



NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Thursday, October 9, 2008

10:00 a.m. - Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting

AT THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER OFFICES

9641 San Bernardino Road Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 484-3888

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

9:00 a.m. – Agricultural Pool Meeting

AT THE INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY OFFICES

6075 Kimball Ave. Bldg. A Board Room Chino, CA 91710 (909) 993-1600



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9641 San Bernardino Road
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Meeting Adjourn

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING

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Inland Empire Utilities Agency 6075 Kimball Ave., Bldg. A, Board Room Chino, CA 91710

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I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>

A. MINUTES

1. Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting – September 11, 2008









Draft Minutes CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER JOINT APPROPRIATIVE & NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING

September 11, 2008

The Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting were held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on September 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIVE POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Jeske, Chair City of Ontario

Robert DeLoach
Umesh Shah
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Jurupa Community Services District
Charles Moorrees
San Antonio Water Company

Raul Garibay City of Pomona Anthony La City of Upland

Rich Atwater Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Mark Kinsey Monte Vista Water District
Mike McGraw Fontana Water Company

Dave Crosley City of Chino

J. Arnold Rodriguez Santa Ana River Water Company

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Sage Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)

Watermaster Staff Present

Kenneth R. Manning

Chief Executive Officer

Sheri Rojo

CFO/Asst. General Manager

Ben Pak

Senior Project Engineer

Danielle Maurizio

Sherri Lynne Molino

CFO/Asst. General Manager

Senior Project Engineer

Senior Engineer

Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck
Mark Wildermuth Wildermuth Environmental Inc.
Tom McCarthy Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Mohamed El-Amamy City of Ontario

David DeJesus Three Valleys Municipal Water District Rick Hansen Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Patrick Sheilds Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Ryan Shaw Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Marv Shaw Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Andrew Lazenby Black & Veatch Tammy Jones Sunkist Counsel

Bob Lemons RBF/Chino Hills Counsel

Chair Jeske called the Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

There were no additions or reorders made to the agenda.

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C. INTERVENTION

 Consider Approval for Intervention into the Overlying (Non-Agricultural Pool) – City of Ontario (as an Overlying Non-Agricultural Party)

Item 1C was pulled for separate discussion.

D. WATER TRANSACTION

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Motion by Kinsey, second by DeLoach, and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items A, B, and D, as presented

Item C was pulled for separate discussion and motion. Mr. Manning stated Watermaster received an application for an intervention from the City of Ontario pursuant to the arrangements agreed to in the Peace II Agreement, paragraph 4.4. Staff has reviewed the application and feels it is in compliance with intervention approved in the past. The City of Ontario will be considered a Non-Agricultural Pool member. Staff recommends this intervention be approved. A discussion regarding a member being in two different pools, permitted uses, and water use restrictions ensued. Mr. Jeske offered comment on the submitted intervention. A discussion regarding the intervention ensued. Mr. Manning noted there are two separate actions being taken on this, one being the actual intervention which will move through the Watermaster process this month and the second being the water transaction which will go through the Pool process this month and to the Advisory and Board next month.

Motion by DeLoach, second by Kinsey, and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item C, as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT

Mr. Manning stated this report will be filed with the court. The Semi-Annual Status Report will give the court an update on basin activities over a six month period. This report used to be a quarterly report; however, the court requested that it be changed to a semi-annual report. Mr. Manning stated staff is looking at different ways to change the formatting of the report which will make it easier to read. Staff is seeking approval to receive and file this report. A discussion regarding the agricultural production meters ensued. Mr. DeLoach requested a staff report be given at a future meeting regarding meter information as an information item only.

Motion by DeLoach, second by McGraw, and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred

Moved to receive and file the Semi-Annual Status Report with the court, as presented

B. BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Manning stated this item is in conformance with the new policies adopted recently regarding budget amendments. This item pertains to the debt services paid to Inland Empire Utilities Agency which was previously budgeted for the Phase I aspect of the Recharge Master Plan project. Watermaster provides that money to IEUA and at the end of the year IEUA uses that money to pay our portion of the debt service. This year the amount was originally budgeted at \$360,000 which was the amount IEUA told Watermaster would be the amount necessary to cover the debt service; however, the invoice was received at \$560,000 noting a \$45,000 credit, which would then require a budget amendment of \$151,594 for approval. A discussion regarding this item ensued. Mr. Atwater stated this item originated in 2002 and was set up with a variable rate. IEUA staff estimated the payment is based on estimates of the variable interest rate which is currently at 1.5% and IEUA staff is estimating, a rate for the year, of 3% which is how the \$500,000+ number came to be. Mr. DeLoach asked Mr. Atwater if staff should plan on that same number for next year. Mr. Atwater stated we should all work together on this. A discussion regarding shifting monies from other accounts so that the bottom line of the budget would not be affected ensued. Mr. McGraw asked for clarification as to how this invoice would be paid. Ms. Rojo responded that this debt service payment will be charged to the appropriators based on their percent share of operating safe yield.

Motion by McGraw, second by DeLoach, and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred Moved to approve Budget Amendment, as presented

C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY DRY YEAR YIELD REPORT BY IEUA STAFF

Mr. Atwater gave the Updated Water Demand & Supply Forecasts and Dry Year Yield Status presentation. Mr. Atwater reviewed the updated demand and supply forecasts through the year 2035 in detail along with the forecasted trends. Mr. Atwater reviewed the implications for groundwater replenishment options which included alternative options to construct new recharge facilities. The current and additional Chino Basin recharge capacities were reviewed for the basins, in-lieu, and ASR wells. The summary of initial and expanded DYY Program "puts" and "takes" per acre-foot was examined. Mr. Atwater reviewed the summary of program participants and facility requirements in detail along with reviewing the "condensed" project work plan and schedule. A discussion regarding Mr. Atwater's presentation ensued. Mr. Wildermuth offered comment on the schedule.

D. SALE OF OVERLYING NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL STORED WATER

Mr. Manning stated following the approval of the Peace Agreement and during the working on Peace II there has been an effort to try and resolve the issue of "stranded water" from the Overlying Non-Agricultural Pool. There are provisions within Peace II that were adopted to assist in freeing up that water. Watermaster supplied to the Appropriative Pool a memo drafted by Watermaster legal counsel that discussed three different options regarding this water. One of the options was to conduct an auction and since then the Appropriative Pool has met numerous times and discussed that option and has instructed Watermaster staff to look at the auction option as the primary way of disposing of this water. Based on that instruction, Counsel

Slater is here today to discuss the memo drafted by counsel to review the options on the sale of that water. Counsel Slater reviewed the memo dated September 3, 2008 regarding the auction prospect. Mr. DeLoach stated several meetings regarding this issue have taken place and he also commented on the auction process noting Cucamonga Valley Water District is in full support of this process. A lengthy discussion regarding this matter ensued. Counsel Slater stated counsel needs clear next steps. It was noted this item will be placed on an upcoming agenda after the sub-committee meets again.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Santa Ana River Water Right Final Decision

Counsel Fife stated the Watermaster application was unanimously approved on September 2, 2008 which puts an end to the Watermaster participation in this process. The Orange County Water District and Western Municipal Water District's applications are still in the process of being reviewed and counsel will keep an eye on those. A draft of that permit should be forthcoming shortly. Counsel Fife noted there were some comments from GE and from a Native American party regarding water rights. GE submitted comments regarding the Ely Basins and Counsel Fife reviewed those comments. The Tongva American Indian person who claims to be the Tongva tribal litigator commented on our decision and was adamant that the decision was illegal and everything about the process was illegal and he stated a claim to the water rights in the Chino Basin. A great deal of correspondence has taken place between him and counsel, Watermaster staff, and the State Board staff over the last 30 days. This matter will be brought back as things progress with regard to this person and possible litigation.

2. LRP Funding Agreement

Counsel Fife stated this item begins on page 109 of the meeting packet as part of the agreement with MWD concerning the LRP Funding. There are commitments made to MWD about the expansion of the Dry Year Yield Program and those commitments must be fulfilled by September 1, 2009; a process will be gone through to accomplish completion by this date. On page 109 it states that by September 1, 2009 Watermaster needs to have approval of expansion of the DYY Program and Watermaster must waive losses on the MWD Storage Account; both for the original 100,000 acre-feet and this additional expansion. These are conditions which will allow us to hold onto the LRP money.

