

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2022

The Watermaster Board meeting was held via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on February 24, 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
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
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

Marilyn Levin
Bob Feenstra
Gino Filippi
Brian Geye
Dave Crosley
Ron Craig
Chris Quach
Chris Diggs
Nicole deMoet
Braden Yu
Amanda Coker
Eduardo Espinoza
Rob Hills
Kevin Kenley
Jiwon Seung
Tarren Torres
Ben Lewis
Joshua Aguilar
Shivaji Deshmukh
Justin Scott-Coe
Justin Scott-Coe

Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Agricultural Pool – Crops
California Speedway Corporation
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
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Golden State Water Company
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Monte Vista Water District

Kevin O'Toole
Jeff Davis
Brian Lee
John Lopez
David De Jesus
Matt Litchfield
Mallory Gandara
Craig Miller
Laura Roughton
Richard Rees

Orange County Water District
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
San Antonio Water Company
Santa Ana River Water Company
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Western 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 11:00 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Curatalo led the Watermaster Board in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

(00:01:05) 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 January 27, 2022

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of December 2021
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of December 2021
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
6. Cash Disbursements for January 2022 (Information Only)

(00:03:20) *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.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. STORAGE Q & A

Direct staff to annually work with the parties to obtain 20-year operating plans that forecast near and long-term plans for pumping and use of managed storage.

(00:26:04) The Board was supportive of staff proceeding with the work as proposed

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino Superior Court Emergency Order
2. February 4, 2022 Hearing
3. April 8, 2022 Hearing
4. Evergreen Storage Agreements
5. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:27:28) Mr. Slater gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. Safe Yield Data Collection and Evaluation Update
2. GLMC/PBHSP Scope and Budget Process

(00:36:11) Mr. Rapp gave a report.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Mid-Year Review
2. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget Schedule

(00:40:10) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Other

(00:55:43) Mr. Kavounas asked Mr. Tellez Foster to give an update on the Turner Basin regarding an area where the San Bernardino County Flood Control District's plans may affect recharge. He also discussed the Watermaster data portal for Watermaster data collection.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(00:58:19) Chair Curatalo requested a special workshop of the Board to discuss the role of the Board, Watermaster Committees, Judgment administration. He requested the General Manager and Counsel to consider and host an in-person session in the near term. A discussion ensued.

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.

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a) – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

1. City Of Ontario's Application For An Order To Extend Time Under Judgement, Paragraph 31(C) To Challenge Watermaster Action/Decision On November 18, 2021 To Approve The FY 2021/2022 Assessment Package. If Such Request Is Denied, This Filing Is The Challenge

Reportable action by General Counsel Slater following Confidential Session:

(01:06:45) Mr. Slater reported that by majority vote, the Board opposed the 90-day extension by the City Of Ontario's Application For An Order To Extend Time Under Judgment, Paragraph 31(C) To Challenge Watermaster Action/Decision On November 18, 2021 To Approve The FY 2021/2022 Assessment Package, and to defend the Watermaster process.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ March 24, 2022

Attachments:

1. 20220224 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar Items

Attachment 1 to 20220224 Watermaster Board Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

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

*Joined meeting after Consent Calendar