



CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Thursday, March 11, 2010

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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AGENDA PACKAGE



**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING**

WITH

Mr. Bob Feenstra, Chair

Mr. Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair

9:00 a.m. – March 11, 2010

At The Offices Of

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

6075 Kimball Ave., Bldg. A, Board Room

Chino, CA 91710

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

I. 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 Annual Agricultural Pool Meeting held February 11, 2010 *(Page 1)*

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C. INTERVENTION INTO THE AGRICULTURAL POOL

Intervention of Rafael Treto into the Agricultural Pool *(Page 19)*

II. BUSINESS ITEM

A. AGRICULTURAL POOL AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE GROUNDWATER LEVEL AND GROUNDWATER QUALITY DATA FROM ABGL TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND TO THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Discussion/Direction Regarding Content of Letter to Provide Authorization to Release Data

Note: Staff Report Will be Sent Under Separate Cover

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Peace II SEIR

B. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. 2010 Basin Plan Amendment
2. Recharge Master Plan Update

C. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Legislative Update
2. Recharge Update
3. ALCOA Monitoring Wells
4. Turner Basins/Guasti Park Task Force
5. Agricultural Pool Authorization to Release Groundwater Level and Groundwater Quality Data

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles (*Page 23*)

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. 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.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, March 11, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
Thursday, March 18, 2010	8:00 a.m.	IEUA DYY Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, March 18, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, March 18, 2010	2:00 p.m.	MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, March 25, 2010	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, March 25, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Recharge Master Plan Workshop @ CBWM
Thursday, April 8, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
* Thursday, April 8, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative Meeting @ CBWM
* Thursday, April 8, 2010	2:30 p.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, April 15, 2010	8:00 a.m.	IEUA DYY Meeting @ CBWM
Thursday, April 15, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting @ CBWM
Wednesday April 21, 2010	9:00 a.m.	RMP Half Day Workshop @ Rancho Central Park
Thursday, April 22, 2010	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting @ CBWM

* Notes a different day than the regularly scheduled 1st Thursday of every month meeting and will return to the normal schedule on May 6, 2010

Meeting Adjourn



CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Agricultural Pool Meeting held on February 11, 2010



Draft Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING
February 11, 2010

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of the office of Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on February 11, 2010 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
Glen Durrington	Crops
Jennifer Novak	State of California, Dept. of Justice, CIM
Pete Hall	State of California, CIM
Nathan Mackamul	State of California, CIW

Watermaster Staff Present

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

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.
Joe LeClaire	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Steven Lee	Reid & Hellyer
Gil Aldaco	City of Chino
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Martha Davis	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Eunice Ulloa	Chino Basin Conservation District
Rick Rees	State of California, Dept. of Justice, CIM
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

Chair Feenstra asked for the closed session which is first on the agenda to be moved to the end of the agenda.

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

Moved to approve moving the closed session to the end of the agenda, as presented

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. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Annual Agricultural Pool Meeting held January 14, 2010

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

C. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER ANNUAL AUDIT

Chino Basin Watermaster Annual Audit Performed by Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

A discussion regarding the elections which took place at the January 14, 2010, meeting ensued.

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

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

II. BUSINESS ITEM

A. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER DRAFT POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Manning stated this item has been mentioned at various other meetings and has been worked on by Watermaster staff for several months; it is still very much a rough draft. Mr. Manning stated the manual is an attempt to consolidate as many items that are contained within the Judgment, Peace Agreement, Peace II, Rules & Regulations, and adopted policies. This consolidated document will allow Watermaster to operate more efficiently. Mr. Manning noted most of the items in the manual are court approved and to change any portion of those court approved documents would mean taking the documents back through the court process. The goal is to have as much as possible in one document for staff, counsel, Watermaster parties, etc. that could be referenced easily. Mr. Manning stated staff is seeking consideration of format and for sections one and two. Mr. Manning noted the Appropriative Pool and the Non-Agricultural Pool at their recent meeting only approved the format and asked for more time to review the contents. Ms. Rojo gave the Chino Basin Watermaster Policy Manual Overview presentation. Ms. Rojo stated the purpose of the Policy Manual is to provide clarity to staff and others about the purpose of the organization, governance structure and policies, CEO and staff policies, and financial policies. Ms. Rojo gave an overview of the various sections in the manual and noted the manual has been reviewed by several members of the three pools. A workshop was held on January 25, 2010 where it was reviewed in great detail. Ms. Rojo stated because of its volume of information it was asked to be brought for action in pieces. Ms. Rojo acknowledged adding, deleting, or updating sections in this manual with the format it has been prepared in, will be fairly easy. Ms. Rojo stated there have already been discussions about adding a section regarding water purchases, transfers, land use conversions, and water assignments. A discussion regarding page 68, section 2.5.5 regarding open meeting laws ensued. Mr. Manning noted that particular wording was taken directly from the Rules & Regulations. A discussion regarding page 71, section 2.6.7 regarding voting power and volume vote ensued. A discussion regarding page 63, section 2.2.8 regarding closed sessions, in particular the word "shall", and the Brown Act ensued. Mr. Lee added comment and read further down the paragraph for section 2.2.8 and noted it offered the pools' more discretion than it does the Watermaster Board. After discussions, it was affirmed the members of the Agricultural Pool felt they needed more time to read, review, and comment on the draft policy manual and possibly have a separate workshop or closed session regarding the manual and that it be approved today only in format. Mr. Pierson inquired about the California Special Districts Association Policy and inquired if he could obtain a copy or a website address of that association. Mr. Manning stated that would be done.

Chair Feenstra offered comment regarding a recent Watermaster Board meeting and actions that were taken at that meeting. Mr. Manning stated the Watermaster Board has the ability to invite people into closed session that they feel could help them in the discussion of the item or items that are being discussed in closed session, and that is what the Board members chose to do. An action was taken to have the record clear for the parties present that were not members of the Board who were there by invitation.