3. Report on the Issue of Governance

Counsel Fife stated this item came up due to a joint pleading filed by the City of Chino Hills, City of Chino, and Monte Vista Water District about the Special Referee issue and though Watermaster is not participating in that, one of the issues those parties raised was the issue of governance by way of a stipulation that Watermaster has signed. The allegation states that Watermaster has failed to fulfill its duties under that stipulation. In August, a Watermaster Board conference call took place and MVWD who was on that call asserted to the board that Watermaster and Watermaster staff had not adequately addressed the governance issue. Counsel and staff's understanding was that at the last Strategic Planning Conference in 2007 this issue of governance was covered and the parties participating at that time felt that the issue had been adequately covered and Watermaster had fulfilled its responsibilities under the stipulations that it entered into and that the matter could be tabled. Due to the issues in the pleadings with the court; because of the statements made to the Board, counsel felt this matter should be put under the Legal Counsel Report and to then make an inquiry of the Pools as to whether Watermaster has or has not fulfilled its responsibility. If Watermaster has not satisfactorily responded to this matter a process could be created in order to address this issue. Mr. Jeske offered comment regarding this matter. Mr. Manning stated staff needs some sort of statement that this committee concurred that the issue has been resolved or that it has not been resolved. After discussion, it was noted this item needs to be brought back as an action item in October with a detailed staff letter outlining events.

4. Status of Judge Selection

Counsel Fife stated the most recent information received from the court indicating the 170.6 motion filed by the City of Chino was granted. This means that Judge Plotkin will not be Watermaster's new judge. The court anticipates reassigning the matter next week. The hearing which was scheduled for September 26, 2008 has been continued to October 17, 2008 but the new judge will probably set their own date. Counsel Fife stated a list of potential judges was sent out to all legal departments in order to try and prevent another 170.6 being filed against the next new judge. Counsel is asking for feedback on the provided judge list of potentially acceptable judges. A discussion regarding this matter ensued.

5. MOU of Water Accounting Procedures in Chino Basin

Counsel Fife stated staff has received a proposed MOU from Metropolitan Water District concerning the accounting procedures regarding the Dry Year Yield account. It is being distributed to all the parties for review and comment. Counsel Fife reviewed page 131 in the meeting packet in detail and asked for the parties to review this and provide comment. This item will be brought back as an action item in October. Mr. DeLoach inquired as to whom to direct comments or questions to, and Mr. Atwater stated there is a DYY meeting on September 25, 2008 and comments and questions can be brought up at that meeting. A discussion regarding this item ensued.

B. ENGINEERING REPORT

Oral Progress Report on Engineering Activities, July – August 2008

Mr. Wildermuth stated this item will be on the agenda monthly as an update on the engineering activities. Mr. Wildermuth stated he is currently working with Black & Veatch and the Dodson Group on the Dry Year Yield Expansion tasks. Mr. Wildermuth stated improvements to the actual groundwater model are being made. In the last two months The Recharge Master Plan project schedule has been implemented based on the outline which was sent to the court. There has been a lot of work being done in the MZ1 area for repairs and maintenance of equipment. For MZ3 we were successful in getting another AB303 grant to look at specific water quality issues and work has been done in that area. Mr. Wildermuth reviewed the list of tasks performed by Wildermuth staff in July and August. Preparation has begun on the State of the Basin Report. Condition Subsequent Report no. 7 is going to begin being worked on which is due at the end of 2008. Mr. Wildermuth stated Wildermuth Environmental no longer supports Data X and that has been replaced by D.A.V.E. which is called Hydro DAVE. Watermaster staff has now has Hydro DAVE installed on their systems and if any of the Watermaster parties want this software installed, arrangements can be made to do so.

C. CEO/STAFF REPORT

Legislative Update

Mr. Manning stated the state is now running 73 days without a budget. There are several bills on the governor's desk waiting for signature. Mr. Manning highlighted some of the bills which are of interest to water parties.

2. Recharge Update

Mr. Manning stated the most current recharge update for July is available on the back table for your review.

3. MWD Groundwater Conjunctive Use Study

Mr. Manning stated Metropolitan Water District is working with groundwater agencies and managers throughout their area to develop guidelines and policies that can be submitted to the Board as part of the IRP process which is due next year. There have been two meetings held, one in July and one in August and the next to take place in September.

Watermaster staff has been working very close with them and progress is being made; however, it appears it is not going to be complete when MWD anticipated it.

4. Report on Anticipated Board Closed Session Items

Mr. Manning stated a closed session will take place at the upcoming Watermaster Board meeting.

5. Strategic Planning Conference Update

Mr. Manning stated the flyer for the upcoming conference is on the back table and staff is encouraging all parties to attend this important conference which will be focusing mainly on the development of the Recharge Mater Plan.

IV. INFORMATION

 Chino Basin Recycled Water Groundwater Recharge Program Quarterly Monitoring Report for April Through June 2008

No comment was made regarding this item.

2. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

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September 28-30, 2008		Strategic Planning Conference, Lake Arrowhead Resort

The Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool meeting was dismissed by Chair Jeske at 11:55 a.m.

	Secretary:	
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Minutes Approved:		









I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>

A. MINUTES

1. Agricultural Pool Meeting – September 16, 2008









Draft Minutes CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING

September 16, 2008

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on September 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Agricultural Pool Members Present

Bob Feenstra, Chair Dairy

Gene Koopman Milk Producers Counsel Rob Vanden Heuvel Mild Producers Counsel

Jeff PiersonCropsNathan deBoomDairyGlen DurringtonCropsPete HettingaDairyJohn HuitsingDairy

Jennifer Novak State of California Department of Justice for CIM

Nathan Mackamul State of California/CIW

Watermaster Staff Present

Kenneth R. Manning
Sheri Rojo
Ben Pak
Danielle Maurizio

Chief Executive Officer
CFO/Asst. General Manager
Senior Project Engineer
Senior Engineer

Danielle Maurizio Senior Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck Andy Malone Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

William A. Pennell Reid & Hellyer

Rich Atwater Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Martha Davis Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Eunice Ulloa Chino Basin Water Conservation District

Ken Jeske City of Ontario Tammy Jones Sunkist Counsel

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

No additions or reorders were made to the agenda.

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D. WATER TRANSACTION

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 Date of Application: August 19, 2008

It was noted a change needed to be made in the minutes to reflect a clearer motion made at the July 15, 2008 Agricultural Pool under the Watermaster General Legal Counsel section – August 21, Hearing.

Motion by Durrington, second by Koopman, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items A through D with the change made to
the minutes, as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT

Mr. Manning stated this report will be filed with the court. The Semi-Annual Status Report will give the court an update on all the aspects of the basin over a six month period. This report used to be a quarterly report; however, the court requested that it be changed to a semi-annual report. Mr. Manning stated staff is looking at different ways to change the formatting on the report which will make it easier to read. Staff is seeking approval to receive and file this report.

Motion by Durrington, second by Pierson, and by unanimous vote

Moved to receive and file the Semi-Annual Status Report with the court, as presented

B. BUDGET AMENDMENT

Ms. Rojo stated approximately six months ago Watermaster implemented some policies that came through the Watermaster process. This amendment is a result of Watermaster implementing its policy. This amendment is for debt service which is a pass through expense. The number is provided to us by IEUA which is then included in the budget and the debt service in passed to the Appropriators based on their percentage of operating safe yield. Usually budget amendments try to remain somewhat assessment neutral; however, this one will be billed out separately. In May, a tentative budget was brought through the Watermaster process. Watermaster staff used a number of \$560,000 in its original tentative budget for debt service for the Phase I debt. As a result of discussions with IEUA staff and due to the bonds being refinanced, the number staff was told to budget was \$360,000. The money is collected from Watermaster and it is held by IEUA until the end of the fiscal year when the actual costs come through based on the variable rate interest charged throughout the year. A discussion regarding these interest rates ensued.

Motion by, second by, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Budget Amendment, as presented

C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY DRY YEAR YIELD REPORT BY IEUA STAFF

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A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Santa Ana River Water Right Final Decision

Counsel Fife stated the Watermaster application was unanimously approved on September 2, 2008 which puts an end to the Watermaster participation in this process. The Orange County Water District and Western Municipal Water District's applications are still in the process of being reviewed and counsel will keep an eye on those. A draft of that permit should be forthcoming shortly. Counsel Fife noted there were some comments from GE and from a Native American party regarding water rights. GE submitted comments regarding the Ely Basins and Counsel Fife reviewed those comments. The Tongva American Indian person who claims to be the Tongva tribal litigator commented on our decision and was adamant that the decision was illegal and everything about the process was illegal and he stated a claim to the water rights in the Chino Basin. A great deal of correspondence has taken place between him and counsel, Watermaster staff, and the State Board staff over the last 30 days. This is a matter will be brought back as things progress with regard to this person and possible litigation.

