

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

April 27, 2023

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 April 27, 2023.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

James Curatalo, Chair	Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative
Jeff Pierson, Vice Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Brian Geye for Bob Bowcock	Non-Agricultural Pool – CA Speedway Corporation
Scott Burton	City of Ontario
Michael Camacho for Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bob Feenstra for Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District
Manny Martinez	Monte Vista Water District

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Bowcock	Non-Agricultural Pool – CalMat Co.
Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Crops

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.
Alexandria Moore	Executive Assistant I/Board Clerk
Ruby Favela Quintero	Administrative Analyst
Kelli Hills	Office Specialist/Receptionist
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist
David Huynh	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

Jimmy Medrano	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Marty Zvirbulis	Fontana Union Water Company
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Jesse Pompa	Jurupa Community Services District
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District
John Russ	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Justin Scott-Coe
Justin Scott-Coe
Marty Zvirbulis
Alyssa Coronado

Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Monte Vista Water District
Nicholson Family Trust
Santa Ana River Water Company

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Marilyn Levin
Ruben Llamas
Ron Craig
Nicole deMoet
Braden Yu
Eduardo Espinoza
Mark Gibboney
Jiwon Seung
Tarren Alicia Torres
Derek Hoffman
Kevin O'Toole
Bill Wyatt
Ryan Shaw
Nicole deMoet
Braden Yu
Richard Rees

Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Agricultural Pool – Crops
City of Chino Hills
City of Upland
City of Upland
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Fennemore Law
Orange County Water District
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton
Western Municipal Water District
West End Consolidated Water Co.
West End Consolidated Water Co.
WSP USA

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Curatalo led the Board in the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(00:00:40) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(00:02:45) Mr. Ryan Shaw mentioned that the Western Municipal Water District Board approved a \$20 million budget to purchase surplus water supplies in the next two years.

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 March 23, 2023

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of February 2023
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of February 2023
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023

4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023
6. Cash Disbursements for March 2023 (Information Only)

(00:04:55)

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Mike Gardner, there being no dissent, the item passed unanimously.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. WATERMASTER BOARD PHILOSOPHY RE STAFFING AND COMPENSATION

Adopt the staffing and compensation principles as presented.

(00:05:42) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(00:09:16)

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

Moved to adopt the staffing and compensation principles (Business Item II.A.) as presented.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. May 12, 2023 Hearing (Watermaster Motion for Receipt and Filing of Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report; City of Ontario Motion re 2022-23 Assessment Package)
2. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E080457 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021-22 Assessment Package)
4. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
5. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:12:42) Mr. Slater gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER

1. Safe Yield Court Order Implementation
2. Maximum Benefit Annual Report
3. Board-Requested Recharge Project Analysis

(00:21:56) Mr. Rapp gave a report on items 1-2, and gave a presentation on item 3. A discussion ensued.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget Schedule
2. California CLASS Investments

(01:01:01) Mr. Joswiak gave a report on item 1 and presentation on item 2. A discussion ensued.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Excess State Water Supplies and Opportunities for Recharge
2. Aruna Reddy Intervention Request
3. Recharge at the Intex Vineyard
4. Second Organization Performance Report FY 2022/23

5. ACWA-JPIA Executive Committee
6. May 11, 2023 Pool Committee Meetings Date Change to May 16, 2023
7. Other

(01:19:41) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on item 1 and stated that Watermaster received a letter from MWD indicating its intent to store 25 KAF in the DYY account before the end of the fiscal year and another 25 KAF next fiscal year. The DYY operating committee plans to meet on May 1, 2023 to discuss plans to begin the recharge as soon as possible. For item 2 staff will bring the item back once more information is received from the well owner. On item 3 Mr. Kavounas invited Mr. Nakano to give a presentation on the Intex Vineyard recharge. On item 4 Mr. Kavounas gave a report on the second organization performance report for fiscal year 2022/23. Regarding item 5, Mr. Kavounas announced that Watermaster has received several requests by candidates to support them in the upcoming election and that Mr. Bob Kuhn will cast a vote at the ACWA conference on May 8, 2023 on behalf of Watermaster. Under Other, he mentioned that the CBP workshop is being held at IEUA on May 3, 2023 in case stakeholders wished to attend.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(01:42:30) Mr. Mike Gardner added to Mr. Shaw's update on Western Municipal Water District's \$20 million budget approval and stated that Western is gearing up to be flexible to get the most cost-effective water and consider its storage.

(01:44:25) Mr. Michael Camacho thanked staff for all the presentations and stated that it was great to be in attendance.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

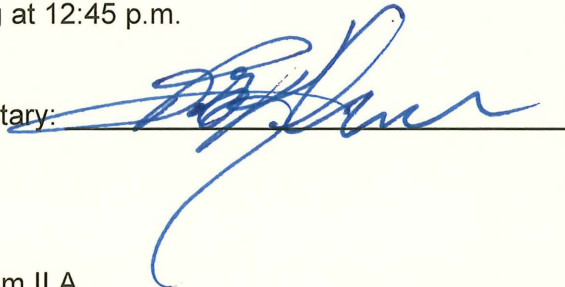
VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTION

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 12:45 p.m.

Secretary: 

Approved: _____ May 25, 2025

Attachments:

1. 20230427 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.

April 27, 2023 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	II.A.
Burton, Scott		Yes
Geye, Brian for Bowcock, Bob	Yes	
Camacho, Michael for Elie, Steve	Yes	
Gardner, Mike		Yes
Feenstra, Bob for Hofer, Paul	Yes	
Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		Yes
Martinez, Manny		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously