

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING
May 26, 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 via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on May 26, 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

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.
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist
David Huynh	Senior Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

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

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Garrett Rapp	West Yost
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OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jiwon Seung	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District
Jeff Davis	Provost & Pritchard Consulting
Brian Lee	San Antonio Water Company
Kati Parker	Minor Representative

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

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

Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Alexis Mascarinas	City of Ontario
Christopher Quach	City of Ontario
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
Braden Yu	City of Upland
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Ben Lewis	Golden State Water Company
Joshua Aguilar	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Christiana Daisy	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Shivaji Deshmukh	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Manny Martinez	Monte Vista Water District
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Water District
John Lopez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Todd Minten	Santa Ana River Water Company
David De Jesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Matthew Litchfield	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Jason Pivovaroff	Western Municipal Water District
Laura Roughton	Western Municipal Water District
Richard Rees	Wood plc

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(00:01:39) 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 Special Meeting (Workshop No. 1) held April 26, 2022
2. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held April 28, 2022

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of March 2022
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of March 2022
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period March 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022

5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022
6. Cash Disbursements for April 2022 (Information Only)

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

Approve the proposed transaction:

The Purchase of 7,500 acre-feet of water from Cucamonga Valley Water District by Fontana Water Company. This purchase is made from Cucamonga Valley Water District's Annual Production Rights. Date of Application: April 4, 2022.

(00:03:52)

*Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Mike Gardner, and passed unanimously.
Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.*

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. WATERMASTER FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 APPROVED BUDGET

Adopt the Watermaster Fiscal Year 2022/23 Approved Budget as presented.

(00:4:46) Mr. Kavounas prefaced the item and invited Mr. Joswiak to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(00:31:52)

Substitute Motion by Mr. Scott Burton, and there being no second, the motion died

Moved to approve Business Item II.A. without the two items for the OBMP Update and send those items back to the Advisory Committee for additional communication.

(00:37:54)

*Motion by Mr. Pete Hall, seconded by Mr. Steve Elie, and passed by majority.
Moved to approve Business Item II.A. as presented.*

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino Superior Court Emergency Order
2. April 22, 2022 Hearing
3. Governor's Executive Order N-7-22
4. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:49:34) Mr. Slater gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER

1. Safe Yield Data Collection and Evaluation Report
2. Safe Yield Reset Methodology Update
3. Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee Annual Report

(00:57:35) Mr. Malone prefaced the Engineer's Report and invited Mr. Rapp to give a presentation on Items 1 and 2. Mr. Malone informed the Board of the next Safe Yield Peer Review Workshop which will be held on July 20, 2022 from 9am – 12pm at the Watermaster's offices and will also be available remotely.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

None

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Regional Supply/Drought Update
2. Data Portal Status
3. May 26, 2022 Special Board Meeting (Workshop No. 2)
4. Upcoming Training Opportunity: Roberts Rules of Order
5. Other

(01:09:46) Mr. Kavounas prefaced Item 1 and asked Mr. Aguilar of IEUA to give a presentation. A discussion ensued. Mr. Yoo reported on Item 2. Mr. Kavounas reported on Items 3 and 4 and offered to give a recap of the May 26, 2022 Workshop No. 2 for those who missed it. Mr. Kavounas also announced that Watermaster will be dark in July instead of August this year.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(01:17:59) Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson thanked Watermaster staff for continuing the Watermaster Board Workshops and stated that they were educational. Ms. Folsom echoed Mr. Pierson's sentiments.

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 12:21 p.m. to discuss the following:

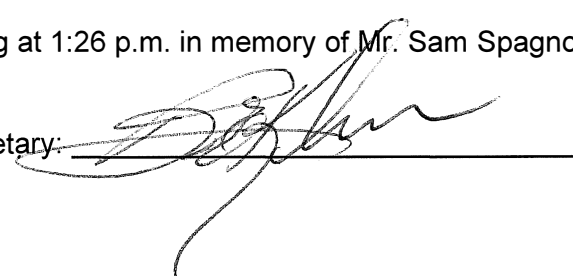
1. General Manager Performance Evaluation

(01:20:27) Confidential Session concluded at 1:20 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 1:26 p.m. in memory of Mr. Sam Spagnolo.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ June 23, 2022

Attachment:

1. 20220526 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.

ATTACHMENT 1

May 26, 2022 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Business Item II.A. (Main Motion)
Burton, Scott	No	
Elie, Steve		Yes
Folsom, Betty		Yes
Gardner, Mike		Yes
Hall, Pete*		Yes
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Bowcock, Bob		Yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed by Majority

*Participated via Zoom