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2. LRP Funding Agreement

Counsel Fife stated this item begins on page 109 of the meeting packet as part of the agreement with MWD concerning the LRP Funding. There are commitments made to MWD about the expansion of the Dry Year Yield Program and those commitments must be fulfilled by September 1, 2009; a process will be gone through to accomplish completion by this date. On page 109 it states that by September 1, 2009 Watermaster needs to have approved the expansion of the DYY Program along with that Watermaster must waive all losses on the MWD Storage Account; both the original 100,000 and this expansion. These are conditions to allow us to hold onto the LRP money.

3. Report on the Issue of Governance

Counsel Fife stated this item came up due to a joint pleading filled by the City of Chino Hills, City of Chino, and Monte Vista Water District about the Special Referee issue and though Watermaster is not participating in that, one of the issues those parties raised was the issue of governance by way of a stipulation that Watermaster has signed. That stipulation states that Watermaster has failed to fulfill its duties under that stipulation. In August a Watermaster Board conference call took place and MVWD who was on that call asserted to the board that Watermaster and Watermaster staff had not adequately addressed the governance issue. Counsel and staff's understanding was that at the last Strategic Planning Conference in 2006 this issue of governance was covered and the parties participating at that time felt that the issue had been adequately covered and Watermaster had fulfilled its responsibilities under the stipulations that it entered into and that the matter could be tabled. Duo to the issues rose in the pleadings with the court; because of the statements made to the Board, counsel felt this matter should be put under the Legal Counsel Report and to then make an inquiry of the Pools as to whether Watermaster has or has not fulfilled its responsibility. If Watermaster has not then a process should be created in order to address this issue or decide it has been fulfilled and the matter should be then tabled. Mr. Jeske offered comment regarding this matter. Mr. Manning stated staff needs some sort of statement that this committee concurred that the issue has been resolved or that it has not been resolved. After discussion, it was noted this item needs to be brought back as an action item in October with a detailed staff letter outlining events.

4. Status of Judge Selection

Counsel Fife stated the most recent information received from the court indicating the 170.6 motion filed by the City of Chino was granted. This means that Judge Plotkin will not be Watermaster's new judge. The court anticipates reassigning the matter next week. The hearing which was scheduled for September 26, 2008 has been continued to October 17, 2008 as a placeholder date; the new judge will set their own date. Counsel Fife stated a list of potential judges was sent out to all legal departments in order to try and prevent another 170.6 being filed against the next new judge. Counsel is asking for feedback on the provided judge list on a potential acceptable judge. A discussion regarding this matter ensued.

5. MOU of Water Accounting Procedures in Chino Basin

Counsel Fife stated staff has received a proposed MOU from Metropolitan Water District concerning the accounting procedures regarding the Dry Year Yield account. It is being distributed to all the parties for review and comment. Counsel Fife reviewed page 131 in the meeting packet in detail and asked for the parties to please review this and provide comment. This item will be brought back as an action item in October.

B. ENGINEERING REPORT

Oral Progress Report on Engineering Activities, July – August 2008

Mr. Malone stated this item will be on the agenda monthly as an update on the engineering activities. Mr. Malone stated Wildermuth is currently working with Black & Veatch and the Dodson Group on the Dry Year Yield Expansion tasks. Mr. Malone stated improvements to

the actual groundwater model are being made. On the Recharge Master Plan in the last two months a project control plan has been implemented based on the outline which was sent to the court. There has been a lot of work being done in the MZ1 area such as repairs and maintenance of equipment. For MZ3, in working with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, we were successful in getting another AB303 grant to look at specific water quality issues and work has been done in that area. Mr. Malone reviewed the list of tasks performed by Wildermuth staff in July and August. Preparation has begun on the State of the Basin Report. Condition Subsequent Report no. 7 is going to begin being worked on which is due at the end of 2008. Mr. Malone stated Wildermuth Environmental no longer supports Data X and that has been replaced by D.A.V.E. which is called Hydro DAVE. Watermaster staff has now had the Hydro DAVE output installed in their systems and if any of the Watermaster parties want this software installed, arrangements can be made to do so.

C. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Manning stated the state is now running 79 days without a budget; however, it does appear a draft budget has been submitted to the governor's office today. There are several bills on the governor's desk waiting for signature. Mr. Manning highlighted some of the bills which are of interest to water parties.

2. Recharge Update

Mr. Manning stated the most current recharge update for July is available on the back table for your review.

3. MWD Groundwater Conjunctive Use Study

Mr. Manning stated Metropolitan Water District is working with groundwater agencies and managers throughout their area to develop guidelines and policies that can be submitted to the Board as part of the IRP process which is due next year. There have been two meetings held, one in July and one in August and the next to take place in September. Watermaster staff has been working very close with them and progress is being made; however, it appears it is not going to be complete when MWD anticipated it.

4. Report on Anticipated Board Closed Session Items

Mr. Manning stated a closed session will take place at the upcoming Watermaster Board meeting.

5. Strategic Planning Conference Update

Mr. Manning stated the flyer for the upcoming conference is on the back table and staff is encouraging all parties to attend this important conference which will be focusing mainly on the development of the Recharge Mater Plan.

IV. INFORMATION

 Chino Basin Recycled Water Groundwater Recharge Program Quarterly Monitoring Report for April Through June 2008

No comment was made regarding this item.

2. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

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VII. <u>FUTURE MEETINGS</u>

September 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
September 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
September 25, 2008	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
September 25, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
September 25, 2008	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
September 28-30, 2008	3	Strategic Planning Conference, Lake Arrowhead Resort

Chair Feenstra called the meeting into an executive session.

The Agricultural F	Pool meeting was	dismissed by	Chair Feenstra	at 11:17 a.m.

	Secretary:	
Minutes Approved:		



I. CONSENT CALENDAR

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. Cash Disbursements for the month of September 2008
- 2. Watermaster Visa Check Detail
- 3. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008
- 4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008
- 5. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2008 through August 2008











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KENNETH R. MANNING Chief Executive Officer

STAFF REPORT

DATE:

October 9, 2008

October 21, 2008

October 23, 2008

TO:

Committee Members

Watermaster Board Members

SUBJECT:

Cash Disbursement Report

SUMMARY

Issue - Record of cash disbursements for the month of September 2008.

Recommendation – Staff recommends the Cash Disbursements for September 2008 be received and filed as presented.

Fiscal Impact - Funds disbursed were included in the FY 2008-09 Watermaster Budget.

BACKGROUND

A monthly cash disbursement report is provided to keep all members apprised of Watermaster expenditures.

DISCUSSION

Total cash disbursements during the month of September 2008 were \$404,223.89. The most significant expenditures during the month were the Wildermuth Environmental Inc. in the amount of 162,632.29, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck in the amount of \$68,702.81, and Reid & Hellyer in the amount of \$13,455.19,

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER Cash Disbursement Detail Report September 2008

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Bill Pmt -Check	9/25/2008	12683	WHEELER METER MAINTENANCE	-600.00
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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER Check Detail September 2008

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008

BUDGET 2008-2009	\$7,841,054 174,368 148,410 0	8,163,832	619,960 61,201	1,913,484	375	8,163,832			8,163,832		0	00	00		112
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DEPOSITORIES: Cash on Hand - Petty Cash Bank of America	Governmental Checking-Demand Deposits Zero Balance Account - Payroll Local Agency Investment Fund - Sacramento	TOTAL CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND TOTAL CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND	PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)	Accounts Receivable Assessments Receivable Prepaid Expenses, Deposits & Other Current Assets Accounts Payable Accrued Payroll, Payroll Taxes & Other Current Liabilities Transfer to/(from) Reserves	PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)	Petty G Cash	\$ 200	\$ 009	9
DE Ca	P	01	Ξd	Assets:	Ä		TRANSACTIONS:	\$	(DECREASE)
				CHANGE IN CASH POSITION DUE TO: Decrease/(Increase) in (Decrease)/Increase in L			SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Balances as of 7/31/2008 Deposits Transfers Withdrawals/Checks	Balances as of 8/31/2008	PERIOD INCREASE OR (DECREASE)

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008

INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Effective Date Tran	Transaction	Depository		Activity	Redeemed	Days to Maturity	Interest Rate(*)	Maturity Yield
8/4/2008 Withdrawal	awal	L.A.I.F.	\$	(200,000)				
8/26/2008 Withdrawal	awal	L.A.I.F.	€	(220,000)				
		•						
TOTAL INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS	TRANSAC	SNOIL	€	(1,050,000)				

^{*} The earnings rate for L.A.I.F. is a daily variable rate; 3.11% was the effective yield rate at the Quarter ended June 30, 2008.

