

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

October 26, 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 October 26, 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
Bob Bowcock	Non-Agricultural Pool – CalMat Co.
Scott Burton	City of Ontario
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

Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool – Crops
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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
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

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

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Garrett Rapp	West Yost
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OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Tariq Awan	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Jimmy Medrano	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Hye Jin Lee	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Mikayla Coleman	CV Strategies
Jesse Pompa	Jurupa Community Services District

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

(00:02:30) Chair Curatalo requested Watermaster Board have a confidential session at the end of the meeting regarding a personnel matter.

(00:02:17)

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

Moved to approve the Agenda – Addition/Reorder as shown above.

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 September 28, 2023

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Reports for the Reporting Periods Ended July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023.

C. WATER TRANSACTION – CITY OF UPLAND TO GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

Approve the proposed transaction.

D. WATER TRANSACTION – WEST END CONSOLIDATED WATER COMPANY TO GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

Approve the proposed transaction.

(00:04:06)

Motion by Mr. Steve Elie, 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. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022; AND THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR JUNE 30, 2023

Receive and file (1) the Chino Basin Watermaster Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and (2) the Chino Basin Watermaster Management Report for June 30, 2023.

(00:04:46) Mr. Kavounas invited Ms. Nelson prefaced the item and invited Mr. Jonathan Abedesco with C.J. Brown & Company to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(00:09:01)

Motion by Mr. Steve Elie, seconded by Mr. Scott Burton, there being no dissent, the item passed unanimously.

Moved to approve Chino Basin Watermaster Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022; and The Chino Basin Watermaster Management Report for June 30, 2023 (Business Item II.A.) as presented.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. December 1, 2023 Court Hearing (OMB Semi-Annual Status Report and 2023 Recharge Master Plan Update)
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 Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
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

(00:09:58) Mr. Slater gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. ENGINEER

1. GLMC Update
2. Long Term Studies, Analyses, and Planning
3. Mitigation Plan for the Temporary Loss of Hydraulic Control
4. Annual Streamflow Monitoring Report for Water Rights Permit 21225
5. Watermaster Model Application and Required Demonstrations
6. Annual Plumes Status Report

(00:14:31) Mr. Malone gave a report on items 1 and 6, Mr. Rapp gave a report on item 2 and 4, and Mr. Tellez Foster on item 3. A discussion ensued.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Court Tour of Chino Basin
2. Possible Extension of Dry Year Yield Program
3. OBMPU CEQA Process
4. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Assessment Package
5. Watermaster Reappointment
6. Other

(00:45:13) Mr. Kavounas gave an overview of the Chino Basin Tour with Judge Ochoa and stated the recording and transcripts are available on Watermaster website. Mr. Kavounas introduced Mr. Tellez Foster to give a report on items 2 and 3. On item 4, Mr. Kavounas 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. He reminded the Watermaster Board that the Watermaster Reappointment will be coming up in January. He invited Mr. Jurado to introduce Watermaster's new staff member, Mr. Erik Vides, the Field Operations Specialist.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(1:07:38) Mr. Mike Gardner encouraged the Board to attend the Watermaster Academy sessions as the meetings are informative and could be of value as a Board member.

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

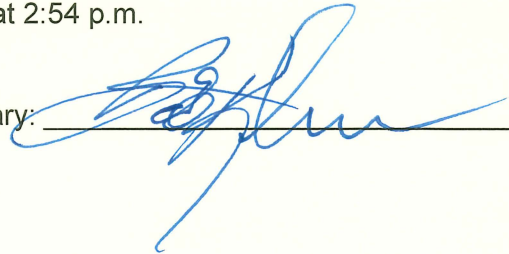
1. Personnel Matter

Confidential session concluded at 2:53 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ November 16, 2023