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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Thursday, January 14, 2010

9:00 a.m. – Annual Agricultural Pool Meeting

AT THE INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY OFFICES

6075 Kimball Ave. Bldg. A Board Room

Chino, CA 91710

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AGENDA PACKAGE

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ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING**

9:00 a.m. – January 14, 2010

At The Offices Of

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

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Chino, CA 91710

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Pursuant to the Agricultural Pool Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Pool meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

I. ANNUAL ELECTIONS - ACTION

A. Calendar-Year 2010 Agricultural Pool Members

The Agricultural Pool membership shall consist of not less than ten representatives selected at large by members of the pool. Pool members will be asked to make any necessary changes to the following list in order to establish pool membership and alternates during calendar year 2010:

Current Agricultural Pool Members

Dairy: Robert Feenstra
Gene Koopman
Peter Hettinga
Nathan deBoom
John Huitsing
Rob Vanden Heuvel
Crops: Glen Durrington
Jeff Pierson
State: Pete Hall
Edward Gonsman
Jennifer Novak
Nate Mackamul

Current Alternates:

Dairy: Syp Vander Dussen
Crops: Dan Hostetler
State: Henry Provencher
Richard Alvarado

B. Calendar Year 2010 Agricultural Pool Officers

Nominations will be heard for Pool Chair, followed by nominations for Pool Vice-Chair.

Chair _____
Vice-Chair _____
Secretary/Treasurer _____
Watermaster Chief Executive Officer _____

C. Calendar Year 2010 Advisory Committee Members & Officers

The pool members will be asked to determine the ten agricultural representatives to serve on the Advisory Committee and, according to the rotation sequence established among the pools, appoint a representative to serve as Chair of the Advisory Committee during calendar year 2010

Chair	Appropriative Pool	_____
Vice-Chair	Non-Agricultural Pool	_____
2 nd Vice-Chair	Agricultural Pool	_____

D. Calendar-Year 2010 Pool Representation on Watermaster Board

The Pool members will be asked to consider selecting two representatives to serve on the Watermaster Board during Calendar-Year 2010 and one or two alternate representatives.

Member: _____ Alternate: _____

Member: _____ Alternate: _____

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

Note: 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

- 1. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Meeting held December 10, 2009 (Page 1)

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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- 4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period November 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009 (Page 13)
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C. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER INVESTMENT POLICY

Resolution 10-01 – Resolution of the Chino Basin Watermaster, San Bernardino County, California, re-authorizing the Watermaster's Investment Policy (Page 17)

D. LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

Resolution 10-02 – Resolution Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) - (Page 23)

E. NOTICE OF INTENT

Annual Filing of Notice of Intent Regarding the Determination of Operating Safe Yield (Page 25)

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

- 1. December 11, 2009 Court Hearing
- 2. Santa Ana Critical Habitat
- 3. Auction Process

D. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Legislative Update
2. Recharge Update
3. Policy Manual

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles (*Page 27*)

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

January 14, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Annual Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
January 21, 2010	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
January 21, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Annual Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
January 26, 2010	9:00 a.m.	GRCC Meeting @ CBWM
January 28, 2010	11:00 a.m.	Annual Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM

Meeting Adjourn

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II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Agricultural Pool Meeting – December 10, 2009

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Draft Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING
December 10, 2009

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of the office of Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on December 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Agricultural Pool Members Present

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
John Huitsing	Dairy
Gene Koopman	Milk Producers Counsel
Rob Vanden Heuvel	Milk Producers Counsel
Jeff Pierson	Crops
Jennifer Novak	State of California, Dept. of Justice, CIM
Pete Hall	State of California, CIM

Watermaster Board Members Present

Paul Hofer	Agricultural
Michael Camacho	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Watermaster Staff Present

Ken Manning	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	CFO/Asst. General Manager
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Ben Pack	Senior Project Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck
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Others Present

Steven Lee	Reid & Hellyer
Gil Aldaco	City of Chino
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Rick Reese	Geomatrix Consultants, Inc.
Ryan Shaw	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Martha Davis	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Tom Love	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario
Marsha Westropp	Orange County Water District

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

No additions or reorder were made to the agenda.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

Pursuant to the Agricultural Pool Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Pool meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

No confidential session was called.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR**A. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Meeting held November 12, 2009

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of October 2009
2. Watermaster Visa Check Detail for the month of October 2009
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009
5. Budget vs. Actual July through October 2009

C. WATER TRANSACTION

1. **Consider Approval for Notice of Sale or Transfer** – The City of Upland will purchase 6,500 acre-feet of water from the West End Consolidated Water Company. This purchase is made first from West End's OSY account of 947.714 acre-feet, second from the carryover account of 947.714 acre-feet, and the remainder from the excess carryover account in the amount of 4604.752 acre-feet. Date of application: November 9, 2009

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

Moved to approve Consent Calendar item A through C, as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEM**A. 2010 Community Outreach Campaign**

Mr. Manning stated for the past four years Watermaster has participated in a public information campaign with Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), who is the lead agency, along with other water agencies. This is a public message about water infrastructure growth, a conservation message, along with recycled water education to ensure the public is informed as to what the water agencies are doing in these areas. Mr. Manning stated the bond measure will be coming up in 2010 for election and staff feels this campaign is a good one to make sure the public understands the need for additional infrastructure. Watermaster in working with IEUA and the newspaper group have helped develop another informative campaign. The cost is the exact same as last year; Watermaster's share of the cost is \$10,000. Mr. Manning offered a description of past ads and what the future ads will entail. A discussion regarding the 2010 campaign, a recycled water message, and water education ensued.

