

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

October 27, 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 October 27, 2022.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

James Curatalo, Chair	Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative
Pete Hall	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Brian Geye for Bob Bowcock	California Speedway Corporation
Scott Burton	Monte Vista Water District
Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Jeff Pierson, Vice Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Marco Tule for Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Betty Folsom	Jurupa Community Services District
Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer	Three Valleys 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
Alex Moore	Administrative Assistant
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Scott Slater	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Jonathan Abadesco	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost
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Samantha Adams	West Yost

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
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OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jiwon Seung	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District
Laura Roughton	Western Municipal Water District

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Jimmy Medrano	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Kati Parker	Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative
Natalie Avila	City of Chino

Dave Crosley
Eunice Ulloa
Ron Craig
Chris Diggs
Luis Cetina
Eric Grubb
Rob Hills
Tarren Alicia Torres
Ben Lewis
Christiana Daisy
Shivaji Deshmukh
Manny Martinez
Stephanie Reimer
Justin Scott-Coe
David De Jesus
Matthew Litchfield
John Lopez
Bill Wyat
Marilyn Levin
Nicole deMoet
Mallory Gandara
Richard Rees

City of Chino
City of Chino
City of Chino Hills
City of Pomona
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 Water District
Monte Vista Water District
Monte Vista Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Santa Ana River Water Company
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton
State of California – DOJ
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 11:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

(00:00:41) 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.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

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 September 22, 2022

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

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

C. OUTSOURCING OF HUMAN RESOURCES FUNCTIONS WITH TALENT ADVISERS, LLC

Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement with Talent Advisers, LLC on behalf of Watermaster effective November 1, 2022.

D. RESOLUTION 2022-09 AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER BROWN ACT

Adopt Resolution 2022-09 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

(00:03:11)

Motion by Mr. Mike Gardner, seconded by Mr. Brian Geye, and passed unanimously by roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021; AND THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR JUNE 30, 2022

Receive and file (1) the Chino Basin Watermaster Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 dated October 27, 2022 and (2) the Chino Basin Watermaster Management Report for June 30, 2022 dated October 27, 2022.

(00:05:31) Mr. Joswiak introduced Mr. Jonathan Abadesco of Fedak & Brown who gave a report.

(00:12:16)

Motion by Mr. Mike Gardner, seconded by Mr. Pete Hall and passed unanimously by roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to receive and file Business Item II.A. as presented.

B. IEUA/JCSD/CBWM COST SHARING AGREEMENT OF BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Approve the cost sharing agreement as presented and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of Watermaster subject to any non-substantive changes.

(00:14:16) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report.

(00:15:21)

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Brian Geye and passed unanimously by roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to approve Business Item II.B. as presented.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. November 3, 2022 Hearing
3. November 18, 2022 Hearing
4. Governor's Executive Order N-7-22
5. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit
6. Rules and Regulations Update

(00:17:20) Mr. Slater gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. Safe Yield Court Order Implementation
2. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee
3. FY 2021/22 Annual Streamflow Monitoring Report
4. Annual Plume Status Reports

(00:21:36) Mr. Malone gave a report. A discussion ensued.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

(00:29:30) Mr. Joswiak expressed that the success of Watermaster's audit was due to the contributions of all staff, in particular Ms. Wilson, who has worked alongside Mr. Joswiak for 12 of her 22 years with Watermaster.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. 2020 OBMP
2. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Assessment Package
3. Funding Opportunities
4. First Organization Performance Report Fiscal Year 2022/23 (Oct 2022)
5. Board Workshop IV
6. November 2022 Meetings
7. New Employee Introduction
8. Other

(00:30:43) Mr. Kavounas reported on Item 1 and stated that the Project Description was nearly complete though there will likely be a delay in distribution of the same to the parties to allow for better coordination with IEUA staff as originally planned a workshop will follow approximately two weeks after distribution of the Project Description. Mr. Kavounas mentioned the possibility of Mr. Scott Slater facilitating the Implementation Plan, however there was some interest in having an external source. Mr. Kavounas asked the Board for their input and suggestions as to an outside facilitator. After discussion the Board gave direction to research external facilitation possibilities and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Mr. Kavounas reported on Items 2 and 3 and pointed to the Funding Opportunities table on Watermaster's website. After discussion the Board gave direction for the General Manager to bring forward a proposal in November for the parties to evaluate recharge projects that may qualify for grant funding. He then reported on Items 4 – 6, and for Item 7, Ms. Nelson introduced Watermaster's new Administrative Assistant, Ms. Alexandria Moore. For Item 8 Mr. Kavounas reported that employee retention is a universal issue that he is currently keeping an eye on given the increasing rate of inflation. After discussion the Board gave direction to Mr. Kavounas to investigate alternative options to enhance the compensation package offered to Watermaster employees.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Chino Airport and South Archibald Plumes Semi-Annual Status Reports
2. Annual Plume Status Reports

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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 12:24 p.m.

Secretary: 

Approved: November 17, 2022

Attachments:

1. 20221027 Roll Call Vote Outcome for the Consent Calendar
2. 20221027 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.
3. 20221027 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.B.

ATTACHMENT 1

October 27, 2022 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome
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Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar
Burton, Scott		Yes
Tule, Marco* 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

October 27, 2022 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Business Item II.A.
Burton, Scott		Yes
Tule, Marco* 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 3

October 27, 2022 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Business Item II.B.
Burton, Scott		Yes
Tule, Marco* 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