER MODIFICATION PILOT PROGRAM (DISCUSSION ONLY)**

(0:24:25) Mr. Jeff Mosher gave a report. A discussion ensued.

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. November 5, 2021 Hearing
3. Rules & Regulations Update
4. Evergreen Storage Agreements
5. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(1:55:16) Mr. Scott Slater gave a report.

**B. ENGINEER**

1. Data Collection and Evaluation Workshop #1
2. Plan to Mitigate for Loss of Hydraulic Control
3. Responses to Storage Questions

(2:00:30) Mr. Garrett Rapp gave a report.

**C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

1. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Assessment Invoicing

(2:03:47) Mr. Joe Joswiak provided information on Fiscal Year 2021/22 Assessment invoicing.

**D. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Personnel and Compensation Items
2. Chino Basin Sustainability
3. Watermaster's Holiday Charity Event
4. December Meetings
5. ACWA Election of Officers
6. Grant Funding Opportunities
7. Other

(2:04:49) Mr. Kavounas provided information on his General Manager's report

**IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Mike Gardner wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Jim Curatalo wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and Happy New Year.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

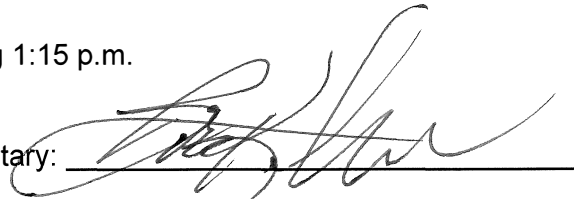
Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.6, of the Watermaster Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Board meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting 1:15 p.m.

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



Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ January 27, 2022

**Attachments:**

1. 20211118 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar Items I.C.
2. 20211118 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Items II.B., II.C., II.D., & II.E.

**Attachment 1 to 20211118 Watermaster Board Meeting Minutes**

<b>November 18, 2021 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome</b>
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Consent Calendar Items (w/o I.C.)</b>	<b>Consent Calendar Item I.C.</b>
Bowcock, Bob		yes	yes
Elie, Steve		yes	yes
Folsom, Betty		yes	yes
Gardner, Mike		yes	yes
Hofer, Paul		yes	no
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes	yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		yes	no
Rogers, Peter		yes	yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		yes	yes
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>	<b>Passed by Majority</b>

**Attachment 2 to 20211118 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Items**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Business Item II.B.</b>	<b>Business Item II.C.</b>	<b>Business Item II.D.</b>	<b>Business Item II.E.</b>
Bowcock, Bob		yes	yes	yes	yes
Elie, Steve		yes	yes	yes	yes
Folsom, Betty		yes	yes	yes	yes
Gardner, Mike		yes	yes	yes	yes
Hofer, Paul*		yes	yes		
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes	yes	yes	yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		yes	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 Among Those Present</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously Among Those Present</b>

\*Paul Hofer left meeting.