

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

January 27, 2022

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on January 27, 2022.

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Curatalo, Chair  
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair  
Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer  
Bob Bowcock  
Scott Burton  
Steve Elie  
Betty Folsom  
Mike Gardner  
Pete Hall

Minor Representative  
Agricultural Pool – Crops  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
CalMat Co.  
Monte Vista Water District  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Jurupa Community Services District  
Western Municipal Water District  
Agricultural Pool – State of CA, CIM

**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Kavounas  
Joseph Joswiak  
Edgar Tellez Foster  
Anna Nelson  
Justin Nakano  
Frank Yoo  
Janine Wilson  
Gabby Garcia  
Ruby Favela

General Manager  
Chief Financial Officer  
Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Dir.  
Director of Administration  
Water Resources Technical Manager  
Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.  
Senior Accountant  
Executive Assistant II/Board Clerk  
Administrative Assistant

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

Scott Slater  
Brad Herrema  
Andy Malone  
Garrett Rapp

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP  
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West Yost  
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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Larry Cain  
Marilyn Levin  
Gino Filippi  
Brian Geye  
Liz Skrzat  
Amanda Coker  
Dave Crosley  
Eunice Ulloa  
Ron Craig  
Chris Quach  
Chris Diggs  
Nicole deMoet  
Braden Yu  
John Bosler  
Eduardo Espinoza  
Mark Gibboney  
Rob Hills  
Kevin Kenley  
Jiwon Seung  
Tarren Torres  
Ben Lewis  
Joshua Aguilar

Agricultural Pool – State of CA, CIM  
Agricultural Pool – State of CA, DOJ  
Agricultural Pool – Crops  
California Speedway Corporation  
Chino Basin Water Conservation District  
City of Chino  
City of Chino  
City of Chino  
City of Chino Hills  
City of Ontario  
City of Pomona  
City of Upland  
City of Upland  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
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Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Egoscue Law Group, Inc.  
Golden State Water Company  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Christiana Daisy  
Shivaji Deshmukh  
Cathleen Pieroni  
Marco Tule  
Chris Berch  
Justin Scott-Coe  
Stephanie Reimer  
Justin Scott-Coe  
Jeff Davis  
Brian Lee  
Marty Zvirbulis  
John Lopez  
Todd Minten  
David De Jesus  
Sylvie Lee  
Matt Litchfield  
Michele McKinney  
Craig Miller  
Richard Rees

Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
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Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Jurupa Community Services District  
Monte Vista Irrigation Company  
Monte Vista Water District  
Monte Vista Water District  
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group  
San Antonio Water Company  
San Gabriel Valley Water Company  
Santa Ana River Water Company  
Santa Ana River Water Company  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Western Municipal Water District  
Western Municipal Water District  
Wood plc

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Curatalo, the 2021 Chair, called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mr. Curatalo led the Watermaster Board in the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

(0:00:45) Ms. Nelson announced that Ms. Garcia, Watermaster's new Executive Assistant/Board Clerk, (who will be fully introduced later in the agenda) will be clerking the Board meeting.

(0:00:53) Ms. Garcia conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(0:03:50) Ms. Skrzat of the Chino Basin Water Conservation District gave an oral update on the Inland Valley Garden Planner Launch Event scheduled for March 17th at 10:30 a.m.

**AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

**INTRODUCTIONS – CALENDAR YEAR 2022 WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS**

Overlying (Ag) Pool	Jeff Pierson (Crops)
Overlying (Ag) Pool	Pete Hall (State)
Overlying (Non-Ag) Pool	Bob Bowcock (CalMat Co.)
Appropriative Pool	Scott Burton (Monte Vista Water District)
Appropriative Pool	Betty Folsom (Jurupa Community Services District)
Appropriative Pool	Jim Curatalo (Minor Representative)
Municipal	Bob Kuhn (Three Valleys Municipal Water District)
Municipal	Mike Gardner (Western Municipal Water District)
Municipal	Steve Elie (Inland Empire Utilities Agency)

(0:09:15) Mr. Curatalo introduced and welcomed the 2022 Board members. A discussion ensued.

(0:09:30) Mr. Curatalo handed control of the meeting to General Counsel Slater to conduct the 2022 election of Officers.

**I. CALENDAR YEAR 2022 OFFICERS – ACTION**

**A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chair	<u>Jim Curatalo</u>
Vice-Chair	<u>Jeff Pierson</u>
Secretary/Treasurer	<u>Bob Kuhn</u>

(0:10:08)

*Motion by Mr. Steve Elie, seconded by Mr. Mike Gardner, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to elect the slate of Board Members indicated above as Calendar Year 2022 Watermaster Board Officers.***

(0:13:20) The newly elected Chair, Mr. Jim Curatalo, thanked the Board and resumed the meeting.

**II. 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 November 18, 2021

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of October 2021
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of October 2021
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021
6. Cash Disbursements for the month of November 2021
7. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of November 2021
8. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021
9. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021
10. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021
11. Cash Disbursements for December 2021 (Information Only)

**C. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER INVESTMENT POLICY**

Adopt Resolution 2022-01 – Resolution of the Chino Basin Watermaster, San Bernardino County, California, Re-Authorizing the Watermaster's Investment Policy.