INVESTMENT STATUS August 31, 2008

inancial Institution Scal Agency Investment Fund \$	ر م	Principal Amount 4,490,455	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	
IOIAL INVESTIMENTS		4,490,455				

Funds on hand are sufficient to meet all foreseen and planned Administrative and project expenditures during the next six months.

All investment transactions have been executed in accordance with the criteria stated in Chino Basin Watermaster's Investment

Policy.

Respectfully-sybmitted,

Sheri M. Rojo, CPA
Chief Financial Officer & Assistant General Manager

Chino Basin Watermaster

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	Jul - Aug 08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4010 · Local Agency Subsidies	0	148,410	-148,410	0.0%
4110 · Admin Asmnts-Approp Pool	0	7,708,817	-7,708,817	0.0%
4120 · Admin Asmnts-Non-Agri Pool	0	132,237	-132,237	0.0%
4700 · Non Operating Revenues	1,798	174,368	-172,570	1.03%
Total Income	1,798	8,163,832	-8,162,034	0.02%
Gross Profit	1,798	8,163,832	-8,162,034	0.02%
Expense				
6010 · Salary Costs	92,971	484,302	-391,331	19.2%
6020 · Office Building Expense	10,038	102,000	-91,962	9.84%
6030 · Office Supplies & Equip.	4,668	46,500	-41,832	10.04%
6040 · Postage & Printing Costs	12,191	87,380	-75,189	13.95%
6050 · Information Services	26,986	144,000	-117,014	18.74%
6060 · Contract Services	11,876	98,000	-86,125	12.12%
6080 · Insurance	15,706	17,730	-2,024	88.58%
6110 · Dues and Subscriptions	46	16,750	-16,704	0.28%
6140 · WM Admin Expenses	350	4,000	-3,650	8.76%
6150 · Field Supplies	633	2,500	-1,867	25.31%
6170 · Travel & Transportation	4,349	39,200	-34,851	11.1%
6190 · Conferences & Seminars	-380	26,500	-26,880	-1.44%
6200 · Advisory Comm - WM Board	2,012	19,181	-17,169	10.49%
6300 · Watermaster Board Expenses	8,003	42,020	-34,017	19.05%
8300 · Appr PI-WM & Pool Admin	2,484	24,008	-21,524	10.35%
8400 · Agri Pool-WM & Pool Admin	2,039	24,820	-22,781	8.21%
8467 · Ag Legal & Technical Services	20,688	98,000	-77,312	21.11%
8470 · Ag Meeting Attend -Special	0	12,000	-12,000	0.0%
8500 · Non-Ag PI-WM & Pool Admin	399	7,695	-7,296	5.19%
6500 · Education Funds Use Expens	209	375	-166	55.81%
9500 · Allocated G&A Expenditures	-62,368	-448,902	386,534	13.89%
	152,901	848,059	-695,158	18.03%
6900 · Optimum Basin Mgmt Plan	179,126	1,775,525	-1,596,399	10.09%
6950 · Mutual Agency Projects	0	10,000	-10,000	0.0%
9501 · G&A Expenses Allocated-OBMP	18,516	137,959	-119,443	13.42%
· ·	197,642	1,923,484	-1,725,842	10.28%
7101 · Production Monitoring	23,885	107,515	-83,630	22.22%
7102 · In-line Meter Installation	2,188	87,931	-85,743	2.49%
7103 - Grdwtr Quality Monitoring	27,938	210,458	-182,520	13.28%
7104 · Gdwtr Level Monitoring	43,606	342,538	-298,932	12.73%
7105 - Sur Wtr Qual Monitoring	255	46,717	-46,462	0.55%

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through August 2008

	XI.			
	Jul - Aug 08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
7107 · Ground Level Monitoring	39,437	651,468	-612,031	6.05%
7108 · Hydraulic Control Monitoring	90,107	743,476	-653,369	12.12%
7200 · PE2- Comp Recharge Pgm	208,440	1,115,883	-907,443	18.68%
7300 · PE3&5-Water Supply/Desalte	31,659	148,477	-116,818	21.32%
7400 · PE4- Mgmt Plan	17,587	217,371	-199,784	8.09%
7500 · PE6&7-CoopEfforts/SaltMgmt	10,933	216,307	-205,374	5.06%
7600 · PE8&9-StorageMgmt/Conj Use	140,246	76,909	63,337	182.35%
7690 · Recharge Improvement Debt Pymt	511,894	1,110,000	-598,106	46.12%
7700 · Inactive Well Protection Prgm	0	6,296	-6,296	0.0%
9502 · G&A Expenses Allocated-Projects	43,852	310,943	-267,091	14.1%
	1,192,026	5,392,289	-4,200,263	22.11%
				Page Carrier
Total Expense	1,542,569	8,163,832	-6,621,263	18.9%
Net Ordinary Income	-1,540,771		-1,540,771	100.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
9999 · To/(From) Reserves	-1,540,771			
Total Other Expense	-1,540,771			
Net Other Income	1,540,771			
Net Income			£	5



II. <u>BUSINESS ITEMS</u>

A. GOVERNANCE











KENNETH R. MANNING Chief Executive Officer

STAFF REPORT

DATE:

October 9, 2008

October 21, 2008 October 23, 2008

TO:

Committee Members

Watermaster Board Members

SUBJECT:

Governance Committee

SUMMARY

A December 2005 Watermaster Board action directed staff to convene a Governance Committee to address certain issues by December 2007. Watermaster staff believed it had fulfilled its responsibilities pursuant to these directions. Staff seeks guidance as to whether further actions are required.

Recommendation: Watermaster staff recommends that the Pool Committees recommend to the Board that staff be directed either to take no further action on this item or to proceed to form a Governance Committee to address the issues described in the December 2005 Board motion.

In late 2005 the parties were engaged in negotiation of the Peace II measures and also faced the pending expiration of the appointment of the nine-member Board which had been reappointed for a five year term in 2000. While governance issues were not a part of the Peace II discussions, issues relating to membership on the Board were a part of the discussions and became relevant as Watermaster counsel sought approval from the Board to submit a Motion to reappoint the Board.

In December 2005 Watermaster sought approval from the various committees and from the Board to submit a pleading requesting reappointment of the Board for a further five-year term. As part of the discussions of this pleading, the parties reached an agreement whereby legal counsel would be directed to file a motion for reappointment so long as Watermaster would convene a Governance Committee by December 2007. The motion for approval at both the Advisory Committee and Board meetings of December 15, 2005 read as follows:

Governance Committee October 9, 2008

Moved to approve the recommendation of the reappointment of the nine member Watermaster Board contingent upon the formation of a Watermaster committee to review and make recommendations regarding possible changes in the Watermaster governance structure including the roles and functions of the Pools, Advisory Committee, and the Watermaster Board of Directors by no later than December 31, 2007, as presented.

The lengthy period before which this committee was to be formed was intended to allow the parties to complete the Peace II negotiations before moving on to the issue of governance. At the October 2, 2007 Strategic Planning Conference Follow-Up Meeting, the issue of governance was agendized as a discussion topic. Peace II was nearly complete (the Peace II Measures were ultimately approved in December 2007), and the October conference was a fitting venue to begin the discussions about the governance issue and to initiate the formation of the required committee.

The discussion at the conference was facilitated by Watermaster General Counsel. No minutes of this discussion were kept, but it is the recollection of staff that the conference attendees agreed that the governance issue was no longer a pressing concern and that the issue could be tabled. In the year since, no party has complained that Watermaster failed to adequately address the Board's December 2005 direction.

However, in an August 11, 2008 pleading filed by the cities of Chino and Chino Hills and the Monte Vista Water District, these parties noted that, "Watermaster has not reported on its review and recommendations concerning its governing structure. It is [these parties'] understanding that Watermaster has not undertaken any steps to accomplish this review, including forming a separate committee as planned." (August 11, 2008 Pleading 9:24-27.) This was described by these parties as a, "failure to address this express condition of [Watermaster's] reappointment" (August 11, 2008 Pleading 9:28.)

