

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

February 22, 2024

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 February 22, 2024.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

James Curatalo, Chair	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jeff Pierson, Vice Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Bob Bowcock, Secretary/Treasurer	Non-Agricultural Pool – CalMat Co.
Scott Burton	City of Ontario
Steve Elie	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Mike Gardner	Western Water
Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Jimmy Medrano	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Bill Velto	City of Upland

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Edgar Tellez Foster	Acting General Manager
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Daniela Uriarte	Senior Accountant
Alexandria Moore	Executive Assistant I/Board Clerk
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist
Rudy Nunez	Office Specialist/Receptionist

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
Scott Nelsen	Eide Bailly, LLP

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Tariq Awan	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Lewis Callahan	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation
Kati Parker	Chino Basin Water Conservation District
Hye Jin Lee	City of Chino
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
John Bosler	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jimmie Moffatt	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Marty Zvirbulis	Fontana Union Water Company
Eddie Lin	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
John Russ	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Bryan Smith
Marty Zvirbulis
Michael Mayer
Alyssa Coronado
Laura Roughton

Jurupa Community Services District
Nicholson Family Trust
San Bernardino County
Santa Ana River Water Company
Western Water

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Carol Boyd
Diana Frederick
Imelda Cadigal
Marilyn Levin
Dave Crosley
Natalie Avila
Ron Craig
Chad Nishida
Courtney Jones
Eduardo Espinoza
Mark Gibboney
Derek Hoffman
Stephanie Reimer
Manny Martinez
Stephanie Reimer
Kyle Benoit
John Lopez
David De Jesus
Matthew Litchfield
Richard Rees

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City of Chino
City of Chino
City of Chino Hills
City of Ontario
City of Ontario
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Fennemore Law
Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Monte Vista Water District
Monte Vista Water District
San Bernardino County
Santa Ana River Water Company
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Curatalo called the Watermaster Board meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Curatalo led the Board in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

(00:00:41) 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 January 25, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Report for the Reporting Period Ended December 31, 2023

C. WATER TRANSACTION – CITY OF ONTARIO TO CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Approve the proposed transaction.

D. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – CITY OF POMONA

Approve The City of Pomona's application for recharge and direct staff to account for the same.

(00:01:48)

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

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PEACE AGREEMENT TIMELINE (INFORMATION ONLY)

(00:02:20) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a presentation. A discussion ensued.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. February 2, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster Board Reappointment and GLMP Annual Report)
2. May 31, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster 46th Annual Report)
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
4. Court of Appeal Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021- 22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
5. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
6. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:06:18) Mr. Slater gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. Ground-Level Monitoring Program
2. Water Quality Committee
3. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation

(00:08:35) Mr. Malone gave a report. A discussion ensued.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Regional Reliability Study
2. Diversion Permits Reporting
3. San Sevaine Drone Footage
4. Other

(00:19:56) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a presentation on the OBMP CEQA. On Item 1, he requested feedback from the Pool Committees as to whether they would like to continue any regional reliability efforts; the Pools have agreed to take a pause on all efforts until further notice. On item 3, he reported that Watermaster has submitted the diversion permits and are in compliance. He invited Mr. Nakano to give an update on item 3. Mr. Tellez Foster then thanked the staff for their hard work. A discussion ensued.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

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 11:41 a.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PERSONNEL MATTERS

Confidential session concluded at 1:05 p.m. with the following reportable action:

(00:38:30) Chair Curatalo reported that the Board will adjourn the meeting at the Watermaster offices at 1:06 p.m. and will reconvene at a different location, MGR Real Estate Inc. located at 3800 E Concourses St, Ontario, CA 3rd floor.

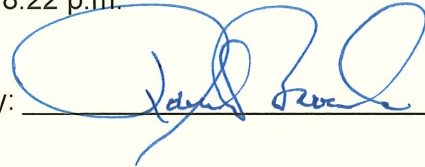
The Board reconvened into confidential session at MGR Real Estate Inc. 3800 E Concourses St., Ontario, CA 3rd floor at 3:00 p.m.

Confidential session concluded at 8:22 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ March 28, 2024