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

Moved to approve the 2010 Community Outreach Campaign expenditure of \$10,000.00, as presented

III. REPORTS/UPDATES**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT****1. Chino Airport Water Quality Update**

Counsel Fife stated two of the plumes that Watermaster staff have been working on in the Chino Basin; are Ontario International Airport (OIA) and Chino Airport plumes. There has been a fairly good response from the potential responsible parties (PRPs) on the OIA plume however; there has not been as good a result from the County of San Bernardino regarding the Chino Airport plume. Counsel Fife stated he will keep all parties apprised as to what is going on in the future regarding this matter.

2. DYY Update

Counsel Fife noted this item was mainly for the Appropriators. Counsel Fife stated in August 2009 the concept of the waiver of losses on the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) DYY account was approved. This was part of a package that was supposed to involve the

expansion of the account from 100,000 acre-feet to 150,000 acre-feet; however, there are a lot of issues that still need to be dealt with regarding this. A meeting took place outside the pool meetings after the approval in September 2009 as to what the next steps would be. The first issue to be dealt with was an accounting dispute between the Chino Desalter Authority (CDA) and MWD over how to reflect the replenishment costs to the CDA which go into the calculations of the LRP funding. Since then, the financial staff from different agencies have been talking and attempting to get involved and on the same page as to what needs to be taken care of to satisfy MWD in their request for additional information. After that first issue is resolved, additional items will be dealt with.

Added Comment:

Counsel Fife stated Watermaster's new judge, Judge Stanford Reichert, has scheduled a status hearing for Friday, December 11, 2009. A notice regarding that hearing has been sent out; however, the notice does not clearly convey what the hearing is about so staff and counsel believe it is more of a meet and greet type of hearing. Counsel Fife noted a report will be given at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings on the hearing.

B. WATERMASTER FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Financial Update

Ms. Rojo stated there was no financial update report.

Chair Feenstra commented on several water districts being in financial trouble, and asked how Watermaster is doing and whether we are financially secure. Ms. Rojo responded that many water districts are struggling with the fact that their unit sales are down and property tax renewal is down resulting in drastic decreases in anticipated renewal. Mr. Rojo responded that Watermaster has reduced its budgeted expenditures to respond to financial pressures.

C. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Manning commented on the upcoming bond measure and gave a detailed description of it. Mr. Manning noted there is some interesting information regarding legislative issues on the back table which was handed out at the recent ACWA conference.

2. Recharge Report

Mr. Manning stated the most current recharge report is on the back table. Mr. Manning reviewed the report in detail.

Mr. Pack gave a brief update on the conditions of the recharge basins.

3. Scheduled Board Changes for 2010

Mr. Manning stated a copy of the court approved rotation schedule for representatives to the Watermaster is on the back table. Mr. Manning reviewed the changes that will come up in 2010.

4. Manning 4th Annual Holiday Gathering

Mr. Manning invited all parties to join him and his wife for their 4th Annual Holiday Open House at their home on Thursday, December 17, 2009 starting at 4:00 p.m.

D. COMMITTEE REPORT

1. City of Chino Report on Provision of Recycled Water to Cal Poly at CIM

Mr. Aldaco gave an update on the status of the recycled water provided to Cal Poly at the California Institute for Men (CIM). Mr. Aldaco also gave an update on the Magnolia Channel Pipeline Reconstruction Project and new piping for the City of Chino to provide recycled water to the CIM north section of the Cal Poly Farming Operation. Mr. Aldaco offered

comment on reported pipeline corrosion problems. A discussion regarding corroded pipes ensued and it was noted Mr. Aldaco will come back with an update on this matter at a future meeting.

IV. INFORMATION

1. 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

December 10, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
December 16, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Water Quality Committee Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
December 17, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Recharge Master Plan Workshop @ CBWM
January 7, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Annual Non-Agricultural Pool Elections @ CBWM
January 7, 2010	1:05 p.m.	Annual Appropriative Pool Elections @ CBWM
January 7, 2010	1:15 p.m.	Annual Joint Appropriative & Non-Ag Pool Meeting @ CBWM
January 14, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Annual Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
January 21, 2010	8:00 a.m.	IEUA Dry Year Yield Meeting @ CBWM
January 21, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Annual Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
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The Agricultural Pool meeting was dismissed by Chair Feenstra at 10:20 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: _____

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KENNETH R. MANNING
Chief Executive Officer

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 14, 2010
TO: Committee Members
SUBJECT: Cash Disbursement Report

SUMMARY

Issue – Record of cash disbursements for the month of November 2009.

Recommendation – Staff recommends the Cash Disbursements for November 2009 be received and filed as presented.

Fiscal Impact – Funds disbursed were included in the FY 2009-2010 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 November 2009 were \$412,524.98. The most significant expenditures during the month were Wildermuth Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$175,800.07, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck in the amount of \$62,794.45, and MWH Laboratories in the amount of 29,364.00.