In response to this allegation, Watermaster raised the issue at the September committee and Board meetings. The Appropriative Pool requested that Watermaster prepare a staff report and request formal guidance from the parties as to whether the issue has been satisfactorily resolved or whether a Governance Committee should be formed.

Watermaster staff recommends that the Pool Committees recommend to the Board that staff be directed either to take no further action on this item or to proceed to form a Governance Committee to address the issues described in the December 2005 Board motion.



II. <u>BUSINESS ITEMS</u>

B. WAIVER OF INTEREST CHARGES











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SHERI ROJO Chief Financial Officer Assistant General Manager

STAFF REPORT

DATE:

October 9, 2008

October 21, 2008

October 23, 2008

TO:

Committee Members

Watermaster Board Members

SUBJECT:

Consider request for waiver of interest charges

\$ 4,828.53 Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water

\$31,582.97 Monte Vista Water District

SUMMARY

Issue - Waiver of interest charges

Recommendation - The Watermaster CEO is recommending that the fees be waived

BACKGROUND:

Watermaster has been actively attempting to pursue in-house collection efforts from assessments that were invoiced to parties of the judgment. Watermaster's collection efforts involve first sending out an initial invoice to the parties. That invoice indicates a date the payment is due to Watermaster, and once that date has passed, staff mails out a second invoice. Once the second invoices have been sent out, staff follows up with phone calls to the delinquent parties. Should there still be outstanding receivables, staff faxes and/or places phone calls to the delinquent parties in an effort to resolve our collection efforts. In some cases, invoices are sent out certified/registered mail in addition to the routine phone calls. During the course of those collection efforts, interest charges were assessed to the delinquent accounts as allowed in the judgment. The actual amount of the assessments was received by Watermaster, but the interest charges have not been received by all of the delinquent payees. The Watermaster delinquent policy is stated in the judgment as follows:

Any delinquent assessment shall bear interest at 10% per annum (or such greater rate as shall equal the average cost of borrowed funds to the Watermaster) from the due date thereof. Such delinquent assessment and interest may be collected in a show-cause proceeding herein instituted by the Watermaster, in which case the Court may allow Watermaster its reasonable costs of collection, including attorney fees.

There have been seven instances of interest charges being assessed to Overlying Non-Agricultural members and Appropriators. In all cases, the entire amount of the assessment has been received by Watermaster and, in all cases except for two; the interest charges assessed were remitted to Watermaster.

Currently, Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water has past due finances charges in the amount of \$4,828.53 and Monte Vista Water District owes \$31,582.97 in interest for delinquent remittance of their assessment payment.

DISCUSSION:

Watermaster currently lacks a policy for writing off or forgiving interest charges once they are assessed, and currently, Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water has remitted a letter requesting that their finance charges be waived.

Watermaster staff is currently working on the development of several policies, including one that would provide more clarity on late fees. We expect that those policies will be ready for Watermaster review in early 2009.

The Watermaster CEO has spoken with both parties and has asked that they submit a letter requesting a waiver of late fees with an acknowledgement that they will comply with future payment schedules.



Integrated Resource Management, LLC

September 16, 2008

Kenneth R. Manning Chief Executive Officer Chino Basin Watermaster 9641 San Bernardino Road Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730

RE:

Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water Past Due Finance Charges Invoice FC37, FC41 Waiver of Finance Charge Assessment

Dear Mr. Manning:

I am writing to you in my capacity as the representative of Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water. I am their local water resources consultant. In said capacity I am seeking your forgiveness of the above referenced invoices for finance charges.

Approximately eighteen months ago, Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water consolidated its finance department accounts payable operation and lost track of the unique/non-routine invoices from entities like Watermaster.

Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water deeply regrets missing its payment to Watermaster, and commits herein that it should not fall delinquent again. In order to make sure this does not happen again, can you please have your accounting department copy my office with duplicate invoices. As you are aware we facilitate groundwater production reporting for Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water.

Sincerely.

Mr. Robert W. Bowcock

Integrated Resource Management, LLC



October 3, 2008

Chino Basin Watermaster 9641 San Bernardino Road Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 Attention: Ken Manning, Chief Executive Officer

Re: Request for Waiver of Fees Assessed

Dear Ken:

This letter is a request for a waiver of fees assessed to Monte Vista Water District in the amount of \$31,982.57 reflected on your statement dated 7/24/2008 received by the District on 8/4/2008 (see attached copy).

A letter signed by Sheri Rojo, CFO/Assistant General Manager explaining Watermaster's provision under the Judgment to assess interest on any delinquent assessment dated 4/25/2008 was received by the District on 4/28/2008. The penalty and interest assessed was based upon the District original assessment invoice in the amount of \$1,808,368.92 dated 1/22/2008. Monte Vista Water District paid the assessment on 4/24/2008 with check no. 44137 which cleared our bank on 4/30/2008.

We apologize for the delay in forwarding this year's assessment payment and will make every effort possible to ensue that future payments are made in a timely manner going forward.

Respectfully,

Ray L. Harton,

Manager of Finance & Administration

9641 San Bernardino Road Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Statement

Date	
7/24/2008	

To:

MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT
ATTN MARK KINSEY
PO BOX 71
MONTCLAIR CA 91763-0071



				Amount Due	Amount Enc.
				\$31,982.57	
Date		Transaction			Balance
04/25/2008 07/24/2008	INV #FC 40. Due 04/25/2008 INV #FC 42. Due 07/24/2008	3. Orig. Amount \$31,212.9 3. Orig. Amount \$769.63. F	4. Finance Charge Finance Charge	31,212.94 769.63	31,212.9 31,982.5
CURRENT	4.	Oproved By: Date: Account Code:			
	1-30 DAYS PAST DUE	31-60 DAYS PAST DUE	61-90 DAYS PAST DUE	OVER 90 DAYS PAST DUE	Amount Due
769.63	0.00	0.00	31,212.94	0.00	\$31,982.57



II. BUSINESS ITEMS

C. MOU OF WATER ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE











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KENNETH R. MANNING Chief Executive Officer

STAFF REPORT

DATE:

October 9, 2008

TO:

Appropriative Pool Committee Members

SUBJECT:

MOU Regarding Accounting Procedures for the Dry Year Yield Storage Account

SUMMARY

Metropolitan has requested execution of a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize accounting procedures regarding the Dry Year Yield storage account

Recommendation: None at this time. The MOU is presented for information only to receive feedback from the parties participating in this program.

In March 2003, Watermaster, along with Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Three Valleys Municipal Water District, signed the Dry Year Yield Funding Agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The Agreement generally described the parameters under which Metropolitan would be permitted to store water in the Chino Basin for extraction in dry years. To date Metropolitan has put water into its storage account, but it has not yet taken water out of the account. It is anticipated that this year will be the first year when water is taken from the account.

Metropolitan has proposed a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the accounting procedures for water taken from the account, as well as water being put in the account in the future.

Execution of this MOU will require direction from the Board, and thus approval from the various Watermaster committees.

Watermaster staff has not completed its analysis of these procedures and continues to seek input from the affected Appropriative Pool members regarding whether these procedures alter the understanding of the parties concerning their participation in this program. This item is presented as an information item only.



MWD

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Executive Office

August 26, 2008

Mr. Richard Atwater General Manager Inland Empire Utilities Agency P.O. Box 9020 Chino Hills, CA 91709

Mr. Richard Hansen General Manager/Chief Engineer Three Valleys Municipal Water District 1021 E. Miramar Avenue Claremont, CA 91711

Mr. Ken Manning Chief Executive Officer Chino Basin Watermaster 9641 San Bernardino Road Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Dear Messrs. Atwater, Hansen, and Manning:

Memorandum of Understanding of Water Accounting Procedures in Chino Basin

Enclosed are four originals of the Memorandum of Understanding of Water Accounting Procedures in Chino Basin (MOU). This MOU sets out the basic procedures for administering the groundwater storage program agreement in Chino Basin. This document does not change the provisions of the agreement in any way. Please execute the four originals of the MOU on behalf of your agency and return them to Mr. Matthew Hacker at The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Once all parties have executed the amendment, a complete set will be forwarded to your agency. Please direct any questions to Ms. Kathy Kunysz at (213) 217-6272 or to Mr. Matthew Hacker at (213) 217-6756.

