

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING
May 23, 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 May 23, 2024.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

James Curatalo, Chair	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jeff Pierson, Vice Chair	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Brian Geye for Bob Bowcock	Non-Agricultural Pool – CA Speedway Corp.
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 Director
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 Quintero	Administrative Assistant
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	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
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
Norberto Ferreira	City of Upland
John Bosler	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jimmie Moffatt	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Joel Ignacio	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
John Russ	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District
Jesse Pompa	Jurupa Community Services District
Alyssa Coronado	Santa Ana River Water Company
Laura Roughton	Western Water

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Carol Boyd
Diana Frederick
Marylin Levin
Eduardo Espinoza
Mark Gibboney
Carmen Varian
Derek Hoffman
Megan Sims
Christiana Daisy
Eddie Lin
Manny Martinez
Jay McRae
David De Jesus
Craig Miller
Mallory O'Conner
Richard Rees

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Cucamonga Valley Water District
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Fennemore Law
Fontana Water Company
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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Monte Vista Water District
PSMJ Resources, Inc.
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Western Water
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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 Meeting held April 25, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:
Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2024

C. APPLICATION FOR RECHARGE – FONTANA WATER COMPANY (MAR)

Approve Fontana Water Company's Application for Recharge and direct Watermaster staff to account for this supplemental water recharge in Fontana Water Company's existing Local Supplemental account.

(00:02:30)

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

A. THIRD AMENDMENT TO TASK ORDER NO. 9 UNDER THE MASTER AGREEMENT FOR COLLABORATIVE RECHARGE PROJECTS (PROJECT 23A)

Approve of the Third Amendment to Task Order No.9 to increase the total budgeted cost as presented.

(00:03:17) Mr. Corbin prefaced the item and invited Mr. Tellez Foster and Mr. Ignacio of IEUA to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(00:05:15)

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 Business Item II.A. as presented.

B. WATERMASTER FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 APPROVED BUDGET

Adopt the Watermaster Fiscal Year 2024/25 Approved Budget as presented.

(00:06:20) Mr. Corbin prefaced the item and invited Ms. Uriarte to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(00:14:31)

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

Moved to approve Business Item II.B. as presented.

C. PSMJ STUDY OF ENGINEERING SERVICES BILLING RATES (INFORMATION ONLY)

(00:16:15) Mr. Corbin prefaced the item and introduced Mr. Tellez Foster and Mr. McRae (PSMJ consultant) to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. May 31, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster 46th Annual Report; Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2023-2)
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

(00:49:31) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
2. Data Collection and Evaluation

(00:52:36) Mr. Rapp gave a report.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. June 26, 2024 Board Tour (Interest List)
2. Chino Basin Day
3. Other

(00:55:36) Mr. Corbin gave a report on item 1, seeking interest from stakeholders who would like to participate in a Chino Basin Tour tentatively scheduled for June 26, 2024. On item 2, he reported that IEUA will be hosting Chino Basin Day this year and that this meeting is an ongoing collaboration between Watermaster, IEUA, Regional Board, CDA, and West Yost and serves to update the Regional Board on Chino Basin matters while allowing the continued regional partnership. He also reported that Watermaster had vandalism to the mailbox and repairs are underway. 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 11:59 a.m. to discuss the following:

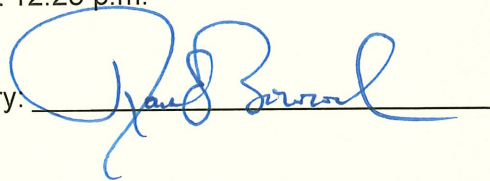
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation: one case

Confidential session concluded at 12:25 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curatalo adjourned the Watermaster Board meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Secretary: _____



Approved: _____ June 27, 2024

Attachments:

1. 20240523 Roll Call Vote Outcome on Business Item II.A.
2. 20240523 Roll Call Vote Outcome on Business Item II.B.

ATTACHMENT 1

May 23, 2024 Watermaster Board Special Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Business Item II.A.
Burton, Scott		Yes
Brian Geye for Bowcock, Bob		Yes
Steve Elie		Yes
Gardner, Mike		Yes
Kuhn, Bob		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Velto, Bill		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously

ATTACHMENT 2

May 23, 2024 Watermaster Board Special Meeting Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Business Item II.B.
Burton, Scott		Yes
Brian Geye for Bowcock, Bob		Yes
Steve Elie		Yes
Gardner, Mike		Yes
Kuhn, Bob		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy		Yes
Velto, Bill		Yes
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Curatalo, James, Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously