

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

September 22, 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 September 22, 2022.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

James Curatalo, Chair	Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative
Jeff Pierson, Vice Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Betty Folsom	Jurupa Community Services District
Brian Geye for Bob Bowcock	California Speedway Corporation
Michael Camacho for Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Scott Burton	Monte Vista Water District

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Pete Hall	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Director
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Denise Morales	Executive Assistant II/Board Clerk
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

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

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Garrett Rapp	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Michele McKinney	CV Strategies
Shivaji Deshmukh	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District
Kati Parker	Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Carol Boyd	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Natalie Avila	City of Chino
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino

Chris Diggs
Braden Yu
John Bosler
Luis Cetina
Jiwon Seung
Tarren Alicia Torres
Christiana Daisy
Michael Hurley
Justin Scott-Coe
Manny Martinez
David De Jesus
Robert DiPrimio
John Lopez
Nichole deMoet
Craig Miller
Richard Rees

City of Pomona
City of Upland
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
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Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Monte Vista Water District
Monte Vista Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
San Gabriel Valley Water Company
Santa Ana River Water Company
West End Consolidated Company
Western Municipal Water District
Wood plc

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Curatalo led the Board in the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(00:00:49) Ms. Morales conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any short non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Chino Basin Watermaster. No discussion or action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda, per the Brown Act. Each member of the public who wishes to comment shall be allotted three minutes, and no more than three individuals shall address the same subject.

Chair Curatalo recognized Mr. Kavounas for his 10 years of service as General Manager of the Watermaster and presented him with a commemorative plaque. Members of the Board and others offered their congratulations. Mr. Kavounas thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve Watermaster and stated that the past 10 years have been a great learning opportunity and any and all accomplishments have been the result of the teamwork between stakeholders, Watermaster staff, and consultants.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

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 August 25, 2022

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

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

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

Approve the proposed transaction:

The purchase of 708.3 acre-feet of water from West End Consolidated Water Company by City of Upland. This purchase is made from West End Consolidated Water Company's Excess Carryover Account. City of Upland is utilizing this transaction to produce its West End Consolidated Water Company shares.

D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

Approve the proposed transaction:

The purchase of 66.4 acre-feet of water from West End Consolidated Water Company by Golden State Water Company. This purchase is made from West End Consolidated Water Company's Annual Production Right. Golden State Water Company is utilizing this transaction to produce its West End Consolidated Water Company shares.

E. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

Approve the proposed transaction:

The purchase of 440 acre-feet of water from City of Upland by Golden State Water Company. This purchase is made from City of Upland's Annual Production Right.

F. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2022-1

Adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2022-1, and direct staff to file a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

G. RESOLUTION 2022-08 AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER BROWN ACT

Adopt Resolution 2022-08 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

(00:23:46)

Motion by Ms. Betty Folsom, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, and passed unanimously by roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. SAFE YIELD RESET METHODOLOGY UPDATE

Approve the proposed Safe Yield Reset Methodology and direct staff to file with the Court for approval.

(00:25:15) Messrs. Kavounas and Rapp gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(01:05:39)

Motion by Mr. Michael Camacho, seconded by Vice Chair Pierson and passed unanimously by roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to approve Business Item II.A. with non-substantive edits as needed.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. September 30, 2022 Hearing
3. Motion Challenging Watermaster's Budget Action to Fund Unauthorized CEQA Review
4. Governor's Executive Order N-7-22
5. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit
6. Rules and Regulations Update

(01:08:01) Mr. Slater gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee Update

(01:09:49) Mr. Malone gave a report and reminded parties of the September 29, 2022 9:00 a.m. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee meeting.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

None

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. 2020 OBMP
2. SNMP Presentation Date – October 27, 2022 at 9:30am
3. Workshop IV
4. Supplemental Water Flowchart
5. 2023 RMPU
6. Water Activity Reports
7. Potential Outsourcing of HR Services
8. Other

(01:12:16) Mr. Kavounas reported on Items 1-3 and mentioned to the Board that the first week of December is being contemplated for Workshop IV. Mr. Kavounas proceeded to Items 4-7 indicating that Watermaster has experienced an increase in workload for administrative staff and that he will be bringing information to the Board next month regarding outsourcing of HR services. Mr. Kavounas mentioned that he had attended the GRA Conference and got to hear many great presentations, some of which included the current efforts related to the Chino Basin Watermaster.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(01:25:45) Mr. Michael Camacho congratulated Mr. Kavounas for his 10 years at the Watermaster.

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.

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Secretary:  _____

Approved: _____ October 27, 2022 _____

Attachments:

1. 20220922 Roll Call Vote Outcome for the Consent Calendar
2. 20220922 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.

ATTACHMENT 1

September 22, 2022 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

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

*Participated via Zoom

ATTACHMENT 2

September 22, 2022 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Business Item II.A.
Burton, Scott		Yes
Camacho, Michael for Elie, Steve	Yes	
Folsom, Betty		Yes
Gardner, Mike*		Yes
Hall, Pete*		Yes
Kuhn, Bob*, Secretary/Treasurer		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Geye, Brian for Bowcock, Bob	Yes	
Curatalo, James, Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously

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