

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

March 24, 2022

The Watermaster Board meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and was also available via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on March 24, 2022.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

James Curatalo, Chair	Minor Representative
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Bob Bowcock	CalMat Co.
Scott Burton	Monte Vista Water District
Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Betty Folsom	Jurupa Community Services District
Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Pete Hall	Agricultural Pool – State of CA, CIM
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WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON ZOOM

Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist
David Huynh	Senior Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Scott Slater	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Garrett Rapp	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jiwon Seung	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Laura Roughton	Western Municipal Water District

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Larry Cain	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Marilyn Levin	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Natalie Avila	City of Chino

Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
Braden Yu	City of Upland
Mark Gibboney	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Tarren Torres	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Ben Lewis	Golden State Water Company
Christiana Daisy	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Joshua Aguilar	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Shivaji Deshmukh	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Water District
David De Jesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Mallory Gandara	Western Municipal Water District
Craig Miller	Western Municipal Water District
Richard Rees	Wood plc

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Curatalo called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

(00:00:58) Ms. Wilson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

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 February 24, 2022

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

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

C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2021-2

Adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2021-2 and direct staff to file with the Court.

D. SGMA REPORTING FOR WATER YEAR 2021

Approve and direct staff to file the information/reports with the DWR.

E. RESOLUTION 2022-04 AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER BROWN ACT

Adopt Resolution 2022-04 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

(00:03:40) *Motion by Mr. Mike Gardner, seconded by Mr. Bob Kuhn, and passed unanimously.*
Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

None

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino Superior Court Emergency Order
2. Ag Pool Appeal of November 5, 2021 Order
3. April 8, 2022 Hearing
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:4:15) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. Safe Yield Data Collection and Evaluation Update
2. SGMA Annual Report
3. GLMC/PBHSP Scope and Budget Process
4. Jurupa Basin Conservation Berm and Trash Boom

(00:7:51) Mr. Malone gave a report and invited Mr. Rapp gave a presentation on the Engineer's Report Item 4.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget Schedule

(00:17:51) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Board Special Meeting
2. Evergreen Storage Agreements
3. Status Report: Exhibit G Physical Solution Transfers
4. Reopening/Meetings/Visitor Policy
5. Other

(00:19:33) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on Item 1 and asked Mr. Tellez Foster to report on Item 2, Mr. Yoo to report on Item 3 and Ms. Nelson to report on Item 4. Mr. Kavounas also reported that on March 18, 2022, the DWR lowered allocations from 15% to 5%. He also showed the grant funding table that is posted to Watermaster's website that shows an up-to-date look at available grant and low-interest loan opportunities to support water projects in the Chino Basin. A discussion ensued.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(00:46:40) Chair Curatalo commented on the passing of Tom Thomas and indicated that the service will be held on April 23rd at the Thomas residence in Upland. A discussion ensued.

Messrs. Kuhn and Pierson thanked Frank Yoo for all efforts in revamping the Watermaster's website.

Mr. Gardner commented about the Biden Administration and the current work related to the Waters of the United States. 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.

The Board convened into Confidential Session at 11:55 a.m. to discuss the following:

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

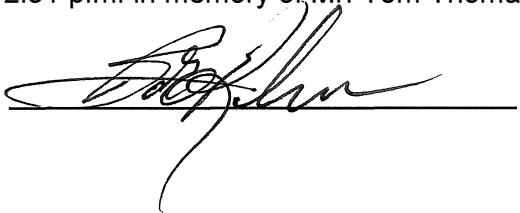
1. City Of Ontario's Application For An Order To Extend Time Under Judgement, Paragraph 31(C) To Challenge Watermaster Action/Decision On November 18, 2021 To Approve The FY 2021/2022 Assessment Package. If Such Request Is Denied, This Filing Is The Challenge

(00:54:28) Confidential Session concluded at 12:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 12:31 p.m. in memory of Mr. Tom Thomas.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ April 28, 2022

Attachments:

1. 20220324 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Consent Calendar

ATTACHMENT 1

March 24, 2022 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar
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
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously

*Participated via Zoom