

**MINUTES**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING**

September 28, 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 September 28, 2023.

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

James Curatalo, Chair	Appropriative Pool – Minor Representative
Jeff Pierson, Vice Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
David De Jesus for 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
Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District
Manny Martinez	Monte Vista Water District

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bob Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Bob Bowcock	Non-Agricultural Pool – CalMat Co.

**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
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	Water Resources Associate
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Scott Slater	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Lucy Hedley	West Yost
Andy Malone	West Yost
Carolina Sanchez	West Yost

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Scott Nelsen	Eide Bailly
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**OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Jimmy Medrano	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Jiwon Seung	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Mikayla Celeman	CV Strategies
John Russ	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District
Alyssa Coronado	Santa Ana River Water Company

**OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Carol Boyd	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Marilyn Levin	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Hye Jin Lee	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
Braden Yu	City of Upland
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eduardo Espinoza	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Mark Gibboney	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Peter Dopulos	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Derek Hoffman	Fennemore Law
Marty Zvirbulis	Fontana Union Water Company
Ben Lewis	Golden State Water Company
Christiana Daisy	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Shivaji Deshmukh	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Eddie Lin	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Marty Zvirbulis	Nicholson Family Trust
John Lopez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Nicole deMoet	West End Consolidated Water Co.
Braden Yu	West End Consolidated Water Co.
Joshua Aguilar	Western Municipal Water District
Richard Rees	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**

(00:00:43) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**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:

Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held August 24, 2023

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The monthly financial reports are being redesigned and will be available next month.

**C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2023-1**

Adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2023-1, and direct staff to file a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

(00:02:17)

*Motion by Mr. Steve Elie, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, there being no dissent, the item passed unanimously.*

***Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.***

11:05 a.m. Mr. Burton arrived after Consent Calendar.

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. 2023 RECHARGE MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06**

Approve the 2023 RMPU as presented, adopt Resolution No. 2023-06, and direct staff to file with the Court.

(00:02:50) Mr. Kavounas prefaced the item and invited Ms. Sanchez of West Yost to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(00:31:04)

*Motion by Mr. Steve Elie, seconded by Mr. Scott Burton, and passed unanimously by roll call vote as attached to these minutes.*

***Moved to approve 2023 Recharge Master Plan Update and Resolution No. 2023-06 (Business Item II.A.) as presented.***

**B. BOARD-REQUESTED RECHARGE PROJECT ANALYSIS**

Approve staff moving forward with gathering necessary information and documentation for each project to be considered grant-ready and prepare the Work Plan.

(00:33:28) Mr. Kavounas introduced Ms. Sanchez to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(00:39:02)

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

***Moved to approve Board-Requested Recharge Project Analysis (Business Item II.B.) as presented.***

**C. INCREASE OF FY 2023/24 DRY YEAR YIELD PROGRAM DELIVERY**

Approve an increase of the annual delivery limit from 25,000 acre-feet to 50,000 acre-feet for Fiscal Year 2023/24.

(00:40:06) Mr. Kavounas prefaced the item and introduced Mr. Nakano to give a presentation. A discussion ensued during which the Board, at the suggestion of Board Member Elie, gave direction to the GM to explore the potential for a five-year extension of the DYYP.

(00:41:50)

*Motion by Mr. Mike Gardner, seconded by Mr. Steve Elie, and passed unanimously by roll call vote as attached to these minutes.*

***Moved to approve Increase of FY 2023/24 Dry Year Yield Program Delivery (Business Item II.C.) as presented.***

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. Court Tour of Chino Basin
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. Court of Appeal Case No. E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re Challenge to 2022-23 Assessment Package)
6. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:46:35) Mr. Slater gave a report. A discussion ensued.

**B. ENGINEER**

1. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
2. Model Update and Required Demonstrations
3. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee
4. 2022 State of the Basin Report

(01:00:16) Mr. Malone gave a report on items 1-3, he invited Ms. Hedley to give a presentation on item 4. A discussion ensued.

**C. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Long Term Planning Efforts
2. New Staff Member Introduction
3. Other

(01:15:19) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on the Long Term Planning efforts indicating he aims to give a monthly update on each item as they progress. He invited Mr. Jurado to introduce Watermaster's new staff member, Mr. Jordan Garcia, the Senior Field Operations Specialist. Mr. Kavounas also mentioned the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Assessment Package is under way with two workshops scheduled as done in prior years to allow stakeholders to ask any questions.

**IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

(1:25:55) Mr. Hofer raised a question regarding Chino Basin Water Conservation District purchasing water for their basins using their available funds, with the intention of being reimbursed to prevent the depletion of the basins. Watermaster staff has suggested that Chino Basin Water Conservation District give a presentation at one of the upcoming Board meetings to further discuss.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTION**

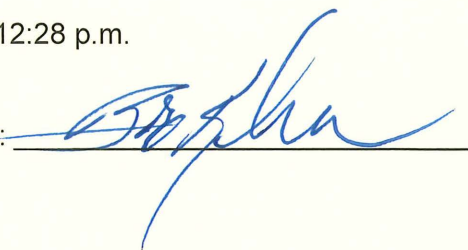
Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.6, of the Watermaster Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Board meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ October 26, 2023

Attachments:

1. 20230928 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.
2. 20230928 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.B.
3. 20230928 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.C.

<b>September 28, 2023 Watermaster Board Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome</b>
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Member	Alternate	II.A.
Burton, Scott		Yes
Brian Geye for Bowcock, Bob		Yes
Elie, Steve		Yes
Gardner, Mike		Yes
Hofer, Paul		Yes
David De Jesus for Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		Yes
Martinez, Manny		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		Yes
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>

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Member	Alternate	II.B.
Burton, Scott		Yes
Brian Geye for Bowcock, Bob		Yes
Elie, Steve		Yes
Gardner, Mike		Yes
Hofer, Paul		Yes
David De Jesus Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		Yes
Martinez, Manny		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		Yes
	<b>OUTCOME:</b>	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>

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Member	Alternate	I.I.C.
Burton, Scott		Yes
Brian Geye for Bowcock, Bob		Yes
Elie, Steve		Yes
Gardner, Mike		Yes
Hofer, Paul		Yes
David De Jesus for Kuhn, Bob, Secretary/Treasurer		Yes
Martinez, Manny		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		Yes
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