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

Moved to approve the Chino Basin Watermaster Draft Policy Manual for format only, as presented

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Santa Ana Critical Habitat Comment Letter

Counsel Fife stated the Chino Basin Watermaster Santa Ana Critical Habitat comment letter that was submitted on February 8, 2010 is available on the back table. An extension of time to submit the comment letter was requested. However, the request was denied. Counsel Fife stated Watermaster has requested a public hearing be held on the critical habitat designation. The comment letter reflected off several other letters written by Western Municipal Water District, Riverside, SAWPA, and Inland Empire Utilities Agency; meaning Watermaster's comments are all consistent with theirs.

2. Chino Airport

Counsel Fife stated Watermaster sent a Notice of Intent to Sue to the San Bernardino County. Negotiations have been taking place for several months with the county in trying to get them to participate in the cleanup efforts and to participate with the Chino Desalter Authority (CDA). Counsel Fife noted progress has been made with the county. The Notice of Intent to Sue was sent in a cooperative manner in complying with their instructions and is part of the negotiation process. A discussion regarding this matter ensued. Counsel Fife noted there is a similar process going on with regard to the Ontario International Airport (OIA) plume and noted those discussions are at a different stage in their negotiation process. It was noted Joe LeClaire will be giving a presentation today on the two plumes. Mr. Manning stated it is our hope that the end result is the same, in that, a negotiated settlement with both the potential responsible parties (PRP's) within the OIA plume and the Chino Airport plume solution will be made with the CDA. Mr. Manning stated by taking the actions that are being taken right now, it will create an environment where negotiations would take place where both entities are going to be satisfied with the end result. Chair Feenstra offered comment regarding potable water being offered to some residents in the OIA plume path in Ontario. A discussion regarding the Ninety Day Notice of Citizen Suit under the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act letter ensued. Counsel Fife stated that now that the Agricultural Pool has made staff and counsel aware of its concerns, as this matter moves forward there will be more information provided. Ms. Novak offered comment regarding what a Notice of Intent is, and she noted she has personally heard reports for months from legal counsel about Watermaster getting more involved mainly because the Regional Board does not have the resources. A discussion regarding the Regional Board, contamination issues, and the recent Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck letter to the Chino Airport ensued. Mr. Jeske offered comment on the alternative water program.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Financial Update

Ms. Rojo stated Watermaster is currently starting the budget process. Mr. Koopman inquired about Watermaster staff checking on percentage rates and Ms. Rojo stated she had a meeting with a representative from Citizens Bank and they will be getting back to her shortly.

C. ENGINEERING REPORT**1. Recharge Master Plan Progress Report**

Mr. Wildermuth stated Wildermuth Environmental is in the wrap-up stage of pulling together the draft report for the Recharge Master Plan. The plan is to have a draft report out for review in the first part of April to coincide with workshops in April and May to evaluate the draft report, to get comments, and make adjustments prior to its submittal to the court by the end of June of this year. There will be one more working workshop after the Watermaster Board meeting in March to discuss the costs of some of the new recharge facilities.

2. Plumes and Other Contaminant Issues in the Chino Basin

Mr. LeClaire stated he was asked by members of the Agricultural Pool and Watermaster staff to give an update on the technical aspect of the two airport plumes. Mr. LeClaire gave the Chino Airport presentation which included a summary of investigation/data, a contamination timeline, the 2003 investigation done by Tetra Tech, the 2005 onsite investigation, 2007 and 2008 offsite characterization, proposed current work, and Watermaster/CDA Desalter well fields information. Several maps were also reviewed in detail. A discussion regarding the Chino Airport plume ensued. Mr. LeClaire gave the Ontario International Airport presentation, which included a summary of investigations/data, site background, and the path forward. Several maps were reviewed in detail. A discussion regarding the OIA plume ensued. Mr. LeClaire also gave a brief update on Hexavalent Chromium. A lengthy discussion regarding contamination, wells, the usage of water, and testing ensued.

Added Comment:

Chair Feenstra inquired about the Non-Agricultural Pool letters from Hogan & Hartson. Counsel Fife stated the Non-Agricultural Pool has suggested they are going to file a Paragraph 31 Motion to review Watermaster's issuance of the Notice of Intent to Purchase the Non-Agricultural Pool water. This is the water that was the subject of the auction and the matter which was discussed for over a year. Counsel Fife stated this is a tenuous topic to discuss due to Hogan & Hartson, the law firm that the Non-Agricultural Pool has hired, being extremely tedious in their requests. Counsel Fife acknowledged he represents the Watermaster Board and the Board has not taken any official position on this matter. Counsel Fife noted the Watermaster Board is going to have a special meeting this afternoon via a conference call to approve the formation of a litigation ad hoc committee which would provide legal counsel with a committee to interface with to develop a Board position. Counsel Fife stated his personal view of the situation is that it is a case of seller's remorse and that no party ever doubted the Appropriative Pool intended to purchase this water and that this matter has been exhaustively discussed for the past year at the Pools, Advisory Committee, and Watermaster Board meetings. The five letters that have been received in the past week are to request an assortment of volumes of information. Counsel Fife stated Hogan & Hartson have demanded to have access to all of Watermaster's computers, backup copies of all of Watermaster's computers, and access to both Scott Slater and my personal laptops. However, none of the five letters say anything about the Notice of Intent to Purchase, and they are not explaining how any of the requested information is related to the actual inquiry if the Notice of Intent to Purchase was appropriately noticed to the parties. Counsel Fife stated that in all the significant discussions that have taken place and with the appearance of the Hogan & Hartson's attorney at the last Appropriative Pool and Watermaster Board meeting, he has not heard what their actual legal claim is and/or why they believe the Notice of Intent to Purchase was not properly issued. Counsel Fife recognized that in everything that has been said, that is the one thing they are not saying. Counsel Fife stated in his personal opinion, he does not think there was anything wrong with the manner the notice was presented, as it was noticed by Watermaster's standard practice. Counsel Fife noted if they could find something wrong with it, they would have said something by now. Counsel Fife reiterated this is his personal view and again the Watermaster Board has not taken a position. A discussion regarding Peace II ensued. Counsel Fife pointed out the timing of when this matter came up which coincided with the release of the newly recommended Metropolitan Water District rate increases which was not known at the time the deal was made by the