ACTIONS:

1-07-10 Appropriative Pool – moved to approved unanimously
1-07-10 Non-Agricultural Pool – moved to approved unanimously
1-14-10 Agricultural Pool
1-21-10 Advisory Committee
1-28-10 Watermaster Board

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Cash Disbursement Detail Report
November 2009

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Nov 09				
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13687	BOWCOCK, ROBERT	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13688	CAMACHO, MICHAEL	-500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13689	DIRECTV	-79.99
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13690	KUHN, BOB	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13691	PETTY CASH	-517.09
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13692	PURCHASE POWER	-26.01
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13693	VANDEN HEUVEL, GEOFFREY	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13694	VERIZON	-452.55
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13695	WHITEHEAD, MICHAEL	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13696	WILLIS, KENNETH	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/3/2009	13697	YUKON DISPOSAL SERVICE	-142.88
Bill Pmt -Check	11/12/2009	13698	ALLIED ELECTRONICS	-222.55
Bill Pmt -Check	11/12/2009	13699	CALIFORNIA WATER AWARENESS CAM...	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/12/2009	13700	CALPERS	-1,661.78
Bill Pmt -Check	11/12/2009	13701	JAMES JOHNSTON	-1,125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/12/2009	13702	MET LIFE SMALL BUSINESS CENTER	-50.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/12/2009	13703	RAUCH COMMUNICATION CONSULTAN...	-14,853.75
General Journal	11/14/2009	09/11/03	PAYROLL	-7,608.81
General Journal	11/14/2009	09/11/03	PAYROLL	-26,190.67
Bill Pmt -Check	11/16/2009	13704	W.C. DISCOUNT MOBILE AUTO DETAILI...	-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/16/2009	13705	NAKANO, JUSTIN	-99.95
Bill Pmt -Check	11/16/2009	13706	YOO, FRANK	-99.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13707	ACWA SERVICES CORPORATION	-219.03
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13708	ADLIN, BEN	-1,380.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13709	BANC OF AMERICA LEASING	-3,215.74
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13710	BANK OF AMERICA	-2,701.54
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13711	BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION	-9,784.60
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13712	BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK	-62,794.45
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13713	COMPUTER NETWORK	-4,053.86
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13714	CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	-5,792.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13715	FIRST AMERICAN REAL ESTATE SOLUTI...	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13716	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	-496.43
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13717	JAAP	-103.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13718	INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY	-8,802.14
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13719	LOS ANGELES TIMES	-48.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13720	MCI	-1,230.47
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13721	MWH LABORATORIES	-29,364.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13722	PAYCHEX	-223.72
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13723	PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	-103.60
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13724	PREMIERE GLOBAL SERVICES	-682.30
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13725	PRINTING RESOURCES	-2,687.66
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13726	R&D PEST SERVICES	-85.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13727	REID & HELLYER	-7,958.20
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13728	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS-Lease	-942.05
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13729	ROJO, SHERI M	-99.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13730	SAFEGUARD DENTAL & VISION	-7.68
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13731	STAULA, MARY L	-136.61
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13732	THE STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	-156.56
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13733	UNION 76	-252.61
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13734	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	-51.13
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13735	VERIZON WIRELESS	-525.21
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13736	WESTERN DENTAL SERVICES, INC.	-28.06
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13737	WILDERMUTH ENVIRONMENTAL INC	-175,800.07
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13738	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS-Lease	-183.64
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13739	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL ...	-720.77
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13740	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL ...	-444.77
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13741	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL ...	-1,675.27
Bill Pmt -Check	11/18/2009	13742	CLARK PLUMBING SPECIALTIES, INC.	-497.28
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2009	13743	CITISTREET	-2,273.07
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2009	13744	CITISTREET	-2,068.34
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2009	13745	CITISTREET	-2,068.34
Bill Pmt -Check	11/20/2009	13746	GROUNDWATER RESOURCES ASSOCIA...	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/20/2009	13747	PUMP CHECK	-6,730.30
Bill Pmt -Check	11/20/2009	13748	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS-Lease	-228.50
Check	11/30/2009		BANK OF AMERICA	-229.81
General Journal	11/30/2009	09/11/04	PAYROLL	-3,792.18
General Journal	11/30/2009	09/11/04	PAYROLL	-16,932.90
Check	11/30/2009		BANK OF AMERICA	-25.06

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Cash Disbursement Detail Report
November 2009

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Nov 09				<u>-412,524.98</u>

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Check Detail
November 2009

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Paid Amount
Bill Pmt -Ch...	13710	11/18/2009	BANK OF AMER...	1012 · Bank of America Gen'l Ckg	
Bill	4024...	10/30/2009		6191 · Conferences	-1,188.20
				6174 · Transportation	-30.00
				6141.3 · Admin Meetings	-32.63
				6909.1 · OBMP Meetings	-35.87
				6061.4 · Other Contract Services	-662.26
				6312 · Meeting Expenses	-144.10
				6212 · Meeting Expense	-144.09
				6031.7 · Other Office Supplies	-464.39
TOTAL					-2,701.54

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL
 FOR THE
 PERIOD JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2009

