

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING

April 25, 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 April 25, 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.
Manny Martinez for 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

Todd Corbin	General Manager
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
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	Water Resources Associate
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
Garrett Rapp	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Bob Feenstra	Agricultural Pool – Dairy
Tariq Awan	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Lewis Callahan	Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Hye Jin Lee	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
John Bosler	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jimmie Moffatt	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jiwon Seung	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Joel Ignacio	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Eddie Lin	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
John Russ	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Jamal Zughbi	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Chris Berch
Bryan Smith
Justin Scott-Coe
Justin Scott-Coe
Alyssa Coronado
David De Jesus

Jurupa Community Services District
Jurupa Community Services District
Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Monte Vista Water District
Santa Ana River Water Company
Three Valleys Municipal Water District

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Diana Frederick
Marylin Levin
Brian Geye
Dave Crosley
Eduardo Espinoza
Mark Gibboney
Rob Hills
Derek Hoffman
Christiana Daisy
Jesse Pompa
Michael Mayer
Mallory O'Conner
Richard Rees

Agricultural Pool – State of CA
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California Speedway Corporation
City of Chino
Cucamonga Valley Water District
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Fennemore Law
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Jurupa Community Services District
San Bernardino County
Western Water
WSP USA

CALL TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Curatalo led the Board in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

(00:00:52) 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 Special Meeting held on March 28, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ended February 29, 2024

(00:02:48)

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.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 BUDGET PRESENTATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

(00:03:21) Mr. Corbin introduced the item and invited Ms. Uriarte to give a presentation with supporting reports also provided by Messrs. Tellez Foster, Malone, and Herrema. A discussion ensued.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. May 31, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster 46th Annual Report)
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

(00:47:46) Mr. Slater gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. Data Collection and Evaluation
2. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
3. Maximum Benefit Annual Report

(00:50:23) Mr. Malone introduced Mr. Rapp to give a report. A discussion ensued.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. SWP Allocation
2. DYY Deliveries
3. Project 23a Update
4. Other

(00:57:56) Mr. Corbin gave a report on item 1, indicating that the State Water Project allocation has been increased to 40%. On item 2, he invited Mr. Tellez Foster to report on the Dry Year Yield Program. Mr. Tellez Foster reported that Watermaster received a letter on April 16, 2024 from MWD, stating its intent to restart DYY deliveries and is anticipating to recharge ~26 KAF before December 31, 2024. On Item 3, Mr. Ignacio, Sr. Engineer of IEUA gave a presentation on Project 23a RMPU project. A discussion ensued.

IV. INFORMATION

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

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(01:19:30) The Board welcomed Mr. Corbin in his official capacity as the Watermaster General Manager.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTION

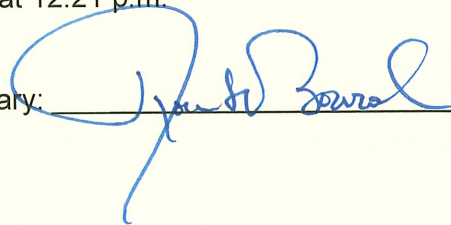
Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.6, of the Watermaster Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Board meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Secretary: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John D. Boral", is written over a horizontal line.

Approved: _____ May 23, 2024