Non-Agricultural Pool two years ago. A discussion regarding payment for the water ensued. Counsel Fife stated a check for the first payment under Purchase and Sale Agreement was to be issued by January 18, 2010, and on January 14, 2010, the first check was issued to each member of the Non-Agricultural Pool; however, only one of the parties has cashed the check. Chair Feenstra stated the Non-Agricultural Pool announced at the last Watermaster Board meeting that they no longer have water for sale. Mr. Manning explained that each member of the Non-Agricultural Pool is to individually make the Watermaster aware of any water that they have for sale to the Watermaster and no water was made available to Watermaster as of December 31, 2009. Mr. Manning stated that notification was noticed to the parties in the January, 2010, meeting packets. A discussion regarding the sale of water ensued.

D. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Legislative Update

No comment was made regarding this item.

2. Recharge Update

Mr. Manning stated that the formal recharge report is not available. However, staff is anticipating very good numbers due to the storms in January.

3. GAMA Report Summary

Mr. Manning stated this item was discussed about a year ago when the USGS was doing some work in the upper Santa Ana Watershed and the report from that work is now available online. After reading the lengthy report, Mr. Manning wrote a summary and noted that summary is available on the back table.

4. Dr. David Sunding

Mr. Manning stated the Appropriative Pool is in the process of discussing hiring Dr. David Sunding to some analytical work on the Non-Agricultural Pool water in terms of how they are going to handle given the fact the auction has been postponed. The Appropriative Pool wants some financial data to backup their decisions. A discussion about Dr. Sunding ensued.

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

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The regular open meeting was convened to hold its confidential session at 11:05 a.m.

The Agricultural Pool closed session was convened at 11:15 a.m.

The Agricultural Pool meeting was dismissed by Chair Feenstra at 12:20 p.m.

There were no reported actions.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: _____



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KENNETH R. MANNING
Chief Executive Officer

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 11, 2010
TO: Committee Members
SUBJECT: Cash Disbursement Report

SUMMARY

Issue – Record of cash disbursements for the month of January 2010.

Recommendation – Staff recommends the Cash Disbursements for January 2010 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 January 2010 were \$2,494,704.61. The most significant expenditures during the month were City of Ontario in the amount of \$691,085.73, Aqua Capital Management LP in the amount of \$459,138.34, and Reliant Energy, Etiwanda in the amount of \$304,980.88.

Actions:

3-04-10 Appropriative Pool – Approved unanimously
3-04-10 Non-Agricultural Pool – Did not approve
3-11-10 Agricultural Pool
3-18-10 Advisory Committee
3-25-10 Watermaster Board

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Cash Disbursement Detail Report
January 2010

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Jan 10				
Bill Pmt -Check	1/5/2010	13809	JAMES JOHNSTON	-810.00
Bill Pmt -Check	1/5/2010	13810	W.C. DISCOUNT MOBILE AUTO DETAILI...	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	1/7/2010	13811	APPLIED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES	-2,386.25
Bill Pmt -Check	1/7/2010	13812	AQUA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP	-6,826.14
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General Journal	1/9/2010	10/01/03	PAYROLL	-8,513.31
General Journal	1/9/2010	10/01/03	PAYROLL	-25,670.30
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Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13873	INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY	-161,886.25
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13874	MCI	-1,237.85

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Cash Disbursement Detail Report
January 2010

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13875	MWH LABORATORIES	-156.00
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13876	NEVADA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIA...	-80.00
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13877	PETTY CASH	-380.84
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13878	PITNEY BOWES CREDIT CORPORATION	-10.28
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13879	REID & HELLYER	-9,254.20
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13880	RUTH CAZDEN	-750.00
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13881	SAFEGUARD DENTAL & VISION	-7.68
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13882	SOURCE 1 PRINTING, PACKAGING & ME...	-4,397.78
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13883	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	-97.07
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13884	TELECOM SERVICES	-192.50
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13885	THE STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	-156.56
Bill Pmt -Check	1/20/2010	13886	UNION 76	-47.18
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General Journal	1/23/2010	10/01/05	PAYROLL	-7,606.54
General Journal	1/23/2010	10/01/05	PAYROLL	-26,601.80
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13888	CALPERS	-4,094.99
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13889	CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	-5,792.00
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13890	CUCAMONGA VALLEY IAAP	-50.00
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13891	FIRST AMERICAN REAL ESTATE SOLUTI...	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13892	INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY	-662.74
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13893	PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	-103.60
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13894	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYS...	-7,119.48
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13895	SPAM SOAP, INC	-201.60
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13896	STANDARD INSURANCE CO.	-553.01
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13897	STAULA, MARY L	-136.61
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13898	VERIZON WIRELESS	-529.48
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13899	SOLINST CANADA LTD.	-416.00
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13900	CITISTREET	-1,838.34
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13901	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYS...	-6,576.14
Bill Pmt -Check	1/27/2010	13902	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYS...	-7,119.48