	WATERMASTER ADMINISTRATION	OPTIMUM BASIN MANAGEMENT	POOL APPROPRIATIVE	AGRICULTURAL NON-AGRIC.	POOL REPLENISHMENT	GROUNDWATER SB222 FUNDS	EDUCATION FUNDS	GRAND TOTALS	BUDGET 2009-2010
Administrative Revenues									
Administrative Assessments			7,120,463	-	225,016			7,345,499	\$7,340,839
Interest Revenue			11,739	1,068	529		2	13,338	191,540
Mutual Agency Project Revenue			-	-	-			-	148,410
Grant Income			-	-	-			-	0
Miscellaneous Income	111,000							111,000	0
Total Revenues	111,000	-	7,132,222	1,068	225,545	-	2	7,469,837	7,680,789
Administrative & Project Expenditures									
Watermaster Administration	271,466							271,466	580,238
Watermaster Board-Advisory Committee	23,734							23,734	61,901
Pool Administration			11,910	55,202	2,580			69,692	229,860
Optimum Basin Mgmt Administration		637,873						637,873	1,557,820
OBMP Project Costs		1,679,639						1,679,639	4,109,362
Debt Service		567,042						567,042	1,131,233
Education Funds Use									375
Mutual Agency Project Costs									10,000
Total Administrative/OBMP Expenses	295,200	2,884,554	11,910	55,202	2,580	-	-	3,249,446	7,680,789
Net Administrative/OBMP Expenses	(184,200)	(2,884,554)							
Allocate Net Admin Expenses To Pools	184,200		128,696	48,829	6,675				
Allocate Net OBMP Expenses To Pools		2,317,512	1,619,185	614,345	83,982				
Allocate Debt Service to App Pool		567,042	567,042						
Agricultural Expense Transfer*			718,376	(718,376)					
Total Expenses	3,045,209	-	3,045,209	93,237	-	-	2	3,249,446	7,680,789
Net Administrative Income	4,087,013	-	1,068	132,308	-	-	2	4,220,391	-
Other Income/(Expense)									
Replenishment Water Assessments			2,176,962		4,896,842			7,073,804	0
Interest Revenue					8,492			8,492	0
Water Purchases									0
Balance Adjustment									0
Groundwater Replenishment					(1,012,578)			(1,012,578)	0
Net Other Income	2,176,962	-	-	-	3,892,756	-	-	6,069,718	0
Net Transfers To/(From) Reserves	10,290,109	-	6,263,975	1,068	132,308	-	2	10,290,109	-
Working Capital, July 1, 2009			5,942,967	470,719	256,577	158,251	995	10,995,966	
Working Capital, End Of Period			12,206,942	471,787	388,885	156,251	997	21,286,075	
08/09 Assessable Production			84,716,450	32,142,764	4,393,990			121,253,204	
08/09 Production Percentages			69.867%	26.509%	3.624%			100.000%	
								(1,012,578)	

*Fund balance transfer as agreed to in the Peace Agreement.

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**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD
NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

DEPOSITORIES:		
Cash on Hand - Petty Cash	\$	500
Bank of America		
Governmental Checking-Demand Deposits	\$	205,790
Zero Balance Account - Payroll		-
Local Agency Investment Fund - Sacramento		6,994,199
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TOTAL CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND		11/30/2009
TOTAL CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND		10/31/2009
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PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)		\$ (412,526)

CHANGE IN CASH POSITION DUE TO:		
Decrease/(Increase) in Assets:		
Accounts Receivable	\$	-
Assessments Receivable		(14,419,304)
Prepaid Expenses, Deposits & Other Current Assets		10
Accounts Payable		(45,792)
Accrued Payroll, Payroll Taxes & Other Current Liabilities		68,166
Transfer to/(from) Reserves		13,984,394
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PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)		\$ (412,526)

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:						
Balances as of 10/31/2009						
Deposits	\$	500	\$	-	\$	7,613,015
Transfers						
Withdrawals/Checks						
Balances as of 11/30/2009						
PERIOD INCREASE OR (DECREASE)						

	Petty Cash	Gov't'l Checking Demand	Zero Balance Account		Local Agency Investment Funds	Totals
			Payroll	Payroll		
\$	500	218,316	\$	-	\$	7,394,199
	-	-		-		\$
	-	345,475		54,525		(400,000)
	-	(358,001)		(54,525)		(412,526)
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\$	500	205,790	\$	-	\$	6,994,199
	-	(12,526)		-		\$
	-			-		(400,000)
						\$
						(412,526)

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD
NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Effective Date	Transaction	Depository	Activity	Redeemed	Days to Maturity	Interest Rate(**)	Maturity Yield
11/19/2009	Withdrawal	L.A.I.F.	\$ (400,000)				
TOTAL INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS			\$ (400,000)				

* The earnings rate for L.A.I.F. is a daily variable rate; 0.9% was the effective yield rate at the Quarter ended September 30, 2009.