Very truly yours,

Stephen N. Arakawa

Manager, Water Resource Management

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Enclosures

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF WATER ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

RELATING TO

GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. 49960 (DYY) IN CHINO BASIN,
AS AMENDED

AMONG

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY
THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

SEPTEMBER 2008

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF WATER ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES RELATING TO GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. 49960 (DYY) IN CHINO BASIN, AS AMENDED

1. INTRODUCTION

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF WATER ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES RELATING TO GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. 49960 (DYY) IN CHINO BASIN, AS AMENDED dated as of September _____, 2008 sets out the basic procedures for administering the groundwater storage program in Chino Basin in conjunction with other water resource programs of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) in the Chino Basin. This document does not change the provisions of any of these programs or associated agreements in any way. The purpose of this document is to provide a basis for common understanding and consistent administration of the groundwater storage program in light of multiple local resources programs in the Chino Basin that provide incentives for recovering poor quality water (e.g. desalters) and use of recycled water for recharge of the groundwater basin. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is consistent with Section VI. of the Groundwater Storage Program Funding Agreement (Agreement) relating to the duties of the Operating Committee established therein to develop an Annual Operating Plan and to reconcile financial and water accounting matters for the groundwater storage program. This Memorandum of Understanding represents the agreement of the signatories as members of the Groundwater Storage Program Operating Committee to carry out administrative tasks in a consistent manner, and may be updated and amended by the Groundwater Storage Program Operating Committee by written mutual consent.

2. GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM (DRY-YEAR-YIELD -DYY- PROGRAM)

The Groundwater Storage Program (DYY) provides for the storage of up to 100,000 acre-feet (AF) of water at any point in time in a Metropolitan Storage Account in the Chino Basin pursuant to the Groundwater Storage Program Funding Agreement dated June 2003 and as subsequently amended. Signatories to this Agreement are Metropolitan, Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), and Chino Basin Watermaster. As of July 2008, the Operating Parties under this Agreement are for IEUA: City of Ontario, City of Upland, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Monte Vista Water District, City of Chino, City of Chino Hills and Jurupa Community Services District (through Ontario); and for TVMWD: City of Pomona. The Agreement provides for storage of up to 25,000 AF per year unless Chino Basin Watermaster allows for more, and extraction, at Metropolitan's call, of up to 33,000 AF per year not to exceed the amount of water in the Metropolitan Storage Account. The call may be for any twelve month period beginning on the first of day of the month following 15 days notice.

The Agreement requires the Operating Committee to prepare an Annual Operating Plan that estimates how storage or extraction will be accomplished during the course of the year. In practice, Metropolitan indicates the amount it would like to store (up to 25,000 AF per year unless more is approved by Chino Basin Watermaster) or extract (up to 33,000 AF per year, but not to exceed the account balance), and IEUA and TVMWD develop a projection indicating the anticipated monthly schedule by service connection for storage deliveries, or monthly schedule for shifting full service demands from the service connection to the wells. IEUA and TVMWD certify storage or extraction against the Annual Operating Plan and updating the plan for actual amounts as the year progresses. Certification of storage and extraction is reconciled following the end of the storage year or the end of the 12-month call period.

The Agreement provides that the DYY Facilities may be used for unrelated purposes by IEUA and TVMWD so long as excess operable capacity is maintained on a monthly basis for performance under the Agreement unless operable capacity on another basis is agreed to by the Operating Committee.

2.A. STORAGE TO THE METROPOLITAN STORAGE ACCOUNT

- 2.A.1. Upon notice to IEUA and TVMWD, Metropolitan may deliver imported water for storage in the Metropolitan Storage Account in the Chino Basin. Water may be stored directly (spread or injected) or via in-lieu. In-lieu storage means that an Operating Party with groundwater rights foregoes production of a portion of its rights and directly uses the additional delivery of imported water to meet its retail demands. For each AF of unpumped groundwater right stored in-lieu, one AF of additional Metropolitan imported water delivery will be delivered at the service connections to replace the stored AF in meeting retail demands.
- 2.A.2. Certification of storage on a monthly basis (see Agreement section VI.B.4) by IEUA and TVMWD to both Metropolitan and Chino Basin Watermaster provides for:
 - a) Credit adjustment on the Metropolitan invoice to either IEUA or TVMWD for the conjunctive use delivery (water is not billed until it is called for extraction --Stored Water Delivery) and associated accounting for the stored AF in Metropolitan's WINS accounting system, and
 - b) Accounting for stored AF in Metropolitan's Storage Account by Chino Basin Watermaster.

Any subsequent adjustments to certifications for storage of water need to be copied to both Metropolitan and Chino Basin Watermaster to ensure consistent records of stored AF.

Metropolitan Administrative Code section 4507(f) allows for late certifications (and adjustments to prior certifications via re-certification) for a period of up to six months from the time the delivery was made. Reconciliation of in-lieu storage by Metropolitan within twelve months of such a delivery may also result in adjustments. Any such adjustments need to be reported to Metropolitan, IEUA or TVMWD, and the Chino Basin Watermaster to ensure consistency of records. These provisions apply to both storage and extraction from the Metropolitan Storage Account.

Additionally, Chino Basin Watermaster assesses losses to the Metropolitan Storage Account (see Agreement section VI.C.1) once each fiscal year in July. Each year, after July 1 but before September 30, the Operating Committee (Metropolitan, IEUA, TVMWD, and Chino Basin Watermaster) compares records for the balance of AF in the Metropolitan Storage Account and resolves any discrepancies.

- 2.A.3. Storage to the Metropolitan Storage Account shall exclude all of the following:
 - 1. In-lieu against overproduction of groundwater rights. All storage is required to be new, wet-water storage. Storage cannot be reliant upon a replenishment obligation.
 - In-lieu against foregone rights to produce recharged recycled water. This means that
 accomplishment of storage through in-lieu means shall only be against Chino Basin
 native groundwater production rights that would have otherwise been produced and shall
 exclude recycled water that has been recharged.
 - 3. In-lieu against rights for desalter production that is not pumped. This means that in-lieu storage to the Metropolitan Storage Account shall not be accomplished by reducing the groundwater pumping of the desalters.
 - 4. In-lieu cannot exceed on-line, operational extraction capacity and cannot be against water that cannot be produced. This means that amounts of water certified as stored in-lieu during a month must have been able to be produced--there must be sufficient extraction capacity that is operable, and the water quality must be usable.
 - 5. In-lieu storage cannot exceed the amount of firm water purchased by IEUA or TVMWD from Metropolitan for the month it is certified. This means that acre-foot for acre-foot, imported water was used to meet the demand for the groundwater that was not pumped and certified as stored in-lieu.
 - 6. In-lieu against leased water rights. This means that in-lieu storage to the Metropolitan Storage Account shall not allow a Chino Basin Operating Party to lease groundwater production rights from another basin rights holder in order to underproduce the leased amount of water and certify that the leased water is stored in-lieu.

2B. EXTRACTION FROM THE METROPOLITAN STORAGE ACCOUNT

2.B.1 Extraction from the Metropolitan Storage Account occurs when Metropolitan notifies IEUA and TVMWD that it is making a call for extraction of stored water (Stored Water Delivery) as provided in Agreement section VI.D.3.

Agreement Exhibit G provides that in a call year the following will occur:

- a) deliveries at the Metropolitan service connections will decrease by the call amount over the course of the 12 month call period as compared to the prior 12 months; and
- b) the call amount will be pumped from the Metropolitan Storage Account in Chino Basin over the 12 month call period; and
- c) groundwater pumping in the Chino Basin will increase by the call amount over the 12 month call period as compared to the prior 12 months.

Exhibit G also provides flexibility on each of these measures of +/-10%, and acknowledges that growth in local resources may reduce demand for imported Metropolitan full service water and therefore for the water stored in the Metropolitan Storage Account.

Measurement of these provisions in a call year is against a baseline of the prior twelve months preceding the call. When a call is made two or more years in sequence, the baseline shall be the twelve month period preceding the first call year with any warranted adjustments.

2.B.2. Extraction Baseline

For groundwater production, the following will be included in the baseline:

- a) the prior twelve months of Chino Basin production of groundwater rights by participating IEUA and TVMWD agencies inclusive of in-lieu storage, and as adjusted by agreement of the Operating Committee; and
- the prior twelve months of Chino Basin production of recharged recycled water credits by participating IEUA and TVMWD agencies, as adjusted by agreement of the Operating Committee; and
- c) the prior twelve months of Chino Basin desalter production.

Production from the Metropolitan Storage Account will be measured as the number of AF certified as such by IEUA or TVMWD and that production that exceeds the sum of 'a', 'b' and 'c' above in the call year.

For service connection deliveries the following will be included in the baseline:

a) the prior twelve months of full service deliveries to each IEUA and TVMWD at the service connections.