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Check Detail
January 2010

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Paid Amount
Bill Pmt -Ch...	13871	1/20/2010	BANK OF AMER...	1012 · Bank of America Gen'l Ckg	
Bill	1024...	12/31/2009		6054 · Computer Software	-127.00
				6191 · Conferences	-111.30
				6112 · Subscriptions/Publications	-216.41
				7103.6 · Grdwtr Qual - Supplies	-26.08
				6312 · Meeting Expenses	-244.69
				6212 · Meeting Expense	-244.69
				6174 · Transportation	-30.00
				6909.1 · OBMP Meetings	-28.89
				6141.3 · Admin Meetings	-342.58
				6191 · Conferences	-285.00
TOTAL					-1,656.64

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**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL
FOR THE
PERIOD JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2010**

	WATERMASTER ADMINISTRATION	BASIN MANAGEMENT	POOL	POOL	POOL	POOL	POOL	POOL	REPLENISHMENT	GROUNDWATER	NON-AGRIC.	AGRICULTURAL	EDUCATION	GRAND	BUDGET
													FUNDS	TOTALS	2009-2010
Administrative Revenues															
Administrative Assessments			7,115,654	-	-	225,016								7,340,670	\$7,340,839
Interest Revenue		18,677	-	1,425	842								3	20,947	191,540
Mutual Agency Project Revenue		-	-	-	-									-	148,410
Grant Income		-	-	-	-									-	0
Miscellaneous Income	111,000	188												111,188	0
Total Revenues	111,000	188	7,134,519	1,425	225,858								3	7,472,805	7,680,789
Administrative & Project Expenditures															
Watermaster Administration	347,974													347,974	580,238
Watermaster Board-Advisory Committee	31,923													31,923	61,901
Pool Administration		14,576	79,307	4,358										98,241	229,860
Optimum Basin Mgmt Administration		744,678												744,678	1,557,820
OBMP Project Costs		2,141,247												2,141,247	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	379,897	3,452,967	14,576	79,307	4,358									3,931,105	7,680,789
Net Administrative/OBMP Expenses	(268,897)	(3,452,967)													
Allocate Net Admin Expenses To Pools		187,871	71,281	9,744											
Allocate Net OBMP Expenses To Pools		2,885,925	765,024	104,581											
Allocate Debt Service to App Pool		567,042													
Agricultural Expense Transfer*		915,612	(915,612)												
Total Expenses	3,701,422		118,663											3,931,105	7,680,789
Net Administrative Income	3,433,097		1,425	107,175									3	3,541,700	-
Other Income/(Expense)															
Replenishment Water Assessments								7,073,804						7,073,804	0
Interest Revenue								13,504						13,504	0
Water Purchases															0
Balance Adjustment															0
Other Water Purchases								(2,166,022)						(2,166,022)	0
Groundwater Replenishment								(1,019,746)						(1,019,746)	0
Net Other Income								3,901,540						3,901,540	0
Net Transfers To/(From) Reserves	7,443,240		3,433,097	1,425	107,175			3,901,540					3	7,443,240	-
Working Capital, July 1, 2009			5,942,967	470,719	256,577			4,166,457					995	10,995,966	
Working Capital, End Of Period			9,376,064	472,144	363,762			8,087,997					998	18,439,206	18,439,206
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%	

*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
JANUARY 1 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2010**

DEPOSITORIES:		
Cash on Hand - Petty Cash	\$	500
Bank of America		
Governmental Checking-Demand Deposits	\$	1,334,376
Zero Balance Account - Payroll		
Local Agency Investment Fund - Sacramento		17,394,199
		<u>18,729,075</u>
TOTAL CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND		\$ 18,729,075
		1/31/2010
TOTAL CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND		15,517,786
		12/31/2009
PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)		\$ 3,211,289

CHANGE IN CASH POSITION DUE TO:

Decrease/(Increase) in Assets:		
Accounts Receivable	\$	-
Assessments Receivable	5,658,410	
Prepaid Expenses, Deposits & Other Current Assets	46,909	
(Decrease)/Increase in Liabilities	(11,874)	
Accounts Payable	(25,537)	
Accrued Payroll, Payroll Taxes & Other Current Liabilities	(2,456,619)	
Transfer to/(from) Reserves	(2,456,619)	
PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)		\$ 3,211,289

	Petty Cash	Gov't Checking Demand	Zero Balance Account Payroll	Local Agency Investment Funds	Totals
\$	500	\$ 623,087	\$ -	\$ 14,894,199	\$ 15,517,786
Deposits	-	5,705,994	-	-	5,705,994
Transfers	-	(2,568,392)	68,392	2,500,000	-
Withdrawals/Checks	-	(2,426,313)	(68,392)	-	(2,494,705)
Balances as of 1/31/2010	\$ 500	\$ 1,334,376	\$ -	\$ 17,394,199	\$ 18,729,075
PERIOD INCREASE OR (DECREASE)	-	\$ 711,289	-	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 3,211,289

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Balances as of 12/31/2009	\$ 15,517,786
Deposits	5,705,994
Transfers	(2,568,392)
Withdrawals/Checks	(2,494,705)
Balances as of 1/31/2010	\$ 18,729,075
PERIOD INCREASE OR (DECREASE)	\$ 3,211,289

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2010**

INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Effective Date	Transaction	Depository	Activity	Redeemed	Days to Maturity	Interest Rate(*)	Maturity Yield
1/20/2010	Deposit	L.A.I.F.	\$ 2,500,000				
TOTAL INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS			\$ 2,500,000				

* The earnings rate for L.A.I.F. is a daily variable rate; 0.6% was the effective yield rate at the Quarter ended December 31, 2009.