**INVESTMENT STATUS
November 30, 2009**

Financial Institution	Principal Amount	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 6,994,199			
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 6,994,199			

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 submitted,



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

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through November 2009

	<u>Jul - Nov 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4010 · Local Agency Subsidies	0	148,410	-148,410	0%
4110 · Admin Asmnts-Approp Pool	7,120,483	7,185,411	-64,928	99%
4120 · Admin Asmnts-Non-Agri Pool	225,016	155,427	69,589	145%
4700 · Non Operating Revenues	13,338	191,540	-178,202	7%
4900 · Miscellaneous income	111,000	0	111,000	100%
Total Income	<u>7,469,837</u>	<u>7,680,788</u>	<u>-210,951</u>	<u>97%</u>
Gross Profit	7,469,837	7,680,788	-210,951	97%
Expense				
6010 · Salary Costs	203,176	487,838	-284,662	42%
6020 · Office Building Expense	37,836	102,500	-64,664	37%
6030 · Office Supplies & Equip.	16,623	43,500	-26,877	38%
6040 · Postage & Printing Costs	29,812	84,300	-54,488	35%
6050 · Information Services	60,927	148,500	-87,573	41%
6060 · Contract Services	67,424	98,000	-30,576	69%
6080 · Insurance	15,934	16,730	-796	95%
6110 · Dues and Subscriptions	14,956	17,000	-2,044	88%
6140 · WM Admin Expenses	1,278	3,000	-1,722	43%
6150 · Field Supplies	170	2,800	-2,630	6%
6170 · Travel & Transportation	12,239	37,800	-25,561	32%
6190 · Conferences & Seminars	11,368	26,500	-15,132	43%
6200 · Advisory Comm - WM Board	7,772	18,078	-10,306	43%
6300 · Watermaster Board Expenses	15,962	43,823	-27,861	36%
8300 · Appr PI-WM & Pool Admin	11,910	23,069	-11,159	52%
8400 · Agri Pool-WM & Pool Admin	11,831	25,114	-13,283	47%
8467 · Ag Legal & Technical Services	39,396	98,000	-58,604	40%
8470 · Ag Meeting Attend -Special	3,975	12,000	-8,025	33%
8471 · Ag Pool Expense	0	65,000	-65,000	0%
8500 · Non-Ag PI-WM & Pool Admin	2,580	6,677	-4,097	39%
6500 · Education Funds Use Expens	0	375	-375	0%
9500 · Allocated G&A Expenditures	-200,277	-488,230	287,953	41%
Subtotal G&A Expenditures	<u>364,892</u>	<u>872,374</u>	<u>-507,482</u>	<u>42%</u>
				0%
6900 · Optimum Basin Mgmt Plan	573,716	1,399,371	-825,655	41%
6950 · Mutual Agency Projects	0	10,000	-10,000	0%
9501 · G&A Expenses Allocated-OBMP	64,157	148,448	-84,291	43%
Subtotal OBMP Expenditures	<u>637,873</u>	<u>1,557,819</u>	<u>-919,946</u>	<u>41%</u>
				0%
7101 · Production Monitoring	44,756	107,047	-62,291	42%
7102 · In-line Meter Installation	20,440	56,179	-35,739	36%
7103 · Grdwtr Quality Monitoring	98,461	214,362	-115,901	46%

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through November 2009

	<u>Jul - Nov 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
7104 · Gdwtr Level Monitoring	131,174	366,956	-235,782	36%
7105 · Sur Wtr Qual Monitoring	765	43,912	-43,147	2%
7107 · Ground Level Monitoring	57,816	550,059	-492,243	11%
7108 · Hydraulic Control Monitoring	157,413	567,022	-409,609	28%
7109 · Recharge & Well Monitoring Prog	2,413	9,152	-6,739	26%
7200 · PE2- Comp Recharge Pgm	867,334	1,478,560	-611,226	59%
7300 · PE3&5-Water Supply/Desalte	26,084	96,003	-69,919	27%
7400 · PE4- Mgmt Plan	55,709	91,985	-36,276	61%
7500 · PE6&7-CoopEfforts/SaltMgmt	54,970	163,727	-108,757	34%
7600 · PE8&9-StorageMgmt/Conj Use	26,188	29,550	-3,362	89%
7690 · Recharge Improvement Debt Pymt	567,039	1,131,233	-564,194	50%
7700 · Inactive Well Protection Prgm	0	5,066	-5,066	0%
9502 · G&A Expenses Allocated-Projects	136,119	339,782	-203,663	40%
Subtotal Project Expenditures	<u>2,246,681</u>	<u>5,250,595</u>	<u>-3,003,914</u>	<u>43%</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,249,446</u>	<u>7,680,788</u>	<u>-4,431,342</u>	<u>42%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	4,220,391		4,220,391	100%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4225 · Interest Income	8,492			
4210 · Approp Pool-Replenishment	4,887,364			
4220 · Non-Ag Pool-Replenishment	9,478			
4600 · Groundwater Sales	<u>2,176,962</u>			
Total Other Income	7,082,296			
Other Expense				
5010 · Groundwater Replenishment	9,578			
5100 · Other Water Purchases	1,003,000			
9999 · To/(From) Reserves	<u>10,290,109</u>			
Total Other Expense	<u>11,302,687</u>			
Net Other Income	<u>-4,220,391</u>			
Net Income	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

C. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER INVESTMENT POLICY

Resolution 10-01 Resolution of the Chino Basin Watermaster, San Bernardino County, California, re-authorizing the Watermaster's Investment Policy

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RESOLUTION 10-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER,
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING
A WATERMASTER INVESTMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, the normal and prudent operation of the Watermaster's daily business generates cash balances, operating and fund reserves; and

WHEREAS, the cash management system is designed to accurately monitor and forecast expenditures and revenues on behalf of Watermaster, thus enabling the Watermaster to invest funds to the fullest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the cash funds are to be placed in investments authorized for public agencies of the State of California (Judgment Paragraph 23); and

WHEREAS, Watermaster deems it to be in the best interests of the parties to the Judgment to delegate the authority to invest and reinvest the funds of Watermaster to the Watermaster Finance Manager subject to the provisions of its Investment Policy and the ongoing review and control of Watermaster and the Watermaster Advisory Committee.