The following will be excluded from the service connection deliveries baseline:

- a) any direct or in-lieu deliveries certified for storage to the Metropolitan Storage Account;
- b) any direct or in-lieu replenishment deliveries; and

c) any direct or in-lieu cyclic storage deliveries.

In setting the baselines, note that in-lieu deliveries are subject to reconciliation and any resulting adjustments that are completed up to twelve months following the in-lieu delivery.

2.B.3. Extraction Pumping

Certified extraction from the Metropolitan Storage Account shall exclude the following:

- a) desalter production;
- b) recycled water production;
- c) production from basins other than Chino Basin; and
- d) amounts that exceed: i) available operable extraction capacity and ii) the amount of water pumped in that month.

Metropolitan Administrative Code section 4507(f) allows for late certifications (and adjustments to prior certifications via re-certification) for a period of up to six months from the time the delivery was made. Reconciliation of amounts certified as extracted from the Metropolitan Storage Account is conducted within twelve months and may also result in adjustments. Any such adjustments need to be reported to Metropolitan, IEUA or TVMWD and the Chino Basin Watermaster to ensure consistency of records. These provisions apply to both storage and extraction from the Metropolitan Storage Account.

3. DATA COLLECTION PROCESS

- a) TVMWD will collect, track and certify storage and extraction for Pomona.
- b) IEUA is to receive its retail agencies' production data no later than six weeks after the last day of any given month to allow for efficient updates on compliance progress to Metropolitan. If data have not been received, IEUA staff will contact individual agencies and request the production data.
- c) IEUA tracks and submits (if necessary) performance for the DYY program
- d) Before submitting certifications to Metropolitan, IEUA staff will perform a "check and balance"
 - 1. Two working days prior to Metropolitan's certification deadline (the third working day of each month by 3:30 p.m.). IEUA is to receive any of four certifications:
 - Conjunctive Use Storage Account
 - Agricultural Credit (Chino Hills)

- Desalter Production
- Recycled Water Production
- 2. IEUA staff will check each certification for 'double counting' of credits to ensure that each program is accounting for its own credits.
- 3. IEUA will then submit the certifications in a form acceptable to Metropolitan.
- e) IEUA and TVMWD staff will review the monthly Metropolitan invoice to confirm that any submitted certifications are correctly documented.

AS MEMBERS OF THE OPERATING COMMITTEE FOR THE GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM IN CHINO BASIN WE HEREBY concur with this Memorandum of Understanding of Water Accounting Procedures Relating to Groundwater Storage Program Funding Agreement in Chino Basin and agree to implement the procedures stated herein and to jointly update and clarify this document as needed for the continued coordinated administration of the Metropolitan resource programs in the Chino Basin:

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Stephen N. Arakawa Manager, Water Resource Management Group Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Date	
Richard Atwater General Manager Inland Empire Utilities Agency	Date	
Richard Hansen General Manager Three Valleys Municipal Water District	Date	
Ken Manning Executive Officer Chino Basin Watermaster	Date	









II. BUSINESS ITEMS

C. TMDL STUDY











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KENNETH R. MANNING Chief Executive Officer

STAFF REPORT

DATE:

October 21, 2008

TO:

Agricultural Pool Members

SUBJECT:

Funding of the farming portion of the Middle Santa Ana Watershed TMDL study.

RECOMMENDATION: None

Summary

The Santa Ana Regional Board is conducting a study of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) within the middle reach of the Santa Ana River as mandated by federal law. Both Farming and Dairy are identified as potential contributors and need to be represented in the proceedings. Each operator is responsible for participation, individually or as a group. Dairy, through the involvement of the Milk Producers Council with funding from the Dairy Producer Environmental Foundation, is represented as a group. It has been suggested by a member of the Agricultural Pool that the AG Pool pay for the farming portion of the study from funds it has on hand. It is estimated that this would be about \$20,000.

Additional information will be available at the Ag Pool meeting on October 21st.



Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

August 11, 2008

Mr. Bob Feenstra

Chino Basin Watermaster Agricultural Pool

9641 San Bernardino Road

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Ron Sullivan Commission Chair

Dear Mr. Feenstra:

On March 20, 2008, the Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Pathogen TMDL Task Force approved Celeste Cantú an updated budget for FY 2008-09. The updated budget defines projected costs for the initial General implementation tasks required by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Manager Basin Plan Amendment for Pathogen TMDLs for the Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Pathogen TMDL. This work will be conducted under the Task Force, which is composed of the agencies listed below, and will be administered by the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA).

Eastern Municipal

Water

District

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Orange County Water District

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Western Municipal Water District

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CITY OF CLAREMONT (SOON TO BE ADDED)

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER AGRICULTURAL POOL

MILK PRODUCERS COUNCIL

As a named party of the RWQCB Basin Plan for the Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Pathogen TMDL, participation in this joint effort will provide the following benefits to your agency:

- significant cost savings through the consolidation of efforts and deliverables;
- a forum for the most cost effective and efficient strategy to address the TMDL mandate;
- increased knowledge through the sharing of expertise and technology; and
- a single unified voice to address the RWQCB.

An invoice for your agency's contribution for FY 2008-09 is attached, along with the approved budget. The budgeted amounts for all future years are subject to change as nutrient load allocations and cost data are updated. We appreciate your prompt payment of this invoice.

On behalf of SAWPA, we wish to thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the task order, please feel free to discuss them with me at any time.

Sincerely,

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Mark R. Norton, P.E. Task Force Administrator

FY 2008-09 Invoice Enc. FY 2008-09 Budget



CITY OF CORONA

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

CITY OF POMONA (SOON TO BE ADDED)

CITY OF NORCO

Approved 2008-09 Budget: Middle Santa Ana River Pathogen TMDL Task Force

Summary Expenses Fiscal Year	r	Revised 2008-09
TASK FORCE: Administration	\$	50,000
Grant Preparation	\$	20,000
TASK FORCE: TMDL Compliance Expert	\$	50,000
TMDL Implementation: Task 3 - Watershed-wide Monitoring Program	\$	125,000
TMDL Implementation: Tasks 4 & 5 - Source Evaluation / Management	\$	35,000
Estimated Annual TMDL Implementation Budget	\$	280,000
contingency: (estimated as 10% of Budget)	\$	28,000
Total Estimated Annual TMDL Implementation Budget	\$	308,000
Detailed: Named TMDL Party Pro Rata Budget Cost Shares Fiscal Year	r	Revised 2008-09
MSAR TMDL Task Force Participants Cost Shares:		
A. San Bernardino County MS4 Program	\$	173,250
San Bernardino County	\$	19,250
Ontario	\$	19,250
Chino	\$	19,250
Chino Hills	\$	19,250
Rancho Cucamonga	\$ s	19,250
Upland Fontana	s	19,250
Montclair	s	19,250
Rialto	\$	19,250
B. County of Riverside	\$	19,250
C. City of Riverside	\$	19,250
D. City of Corona	\$	19,250
E. City of Norco	\$	19,250
F. Agriculture	\$	19,250
Chino Basin Watermaster Agricultural Pool	\$	9,625
Milk Producers Council	\$	9,625
G. Forest Service	\$	
Subtotal:	\$	269,500
Non-Participating Named TMDL Parties Cost Shares:		
A. City of Pomona	\$	19,250
B. City of Claremont	\$	19,250
Subtotal:	\$	38,500
Total TMDL Pro Rata Cost	: \$	308,000

Description of Revised 2008-09 Task Force Budget

Annual Task Force Administration

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Task #2: Develop approach for considering natural background loads when assessing TMDL compliance with bacteria targets

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Task #4: Coordinate with CDM to prepare the final reports for the USE and ASE studies.

TMDL Task 3 - Annual Watershed-wide Monitoring Program

Watershed-Wide Monitoring Program to assess compliance with REC-1 use water quality objectives for fecal coliform and evaluate numeric targets established for E. coli.

Constituents:

Field Analysis: Temperature, conductivity, pH, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity

Laboratory Water Quality Analysis: Fecal coliform, E. coli, and total suspended solids (TSS)

Sample sites (6): Icehouse Canyon Creek, Chino Creek at Central Avenue, Santa Ana River at Pedley Avenue, Santa Ana River at MWD Crossing, Prado Park Lake at Lake Outlet, Mill Creek at Chino-Corona Road

Dry Season (April 1 - October 31):

15 continuous weeks - July to October

5 continuous weeks - May to June (2008)

Wet Season (November 1 - March 31):

- 11 continuous weeks December to February
- 4 samples from one storm event

TMDL Task 4 - Urban Source Evaluation / Management

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IV. <u>INFORMATION</u>

1. Newspaper Articles









Water authority mulls addition

Chino Basin group might expand

Neil Nisperos, Staff Writer

Article Created: 09/15/2008 10:18:33 PM PDT Chino Basin Desalter Authority may need a new partner in its joint-powers authority to help fund an expansion of its infrastructure to clean salt from the region's major water supply.