**INVESTMENT STATUS
January 31, 2010**

Financial Institution	Principal Amount	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 17,394,199			
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 17,394,199			

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 2009 through January 2010

	<u>Jul '09 - Jan 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4010 · Local Agency Subsidies	111,000	148,410	-37,410	75%
4110 · Admin Asmnts-Approp Pool	7,115,654	7,185,411	-69,757	99%
4120 · Admin Asmnts-Non-Agri Pool	225,016	155,427	69,589	145%
4700 · Non Operating Revenues	20,947	191,540	-170,593	11%
4900 · Miscellaneous income	188			
Total Income	7,472,805	7,680,788	-207,983	97%
Gross Profit	7,472,805	7,680,788	-207,983	97%
Expense				
6010 · Salary Costs	270,708	487,838	-217,130	55%
6020 · Office Building Expense	56,632	102,500	-45,868	55%
6030 · Office Supplies & Equip.	18,816	43,500	-24,684	43%
6040 · Postage & Printing Costs	41,994	84,300	-42,306	50%
6050 · Information Services	74,407	148,500	-74,093	50%
6060 · Contract Services	79,036	98,000	-18,964	81%
6080 · Insurance	15,934	16,730	-796	95%
6110 · Dues and Subscriptions	17,455	17,000	455	103%
6140 · WM Admin Expenses	1,728	3,000	-1,272	58%
6150 · Field Supplies	271	2,800	-2,529	10%
6170 · Travel & Transportation	15,933	37,800	-21,867	42%
6190 · Conferences & Seminars	13,014	26,500	-13,486	49%
6200 · Advisory Comm - WM Board	11,097	18,078	-6,981	61%
6300 · Watermaster Board Expenses	20,826	43,823	-22,997	48%
8300 · Appr PI-WM & Pool Admin	14,577	23,069	-8,492	63%
8400 · Agri Pool-WM & Pool Admin	16,780	25,114	-8,334	67%
8467 · Ag Legal & Technical Services	55,777	98,000	-42,223	57%
8470 · Ag Meeting Attend -Special	6,750	12,000	-5,250	56%
8471 · Ag Pool Expense	0	65,000	-65,000	0%
8500 · Non-Ag PI-WM & Pool Admin	4,358	6,677	-2,319	65%
6500 · Education Funds Use Expens	0	375	-375	0%
9500 · Allocated G&A Expenditures	-257,954	-488,230	230,276	53%
	478,139	872,374	-394,235	55%
6900 · Optimum Basin Mgmt Plan	663,967	1,399,371	-735,404	47%
6950 · Mutual Agency Projects	0	10,000	-10,000	0%
9501 · G&A Expenses Allocated-OBMP	80,711	148,448	-67,737	54%
	744,678	1,557,819	-813,141	48%
7101 · Production Monitoring	57,010	107,047	-50,037	53%
7102 · In-line Meter Installation	20,440	56,179	-35,739	36%
7103 · Grdwtr Quality Monitoring	113,015	214,362	-101,347	53%

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2009 through January 2010

	<u>Jul '09 - Jan 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
7104 · Gdwtr Level Monitoring	181,701	366,956	-185,255	50%
7105 · Sur Wtr Qual Monitoring	3,328	43,912	-40,584	8%
7107 · Ground Level Monitoring	85,367	550,059	-464,692	16%
7108 · Hydraulic Control Monitoring	200,227	567,022	-366,795	35%
7109 · Recharge & Well Monitoring Prog	2,413	9,152	-6,739	26%
7200 · PE2- Comp Recharge Pgm	1,096,286	1,478,560	-382,274	74%
7300 · PE3&5-Water Supply/Desalte	32,340	96,003	-63,663	34%
7400 · PE4- Mgmt Plan	65,844	91,985	-26,141	72%
7500 · PE6&7-CoopEfforts/SaltMgmt	76,819	163,727	-86,908	47%
7600 · PE8&9-StorageMgmt/Conj Use	29,214	29,550	-336	99%
7690 · Recharge Improvement Debt Pymt	567,041	1,131,233	-564,192	50%
7700 · Inactive Well Protection Prgm	0	5,066	-5,066	0%
9502 · G&A Expenses Allocated-Projects	177,243	339,782	-162,539	52%
	<u>2,708,288</u>	<u>5,250,595</u>	<u>-2,542,307</u>	<u>52%</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,931,105</u>	<u>7,680,788</u>	<u>-3,749,683</u>	<u>51%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	3,541,700		3,541,700	100%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4225 · Interest Income	13,504			
4210 · Approp Pool-Replenishment	4,887,364			
4220 · Non-Ag Pool-Replenishment	9,478			
4600 · Groundwater Sales	2,176,962			
Total Other Income	<u>7,087,308</u>			
Other Expense				
5010 · Groundwater Replenishment	475,884			
5100 · Other Water Purchases	2,709,884			
9999 · To/(From) Reserves	7,443,240			
Total Other Expense	<u>10,629,008</u>			
Net Other Income	<u>-3,541,700</u>			
Net Income	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>



CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

C. INTERVENTION INTO THE AGRICULTURAL POOL





CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, Ca 91730
Tel: 909.484.3888 Fax: 909.484.3890 www.cbwm.org

KENNETH R. MANNING
Chief Executive Officer

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 11, 2010
TO: Committee Members
SUBJECT: Intervention into Agricultural Pool

SUMMARY

Recommendation – Staff recommends approval of the Intervention of Rafael Treto into the Agricultural Pool.

BACKGROUND

According to Paragraph 60 of the Judgment:

"[Any] person newly proposing to produce water from the Chino Basin may become a party to this Judgment upon filing a petition in intervention. Said intervention must be confirmed by order of this Court. Such intervener shall thereafter be a party bound by this judgment and entitled to the rights and privileges accorded under the Physical Solution herein, through the pool to which the Court shall assign such intervener."

According to Watermaster's Rules and Regulations section 2.27:

"Watermaster will receive and make recommendations regarding petitions for intervention and accumulate them for filing with the Court from time to time (Judgment paragraph. 60 and Order re Intervention Procedures, July 14, 1978.)"