WHEREAS, it is the Watermaster's policy to annually review, update, and adopt an investment policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chino Basin Watermaster that:

- Section 1. The authority to invest and reinvest funds of Watermaster is hereby delegated to the Watermaster Chief Executive Officer (and his/her designees) subject to the provisions of said Investment Policy and the ongoing review and control of Watermaster and the Watermaster Advisory Committee.
- Section 2. This resolution shall take effect from and after its date of adoption and Resolution 09-01 is rescinded in its entirety.

APPROVED by the Advisory Committee this 21ST day of January 2010.

ADOPTED by the Watermaster Board on this 28th day of January 2010.

By: _____
Chairman, Watermaster Board

APPROVED:

Chairman, Advisory Committee

ATTEST:

Board Secretary
Chino Basin Watermaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, Ken Manning, Secretary of the Chino Basin Watermaster, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution being No. 10-01, was adopted at a regular meeting of the Chino Basin Watermaster Board by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Secretary

Date: _____

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

INVESTMENT POLICY

1.0 POLICY

WHEREAS; the Legislature of the State of California has declared that the deposit and investment of public funds by local officials and local agencies is an issue of statewide concern; and

WHEREAS; the legislative body of a local agency may invest monies not required for the immediate necessities of the local agency in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 5922 and 53601 et seq.; and

WHEREAS; the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chino Basin Watermaster ("Watermaster") shall annually prepare and submit a statement of investment policy and such policy, and any changes thereto, shall be considered by the Board of Directors at a public meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, it shall be the policy of the Watermaster to invest funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the Watermaster and conforming to all statutes and judgments governing the investment of Watermaster funds.

2.0 SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all financial assets of the Watermaster. These funds are accounted for in the annual Watermaster audit.

3.0 PRUDENCE

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the Watermaster, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs; not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent investor" standard California Government Code (53600.3) and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers (the CEO and his/her designees) acting in accordance with written procedures and the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

4.0 OBJECTIVES

When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling and managing public funds, the primary objectives, in priority order, of the investment activities shall be:

1. Safety: Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the Watermaster shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. To attain this objective, diversification is required in order that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.

2. Liquidity: The investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the Watermaster to meet all operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated.

3. Return on Investments: The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

5.0 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Authority to manage the investment program is derived from the Judgment Paragraph 23, and from California Government Code 53600, et seq. Management responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Advisory Committee, who with the CEO shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. Procedures should include references to: safekeeping, repurchase agreements, wire transfer agreements, collateral/depository agreements and banking service contracts, as appropriate. Such procedures shall include explicit delegation of authority to persons responsible for investment transactions, such as the Chief Financial Officer. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and pursuant to Watermaster rules and regulations 2.16, derived from the Judgment, Paragraph 23. The Board shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials. Under the provisions of California Government Code 53600.3, the CEO is a trustee and a fiduciary subject to the prudent investor standard.

6.0 ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

7.0 AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS

The Watermaster is empowered by California Government Code 53601 et seq. to invest in the following:

1. Negotiable certificates of deposit issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank, a savings association or a federal association (as defined by Section 5102 of the Financial Code), or by a state-licensed branch of a foreign bank. Purchases of negotiable certificates of deposit may not exceed \$500,000 in any one Bank at a time.
2. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) in Sacramento, CA.

Such investments shall be limited to securities that at the time of the investment have a term remaining to maturity of five years or less, or as provided above.

8.0 COLLATERALIZATION

All certificates of deposit must be collateralized. Collateral must be held by a third party trustee and valued on a monthly basis.

9.0 DIVERSIFICATION

The Watermaster will diversify its investments by security type and institution. Assets shall be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer or a specific class of securities.

10.0 REPORTING

The Watermaster Chief Financial Officer shall prepare Monthly Investment Reports which reflect investment transactions for review by the Pool Committees and the Advisory Committee prior to presentation to the Watermaster Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Following formats used in prior years, said Investment Report will reflect the following information.

- a. Funds held in each Bank at the beginning and ending of the reporting period; and
- b. Investments deposited and/or redeemed by type and by Bank (including interest rates, days invested and maturity yield rates) during the reporting period; and
- c. Investments outstanding at the close of the reporting period (including interest rates, days invested and maturity date); and
- d. Elements effecting the change in Watermaster's cash position; and

- e. A statement signed by the Chief Financial Officer as to the ability of the cash on hand to meet foreseen expenditures during the next six months.