Western Municipal Water District, which serves western Riverside County, has pipes in place that could be used for the expansion and would provide \$46 million of the \$120 million needed, officials said.

Some agency officials with the six-member authority have expressed concerns about Western Municipal joining. They cite concerns over the impact on their voting strength, future water supplies and operation costs, officials said.

But Ken Willis, chairman of the Chino Basin Watermaster, a court-ordered forum where agencies can voice concerns and come to agreements over water issues, said he supports Western's proposal.

"It's a long-range benefit, and it will make for better relations in the future," he said. "It fits the overall goal of the region."

Regional water officials are hopeful that a \$26 million federal grant to help fund the expansion of desalination efforts in the Chino Water Basin will pass the U.S. Senate next month.

The grant was approved last week by the Senate Energy Committee.

John Rossi, general manager of Western Municipal, expected membership proceedings to move forward within the next two months and did not expect any challenges from other agencies or stakeholders.

"The bottom line is, we're cleaning up the groundwater basin," Rossi said. "We're taking care of the basin and taking care of the next generation that is going to rely on it."

The Chino City Council is expected to vote on the matter tonight at its meeting.

Chino Basin Desalter Authority is responsible for cleaning and desalinizing Chino Basin water for Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Jurupa and Norco.

Since desalination efforts began 10 years ago, about 60 percent of infrastructure for the authority has been completed.

Officials expect the expansion to be completed around 2012 or 2013, said Richard Atwater, CEO of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

The Chino Valley Basin Desalter Authority produces 20 million to 25 million gallons of clean water daily. A completed project would produce

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about 35 million, Atwater said.

The cities and agencies that contract with the authority receive about 20 percent of their water from it, he said.

The Senate bill for the authority's expansion was sponsored by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

Recent statewide water shortages and less reliable water supplies have spurred Western Municipal to look for a secondary supplemental source outside the Metropolitan Water District's Henry J. Mills Treatment Plant in Riverside, Rossi said.

Ken Manning, CEO of the Chino Watermaster, called the inclusion of Western Municipal as an authority member a "smart move" that would expedite the cleanup of the basin more quickly.

In the unlikely situation Western Municipal is denied membership in the authority, Manning said, the agency would probably build infrastructure for its own desalination operation out of the Chino Basin, though that possibility would be too "cumbersome and administratively difficult to handle."

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Officials to drain Upland basin in order to save water

By Sandra Emerson, Staff Writer

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UPLAND - San Antonio Water Co. began draining water out of the Colonies Water Basin on Monday to boost the water supply.

The basin, south of 19th Street and east of Campus Avenue, has been plugged up due to an accumulation of silt and algae covering the bottom preventing water from percolating into an underground aquifer.

"There are well fields that benefit from the recharged water in the basin," said Charles Moorrees, general manager for the SAWC. "Without the water percolation the water level will start to drop and the contaminant level will increase."

The water is being pumped out of the east side of the basin through an 8-inch pipe into the Cucamonga Creek channel, where it will flow to the Turner basin at Archibald Avenue and Fourth Street.

Once the water is drained, geological technicians will take samples of the soil along the bottom of the basin to analyze how well it will be able to percolate water.

Depending on the results, up to 12 inches of soil and silt may be scraped away.

Debris following mountain fires and heavy rain have contributed to the buildup, said Councilman Tom Thomas.

Another issue the water company is facing is the illegal placement of bass discovered in the basin.

The Department of Fish and Game collected samples Tuesday to find out if the illegal fish contained pathogens deemed harmful to humans, said Moorrees.

The basin will be drained from its starting water level of 25 feet to about 5 feet by next week for the DFG to capture the fish and transfer them to a nearby lake.

The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 19 just in time for the rainy season.

"If we have another dry year we probably will have some water drought contingency programs where people are required to conserve water," said Moorrees. "As much water we can capture the better."

There are future plans to add vegetation and hiking trails to the basin, which has been used for flood control and groundwater recharge, according to Kevin Blakeslee, assistant director for the county Flood Control District's Department of Public Works.

That project will not begin until spring, he said.

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"We are partnering with the water company, and the city to make sure this is a multi-use facility," said Blakeslee.

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Utilities agree to let Riverside join Chino Basin **Desalter Authority**

Desalter might gain a partner

By Neil Nisperos, Staff Writer

Article Created: 09/18/2008 09:11:12 PM PDT

Chino, Ontario and the Chino-based Inland Empire Utilities Agency agreed this week to allow a west Riverside County water agency to join the Chino Basin Desalter Authority, which removes pollutants from groundwater for regional use.

But it's not a done deal until the other members of the joint-powers authority weigh in on allowing the Western Municipal Water District to join. The desalter authority also includes Chino Hills, Norco, the Jurupa Community Services District and the Santa Ana River Water Co.

John Rossi, Western Municipal's general manager, said he was grateful for the support and was looking forward to support from all agencies in the next several months.

"The only one we're not sure of is Chino Hills, and we had a meeting with Chino Hills to look at some details, and we expect them to put it on their agenda in the next couple of weeks," Rossi said.

The desalter authority has a plant in Chino through which groundwater from 14 wells is purified using reverse osmosis, a purification process that many commercial bottled water companies use.

The Chino plant produces 14 million gallons of drinking water per day, serving 35,000 families.

Concern from some agency officials has been voiced over the impact of Western joining the authority on voting power, future water supplies and cost, according to water officials.

Upland Councilman Ken Willis, a member of the court-appointed Watermaster board that oversees water in the Chino Basin, said he believed the structure of the deal provides protections to agency members from any concerns over voting power, operation cost and supplies.

"We're not going to allow anybody to lose anything that they already have," he said.

Supporters say inclusion of Western into the authority would mean faster water cleanup of the Chino Basin and more financial and material resources for the authority's expansion projects.

Western, if included in the authority, has pledged \$46million toward a \$120million project to expand the Chino desalter in the next five vears.

The authority represents agencies controlling 15percent of the water in the Chino Basin, the large underground area that serves as the region's major water source. Expansion would

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make available 35 million gallons of water daily to the authority, up from the current yield of 25 million gallons.

Since desalination efforts began 10 years ago, about 60percent of infrastructure for the authority has been completed. Officials expect the expansion, which includes the drilling of four to six new wells, will be completed in 2012 or 2013, said Richard Atwater, CEO of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

Regional water officials are also hopeful that a \$26 million federal grant to help fund desalter authority expansion will pass the U.S. Senate next month.

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Chino dairies to comply with EPA permit requirements

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Neil Nisperos, Staff Writer

Article Created: 09/30/2008 10:24:31 PM PDT

CHINO - In order to prevent cow waste from polluting major drinking water sources, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has ordered six Chino dairies to comply with permit requirements.

The EPA ordered Brothers Three Dairy, Quality Dairy, Jorritsma and Anema Dairy, Martin Vander Laan Dairy, TLC Sonlight Dairy No. 2 and Goyenetche Dairy No. 2, to comply with the state Regional Water Quality Control Board permit that requires dairies to prevent runoff or discharge from their operations into the Santa Ana River.

The dairy permit is designed to protect streams, rivers and groundwater from discharge of manure waste and other pollutants.

"We expect these dairies to promptly correct their violations and improve their environmental performance, which we will oversee until satisfactorily resolved," said Alexis Strauss of the Water Division, EPA Region 9.

EPA and the Region Board's Santa Ana Region personnel inspected the Chino-area dairies in April. Among the violations discovered:

Failure to properly construct and maintain containment structures.

Failure to develop and/or implement proper engineered waste management plans.

Failure to conduct proper routine inspections of their facility.

Gary Stewart, a senior engineer with the state water quality agency, said further state inspections and phone calls after April have indicated the six dairies have begun steps toward compliance.

Santa Ana regional board inspectors have begun their annual inspections of the Inland region's 140 dairies. During the board's inspection, the inspectors will determine whether the six dairies are operating in compliance with permit regulations.

Fines, up to \$10,000 a day, for permit violations could be levied for repeat violations, Stewart

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