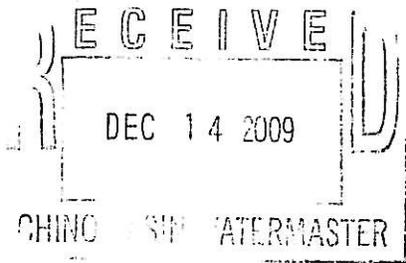
Watermaster received a petition to Intervene into the Judgment from Rafael Treto dated December 10, 2009. Treto recently drilled a well on his property at 13160 Bon View Avenue in Ontario. The City does not have a potable water line in this area. The five-acre farm at this address has five cows, 12 horses, approximately two acres of grass, and a small house. The estimated annual water production is approximately ten acre-feet, and as such, the well will be metered.

Staff recommends approval of the intervention into the Agricultural Pool.

Actions:

- 3-04-10 Appropriative Pool – Approved unanimously
- 3-04-10 Non-Agricultural Pool – Approved unanimously
- 3-11-10 Agricultural Pool
- 3-18-10 Advisory Committee
- 3-25-10 Watermaster Board

Date: 12/10/2009



Chino Basin Watermaster
9641 San Bernardino Road
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
Attn: Kenneth R. Manning, CEO

Subject: Intervention into Chino Basin Watermaster

Dear Mr. Manning:

I, or the company I represent (see below), request intervention into the Chino Basin Watermaster Judgment. I/we request that the Watermaster attorneys process the Intervention paperwork through the Court.

Number of wells One

Permission is granted to obtain drilling logs from DeChenne Water Well Drilling Co.

Location(s) of wells (including addresses, parcel numbers, and landmarks): 13160 Bonview Ave. Ontario CA, 91761

Type of usage (Irrigation, Dairy, Domestic, etc.)
Domestic

Property Owner (Well Owner) Information:

Name: Rafael Treto
Address: 14163 Peral Ct. Chino CA 91710
Phone: (909) 393-9248 Email: treto@sbcglobal.net

Property Occupant (Well User) Information (if different from Owner):

Name: SAME
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Representative Handling Intervention:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sincerely,
Signed: Rafael Treto Print name Rafael Treto

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles



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Old water deals haunt Mentone

Redlands' purchases of companies adds leverage in annexation efforts

Joy Juedes, Staff Writer

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The history of Redlands' involvement in how Mentone residents receive water and sewer services is a complex and touchy subject.

In 1997, Redlands voters passed Measure U. The measure requires all noncity residents receiving water and sewer services from Redlands to sign an agreement saying they would not protest if Redlands wanted to annex the area.

Through annexation, Redlands would incorporate parts or all of Mentone into the city.

"Basically people in Mentone feel hijacked by the city of Redlands," said Cheryl Tubbs, a Mentone resident and water services consultant who served on the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District board for 16 years.

The problem for Mentone residents, she said, is both Redlands and San Bernardino County charge for services. And the possibility of annexation causes blood to rise as much as getting the services from Redlands.

"It's the higher cost and piece by piece they're

annexing Mentone into Redlands, and Mentone does not want to be part of Redlands," she said.

Redlands Water Resources Manager Chris Diggs said Mentone residents benefit from Redlands' presence there.

"There is no other water provider out there so we're not trying to be a big bully," he said.

Parts of Mentone are annexed if they are adjacent to Redlands, he said. Mentone and the Crafton area are considered in Redlands' sphere, so the city provides water and sewer services if residents request it, Diggs said.

He said Redlands charges Mentone residents the same as anyone else - they just have to pay a fee to the county's Local Agency Formation Commission, which must approve how they get services.

"They are all the standard fees any other customer would have," he said.

History

The history of water supply in Mentone goes back to the 1800s. At one time, Mentone had several water companies. Mentone Water Co., Mentone Domestic Water Co., Greenspot Water Co., and Redlands Zanja were a few companies offering water.

In 1926, Redlands bought water rights in Mill Creek. A few years later, Redlands bought

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Mentone Water Co.

Mentone Domestic Water Co. has provided water to Mentone residents since 1900.

W.J. Tench dug the first well himself at what is now Mentone Boulevard and Agate Avenue. His company supplied water to residents and orange growers, and to the railroad for steam engines. His system covered a good chunk of Mentone, west of Agate and down to Wabash Avenue.

His descendent, William B. Tench, dug another well in 1972 and continued to sell water to residents of the Crafton and Mentone areas. His son, Duwayne Tench, inherited the company at his father's death in 1975, and sold it to the city of Redlands in 1978.

"What kind of angered old-timers up here was he didn't consult anyone," said George Everett, a minister who has lived in Mentone about 40 years. "There was a group that would have bought it for sure."

That began fueling Mentone residents' anger with Redlands, he said.

"But it was not Redlands' fault," Everett said. "They had the opportunity, and probably had to spend lot of money maintaining those old lines Tench put in 70, 80 years ago."

The city did have to replace pipes in what Redlands designated the Tench area, Diggs said.

A few longtime residents and business owners declined to comment on Redlands' supplying water and sewer, saying they did not want to cause more friction.

Ernie Givens, president of the Mentone Area Community Association, said there used to be a few water districts in Mentone.

"There were all these people who owned them, and they got old," he said. "(They said) 'Well, we'll sell out,' and who's the prime candidate? Redlands."

He said costs have gone up because water is treated and sent back.

"Now it's a \$12 household, and then you have your water use you pay for, so right off the top it costs \$12 more for anyone outside of Redlands city limits," he said.

"The Mentone people are saying Redlands is taking our water and shipping it back to them, which is true, but they were the only ones stepping up to the plate when Tench and others wanted to sell," he said.

"What can you do? They have control."

Getting services

Most of Mentone is on septic systems, and people can get a septic tank if the property is more than half an acre, Tubbs said. If a property owner not contiguous to Redlands wants sewer

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services, the owner must pay to be connected to the line, she said.

"So property owners feel it's unfair because they're in the jurisdiction of the county for water rights," she said.