11.0 INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION

The Investment Policy shall be adopted by resolution of the Watermaster on an annual basis. The Policy Statement will be reviewed by each Pool Committee. Should any Pool Committee recommend revisions to the Policy Statement, it shall be amended prior to presentation to the Advisory Committee for their review and comment. If necessary the Policy Statement will be further amended to reflect the comments of the Advisory Committee. The final Policy Statement will then be presented to the Watermaster Board for adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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II. CONSENT CALENDAR

D. LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

Resolution 10-02 – Resolution Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

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RESOLUTION 10-02 OF CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, Ca 91730 PHONE: 909-484-3888

AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 730 of the statutes of 1976 Section 16429.1 was added to the California Government Code to create a Local Agency Investment Fund in the State Treasury for the deposit of money of a local agency for purposes of investment by the State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Chino Basin Watermaster was appointed on January 27, 1978, under San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. WCV51010 (formerly Case No. SCV164327) entitled Chino Basin Municipal Water District V. City of Chino, et al., with powers to authorize the investment or deposit of surplus funds pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 53600; and

WHEREAS, upon filing of an appropriate resolution, local agencies are permitted to remit money to the State Treasurer for deposit in the fund for the purpose of investment; and pursuant to Section 16429.3 of said Government Code, such monies are not subject to impoundment of seizure by any state official or state agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize the deposit and withdrawal of Chino Basin Watermaster monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund in the State Treasury in accordance with the provisions of Section 16429.1 of the Government Code for the purpose of investment as stated therein, and verification by the State Treasurer's Office of all banking information provided in that record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following Chino Basin Watermaster officers and designated employees or their successors in office/position shall be authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund.

_____	<u>Chairman of the Board</u>	_____
(NAME)	(TITLE)	(SIGNATURE)
_____	<u>Vice-Chair</u>	_____
(NAME)	(TITLE)	(SIGNATURE)
_____	<u>Board Secretary/Treasurer</u>	_____
(NAME)	(TITLE)	(SIGNATURE)
<u>Kenneth R. Manning</u>	<u>Chief Executive Officer/Secretary</u>	_____
(NAME)	(TITLE)	(SIGNATURE)
<u>Sheri Rojo</u>	<u>C.F.O./Asst. G.M.</u>	_____
(NAME)	(TITLE)	(SIGNATURE)

APPROVED by the Advisory Committee this 21st day of January 2010.
ADOPTED by the Watermaster Board on this 28th day of January 2010.

By: _____
Chairman, Watermaster Board

APPROVED:

Chairman, Advisory Committee

ATTEST:

Board Secretary
Chino Basin Watermaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, Ken Manning, Secretary of the Chino Basin Watermaster, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution being No. 10-02, was adopted at a regular meeting of the Chino Basin Watermaster Board by the following vote:

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Secretary

Date: _____

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

E. NOTICE OF INTENT

Annual Filing of Notice of Intent Regarding
the Determination of Operating Safe Yield

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Watermaster's "Notice of Intent" to Change the Operating Safe Yield of the Chino Groundwater Basin

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this 28TH day of January 2010, Chino Basin Watermaster hereby files this 'NOTICE OF INTENT' to change the operating safe yield of the Chino Groundwater Basin Pursuant to the Judgment entered in Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al., San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. RCV 51010 (formerly Case No. 164327) (Exhibit I, Paragraph 2b, Page 80).

**Approved by
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

By: _____
Chair

By: _____
Chair

ATTEST:

By: _____
Secretary

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IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles

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LA water quality low

Report gives supply a bad ranking

Dana Bartholomew

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The quality of Los Angeles' drinking water ranks among the lowest of large U.S. cities and contains nearly four times the average number of chemical pollutants, according to a study released Monday.

The environmental report rated Department of Water and Power drinking water at 83rd out of 100 cities because of its cocktail of 30 chemical contaminants.

One cancer-causing chemical exceeded federal legal standards, while 14 other chemicals surpassed recommended health guidelines, according to the report.

In comparison, the agency that supplies potable water to 19 million residents around the city of Los Angeles ranked 58th. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California tap water contained 27 chemicals, most of them unregulated and legal, but potentially unsafe.

"Looking at the data, we're definitely concerned about water quality in Southern California. We recommend utilities really look at their processing. There's much room for improvement," said Olga Naidenko, a senior scientist at the Environmental Working Group, a

nonprofit environmental watchdog based in Washington, D.C., and a co-author of the report. "We recommend residents get water filters."

The DWP did not respond to a request for comment. However, a water-quality report it issued last year said Los Angeles met or surpassed all health-based drinking water standards.

An MWD spokesman said its water quality also exceeds state and federal standards, with detailed drinking water reports available to the public at www.mwdh2o.com.

"We stand behind the safety of our water supplies," said Bob Muir, an MWD spokesman in Los Angeles.

In its unprecedented report, the environmental group examined 20 million tap water quality tests performed over the past five years by 48,000 water utilities.

The upshot: American drinking water contained a potentially toxic soup of 316 chemical pollutants, most of them not subject to health and safety regulations, according to researchers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has set enforceable standards for a third of them.

The unregulated chemicals include the rocket fuel component perchlorate, the weed killer metolachlor, the refrigerant Freon, and radon, a highly radioactive gas.

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The chemicals in America's tap water were attributed to factory farm waste, pesticides, fertilizer and sediment; sewage and urban runoff; industrial chemicals; water treatment and distribution by-products; and natural processes that produce more contamination as a result of development and deforestation.

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Leftovers From City Hall: Water crisis is boring

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Get the scoop on local politics at the Leftovers from City Hall blog

Is it just me, or have we been in a water crisis my entire life? No joke, some of my earliest memories are sitting with my dad watching super-spooky "WATER CRISIS!" stories on the local news.

People in California's water business are constantly screaming that the sky is falling - or that water or snow are not falling from it fast enough.