**D. LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND**

Adopt Resolution 2022-02 – Resolution Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

**E. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT (FISCAL YEAR 2020/21)**

Adopt the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

**F. NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE THE OPERATING SAFE YIELD OF THE CHINO GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**G. 2022 HEARING OFFICER PANEL APPOINTMENT**

Appoint the recommended panel of five, to be reconsidered periodically and no less frequently than annually.

**H. RESOLUTION 2022-03 AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER BROWN ACT**

Adopt Resolution 2022-03 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

(0:13:51) A roll call vote was taken.

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

***Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.***

**III. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. DRY YEAR YIELD PROGRAM**

(0:15:27) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

**B. 2022 UPDATE TO THE 2019 CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Approve the 2022 Update to the 2019 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations.

(1:09:45) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(1:11:54) A roll call vote was taken.

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

***Moved to approve Business Item III.B. as presented and directed staff to file with the Court.***

**C. 2020 OBMP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Direct staff to include the budget for any studies and/or planning efforts necessary to advance implementation of the 2020 OBMP and CEQA review in the FY 2022/23 budget.

(1:13:43) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(1:16:58) A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

12:35 p.m.: Mr. Elie left the meeting after Business Item III.C.

**IV. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. February 4, 2022 Hearing
3. Evergreen Storage Agreements
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(1:32:25) Mr. Slater gave a report.

**B. ENGINEER**

1. Storage Q&A
2. Safe Yield Reset Methodology Update
3. GLMC Update
4. Proposed Hexavalent Chromium MCL NOP Comments

(1:39:35) Mr. Malone gave a report. A discussion ensued.

**C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

1. FY 2021/22 Assessment Package Payments Status
2. Upcoming FY 2021/22 Mid-Year Review

(1:54:38) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

**D. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. WUE Rulemaking Update
2. Groundwater Management and Drinking Water Well Principles and Strategies
3. Exhibit "G" Physical Solution Transfers
4. 2021 Shriners Hospitals for Children Fundraiser
5. Jim Theirl's Passing
6. Other

(1:57:16) Mr. Kavounas invited Mr. Tellez Foster to give a report on items 1 and 2, Mr. Yoo to report on item 3. He reported that the SWRCB and RWQCB are holding a rulemaking process for water loss performance standards regulation; the public hearing will be held on February 10, 2022 at 2pm and invited those interested to reach out. He announced another Hearing on February 2, 2022 at 1pm regarding how the \$150M State Budget will be spent toward groundwater clean-up and recycled water projects. The event is being held by Zoom and invited those interested to participate. Mr. Kavounas returned to Item 4 of the agenda and handed over to Ms. Nelson to give a report on Watermaster's 2021 Holiday Fundraiser supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children. He announced Mr. Jim Theirl's passing (a longtime former staff member) and invited staff and others to share their thoughts. He then invited Ms. Nelson to introduce Ms. Garcia, Watermaster's new Executive Assistant and Board Clerk. A discussion ensued.

**V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

(2:15:08) Vice-Chair Pierson welcomed the two new Board members.

(2:16:59) Mr. Hall commented about the Hearing Officer Panel.

(2:18:59) Mr. Gardner thanked the returning three Board Officers, welcomed the two new Board members and thanked staff for their efforts especially as it relates to the DYY Program.

(2:21:00) Chair Curatalo thanked the Board and stated he was honored to be back as Chair.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

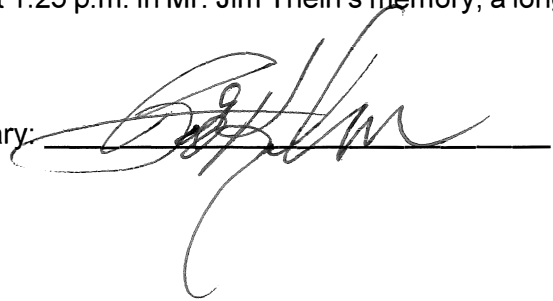
Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.6, of the Watermaster Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Board meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 1:25 p.m. in Mr. Jim Theirl's memory, a longtime former Watermaster employee.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. J. M.', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ February 24, 2022

Attachments:

1. 20220127 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar Items
2. 20220127 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Items III.B., III.C.

**Attachment 1 to 20220127 Watermaster Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 27, 2022 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Consent Calendar</b>
Bowcock, Bob		yes
Burton, Scott		yes
Elie, Steve		yes
Folsom, Betty		yes
Gardner, Mike		yes
Hall, Pete		yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		yes
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>

**Attachment 2 to 20220127 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call  
Vote Outcome for Business Items**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Business Item III.B.</b>	<b>Business Item III.C.</b>
Bowcock, Bob		yes	yes
Burton, Scott		yes	yes
Elie, Steve		yes	yes
Folsom, Betty		yes	yes
Gardner, Mike		yes	yes
Hall, Pete		yes	yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		yes	yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		yes	yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		yes	yes
<b>OUTCOME:</b>		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>