Many cities provide services outside their boundaries, but Redlands and the county seem to double up in Mentone, she said.

"There is a problem in both the city and county requiring water and sewer services to be provided and people are paying twice," she said.

"To me that's the biggest part of the story - between the county and city, one hand does not know what the other is doing," she said.

Land-use entitlement is through the county and water and sewer are through the city, she said.

She said Redlands' and the county's involvement in Mentone affects development because of the cost of getting services.

"Getting everybody in the same room is what needs to be done so business owners don't get hijacked on costs," she said.

Diggs said Mentone is broken into service areas so there is not duplication. Residents must go through the county for approval to receive services, he said.

"Once they get approval from LAFCO and the

(city) council approves, we can offer them water," he said.

He said residents do not need to receive services from Redlands.

"They can drill a well or they can drill a septic system - it depends on the size of the lot or how close it is to existing sewer lines," he said. "If so they need approval by the local board."

He said Redlands needs county approval to offer services because areas like Mentone are in the county's jurisdiction.

Because the process of getting services is so complicated, city employees "walk them through the process and hold their hand," said city program manager Ross Wittman.

Whatever the case, the pro-annexation agreement is now part of Redlands' municipal code, Diggs said.

"We don't have the power to change that," he said.

Tubbs said people associate being in the county with being more rural. Redlands annexing Mentone might diminish that character, some residents might argue.

"Back in the '70s it was quite a community - we had a chamber, Rotary club - then it all died away," Everett said.

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Bottleneck at Delta must be opened

Jeff Kightlinger

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Heading into 2010, one thing is certain about the water situation for the Inland Valley and all of Southern California:

No matter how much it rains, the water shortage facing the region and much of the state will not be over. A tightening bottleneck exists at the hub of the statewide water system - Northern California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The problem is akin to a freeway with most of its lanes closed at rush hour. This statewide problem has only been getting worse in recent years. And it severely compromises Southern California's ability to take advantage of a wet winter and replenish our water storage network.

Local and regional water districts have taken aggressive actions to lower demand and to fairly distribute available supplies. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state Legislature have approved sweeping legislation to address the Delta crisis and statewide water issues.

What is needed now is continued water efficiency in and around our homes and businesses and continued action by the Obama administration in Washington to address the Delta bottleneck, both short- and long-term. The interim federal action plan announced

Tuesday shows promise.

Eastern Los Angeles County and western San Bernardino County rely on supplies that come across the Delta, transported via the aqueduct system of the State Water Project to replenish the groundwater basins. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is in charge of importing this supply, as well as water from the Colorado River, for six counties with 19 million residents.

As a sign of the severity of the problem, the state has notified Metropolitan that the region's allocation of Northern California supplies through the Delta may be only 5 percent of a full, traditional delivery. This is the lowest initial prediction of available state project supplies in the history of this project.

It's still December. Much can change between now and the end of the rainy season. In April, Metropolitan will decide the extent of necessary mandatory conservation for the coming year needed by water districts in the Inland Valley and throughout the district's service area. This decision will signal the severity of any shortage.

The best Metropolitan can realistically hope for is an average supply of water from Northern California. Yet, because of restrictions in the Delta, it would take a very wet winter to provide an average amount of water supply. An average rain year would provide a below-average supply, and so on. Only so much supply can pass through the Delta bottleneck until something is done.

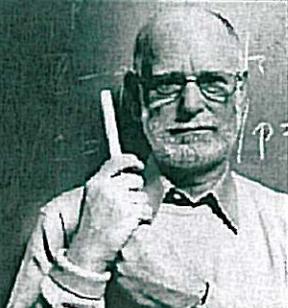
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The Delta is where the rivers of the Sierra Nevada merge before heading west into San Francisco Bay. It was once one of nature's great mixing zones, where tidal pulses from the Bay and river water would mingle in wetlands that provided food and habitat to countless fish and bird species.

Today's Delta is in an ecological free-fall. Ninety-five percent of the original wetlands are gone because of levees. Ninety-five percent of aquatic life in the Delta does not belong there, with various invasive species dominating the food chain.

Wastewater discharges by local communities may be contributing to the problem as well. So are water diversions both within and upstream of the Delta.

The outdated and inaccurate perception held by many is that Southern California drains the North's water. In reality, Southern California on average has diverted only 4 percent of the runoff from this massive Delta watershed. Four percent. This region, however, has been uniquely vulnerable to the problems in the Delta because of the regulatory response to the broader crisis in the ecosystem.

The State Water Project - along with the similar federal delivery system that serves the San Joaquin Valley, the Central Valley Project - have been the focus of enforcement actions under the state and federal endangered species acts. They

are the two large "knobs" in a very complicated ecosystem that invite adjustment.

New "biological opinions" to address various fish species (smelt, salmon, and sturgeon) have restricted the flow of supplies across the Delta to the aqueduct facilities in the southern Delta.

In dry years, the bottleneck isn't the primary problem. When traffic is light, a one-lane freeway can handle the load. It will be a wet winter - either this one or some year in the future - when the bottleneck will create its biggest impact. As much as 200 billion gallons of water that Metropolitan could normally count on will not be delivered because of these restrictions. As a comparison, that is roughly enough water to refill the now half-empty Diamond Valley Lake Reservoir in southwest Riverside County and have about 60 billion gallons left over to store somewhere else.

Short term, the Obama administration can build on the interim federal action plan for the Delta to help address this bottleneck in two important ways. There is considerable flexibility to operate the Delta water projects within the existing restrictions that federal agencies can exercise. There are also a number of experimental projects that await federal approval that should protect fisheries while allowing more pumping.

Long term, the Delta needs a different system to convey water that can operate in harmony with a recovering ecosystem. State agencies, water districts and key environmental groups have

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taken the lead in drafting a comprehensive solution through a process called the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Ultimately, federal wildlife agencies must approve and implement this plan. Federal leadership and ownership of this process will be absolutely necessary.