"Wolf! Wolf!," they scream.

But every time I turn on the faucet, water comes out.

It's cheap. It's sort of clean. And it seems like there's plenty of it.

I'm tired of hearing about water. It's so boring.

Uh oh. My inner Andy Rooney is growing out of control and is taking over my body. My eyebrows a

re growing white and huge. "Stop, Rooney! Stop!"

He's taken over. The rest of this column is by Andy Rooney from 60 Minutes.

If water agencies are so hard-up, they should stop giving their workers big pay raises.

And if they are still broke, they should raise rates.

Otherwise, I don't care anymore.

Seriously, Azusa Light and Water employees just got a one-time payment of 3.75 percent of their pay from the city. LA's utility workers recently got a similar deal.

Maybe they were due for a raise, but they got it when everyone else in the private sector is getting hammered.

And, before its board buckled under political pressure, the Metropolitan Water District in October was on the verge of giving employees a 23-percent raise over the next five years.

So, do water companies have ample water and lots of money, or don't they? I can't tell.

If water is so scarce, why is the Inland Empire full of homes and mega malls?

Why are Southern California lawns lush and green?

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Why, when my kids get bored, do I make their plastic slide a little more interesting by running the hose at the top?

All the while, farms in the Central Valley are going fallow and pumps in the Sacramento River Delta - at least until last year - were grinding up fish that are the bedrock of the area's ecosystem.

Logic and economics aren't applied to water issues. And I think I know why.

Quick, name the directors of your water district.

See. You don't know. In the desk that is the human mind, water districts are just clutter that gets tossed away.

It's so boring that our elected water board officials flit away public money on booze and conferences, and we don't even pay attention.

Someone needs to do away with the whole system.

I wish I could say right now the best way to fix everything. My first instinct is: keep water rates low for businesses, farms and most residential customers, then jack the rates up super high for big consumers.

Hit extravagant people in the pocketbook.

If you want a Ferrari of a front lawn, you're going to have to pay for it.

Maybe the wasters can pay for all the new water infrastructure we supposedly need.

Secondly, we need to get rid of water districts. Nobody watches them, and they're inefficient.

I would offer more solutions, but my mind got too bored.

It's on to something more exciting: prime numbers! Three, five, seven, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23. . .

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San Bernardino couple 'retiring' grass lawns to save water

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 SAN BERNARDINO - Former city councilwoman Susan Lien Longville is letting her grass die - and that's just fine with City Hall.

Longville, who is directs the Water Resources Institute at Cal State San Bernardino, is thus far the first and only city resident to participate in a new water conservation venture that allows homeowners to replace their lawns with drought-tolerant plants.

Water officials say more water used at residences goes to plants than people. Decorating homes with plants that require less water is considered one way to conserve H2O.

Longville is participating in San Bernardino's voluntary Water Wise Landscape Program and is optimistic the venture will show that yards can be attractive without wide expanses of turf. She also expects that legislation affecting San Bernardino and every other city in the state will result in future homes having less grass and more plants that grow in untamed California landscapes.



Standing in front of her San Bernardino home, Susan Lien Longville of the Water Resources Institute at Cal State San Bernardino explains how she will replace her dying front lawn with drought-tolerant landscaping. (Al Cuizon/Staff Photographer)

Instead of flat green turf or wild-looking yards, Longville foresees homes featuring well-tended gardens of flowering plants out front.

"It looks clean and neat in front of the house," she said. "It doesn't look like a field of weeds, but it's an attractive alternative to turf."

The Longville residence is still in what she called the "before" phase. The front yard does not have the greenest grass on the block and lawn is a bit scraggly in places. The lawn is also decorated with signs showing an anthropomorphic grass character relaxing in hammock, wearing a Hawaiian shirt and holding a tropical drink next to the slogan "My thirsty lawn is retiring!"

Once the grass is gone, Longville plans to replace her lawn with various plants grown at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. The

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Claremont garden's soil nourishes a myriad of California native plants.

Longville plans to replace her lawn with a variety of sages and other plants that can thrive in desert or Mediterranean climates. She imagines "a collection of plants that will bloom at different parts of the year so there will always be something blooming."

Typically, a San Bernardino homeowner who lets their lawn dry out until it reaches the brown and crispy stage could find themselves at odds with Code Enforcement officers.

The city's new Water Wise Landscape Program, however, offers immunity from city codes against dried-out vegetation to homeowners who agree to "retire" their lawns.

The City Council approved the program in August. Participating homeowners must obtain a permit from the city's Development Services Department and agree to replace their lawn with drought tolerant plants by the May 31 following their application.

Aside from Longville, some other residents have asked about the program but no others have gotten a Water Wise permit, Development Services Director Valerie Ross said.

Longville's husband John Longville currently sits on the board of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District and said it was incumbent upon him and his wife to take part in the water

conservation attempt.

"How can I be serious about this if we don't do it ourselves?" he asked.

The City Council on Monday approved another law intended to conserve water. The highly-technical law gives City Hall the power to establish "water budgets" for future developments.

In essence, the law will encourage developers to design future homes and business with more native plants and advanced watering systems.

The council passed the law under a state mandate for water conservation measures. All California cities and counties had the option of passing their own law by Jan. 1 or letting a model ordinance crafted in Sacramento take effect.

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