Next year, Southern California's water supplies will depend on how much it rains and snows, particularly in Northern California; how the federal government regulates the Delta; and how much water is available from the Colorado River, which has its own set of legal challenges and supply limitations.

Metropolitan has reduced by nearly 20 percent the imported supplies it provided to communities and farmers compared to a few years ago. The district has also drawn down about half of its reserves in the process. This pattern is not sustainable; it cannot last indefinitely.

A combination of actions - expanding conservation, increasing local supplies through recycling and desalination and addressing the Delta bottleneck - can put the state and region on a much more reliable path in the years ahead.

Jeffrey Kightlinger is general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

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San Antonio Heights resident places water stock on eBay

Sandra Emerson, Staff Writer

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SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS - A community resident's effort to determine what a fair price would be for water stock from San Antonio Water Company led him to an unusual destination - eBay.

Bob Taylor decided to put a quarter share on the online auction and shopping Web site because he was unsure what to sell it for.

"We wanted to sell it at a fair price and it seemed like the best way we could have set a price," Taylor said. "I never would have known if it was too high or too low."

Charles Moorrees, water company general manager, said he was surprised to hear that the share was put on eBay, but added there were no rules against the action.

"It's their personal property," Moorrees said. "It's like their IBM stock. They can take off with it."

San Antonio Water in October held a water stock auction for delinquent shares of water. Monte Vista Water Company in Montclair outbid San Antonio Heights residents and wound up with

four shares of stock for \$264,000.

Monte Vista Water's acquisition upset many residents who now can't get water to their property unless they own a share of San Antonio Water.

"I think people should know what's available and what other people are willing to pay for it," Taylor said. "I really prefer some residents to buy it."

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Being water-wise saves money, resources

Diana Sholley, Staff Writer

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Though heavy rains have moistened Southern California's dry soil, it hasn't lessened the state's dehydrated condition or provided any long-term answers to its water woes.

"We're still in a drought," said Debby Figoni, conservation specialist/education coordinator for the Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD).

"Cutting back on water usage will conserve our resources, be better for the environment and benefit everyone. So many people want to conserve - they just don't know how," she said.

The CBWCD is taking people from just wanting to conserve water to conserving water - by showing them how.

Based in Montclair, the CBWCD is a public agency serving Chino, Montclair and parts of Chino Hills, Upland, Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga.

Its mission is to protect the Chino Groundwater Basin, educate individuals and organizations in water conservation and promote the efficient use of water resources.

In helping to meet its goal, the CBWCD has started free, user-friendly workshops that offer the public useful tips on being water wise. The workshops are open to anyone.

"Water Wise Gardening (The Basics) is like Water Wise Landscaping 101," Figoni said. "It sets a foundation and is a gateway to other workshops."

Those who attend Water Wise Gardening (The Basics) will leave with the knowledge and ability to go home and make changes that will have a positive impact on their water consumption.

The workshops are on site in the district's conference room and includes an informative tour of its beautifully maintained garden that's filled with many examples of drought-tolerant plants, ground cover and foliage.

Other workshops include:

- Water Wise Gardening: Irrigation, Soil and Fertilizers
- Water Wise Gardening: Plants and Planting
- Water Wise Gardening: Preparation and Design
- Water Wise Gardening: Maintenance, Pruning and Integrated Pest Management
- Backyard Composting.

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workshop and there is always plenty of printed material available at the CBWCD office on water-saving tips, water-wise nurseries and a plant list.

"About 60 percent of the water the typical household uses comes from outside irrigation," Figoni said. "We can teach people how to remove their water-guzzling lawns and replace them with water wise wonderlands."

Attending the workshops will teach participants how to implement drought-tolerant landscaping that can reduce water consumption up to 40 percent.

Water wise gardening is also economical, Figoni said. "If you put in the right plants, the need and cost for pesticides and fertilizer goes way down," she said. "Everything will grow more naturally in the right environment."

Even if people want to keep their turf lawns, workshops can show them how to reduce their water consumption. "Just switching the sprinkler head makes a huge difference," she said.

Many people are hesitant to trade in their lush green because they associate "drought-tolerant" with succulents and cactus, but there are many types of ground cover, flowering plants and fragrant shrubs that make any landscape lively and interesting.

"Landscaping can be overwhelming. I try and make it easy to understand and clear," said

Water Wise workshop instructor Juan Zamora. "I want to show how to use water wisely and have a lot of fun."

Zamora's teaching style includes lots of show-and-tell paired with hands-on learning. When the workshop's over, participants can go home and apply the methods.

"Our goal is to get the message out and have those people in the workshops tell other people," he said. "It's not hard to be water wise, it just takes a little bit of education."

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WATER WISE GARDENING WORKSHOPS

Where: Chino Basin Water Conservation District, 4594 San Bernardino St., Montclair

Information: 909-626-2711, www.cbwcd.org

Schedule:

- Feb. 27, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Water Wise Gardening Workshop (The Basics)
- March 20, 9-11 a.m.: Backyard Composting Workshop
- April 24, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Water Wise Gardening Workshop (The Basics)
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Gardening Workshop (Irrigation, Soil and Fertilizers)

• May 22, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Water Wise Gardening Workshop (Plants and Planting)

• June 12, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Water Wise Gardening Workshop (Preparation and Design)

• June 26, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Water Wise Gardening Workshop (Maintenance, Pruning and Integrated Pest Management)

• July 17, 9-11 a.m.: Backyard Composting Workshop

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Water agencies meet, discuss self-sufficiency

Liset Marquez, Staff Writer

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ONTARIO - With dwindling water supplies, agencies throughout California are grappling with how to survive under the current drought conditions.

Regional water experts convened Monday to discuss options to be more self-sufficient, such as groundwater, recycling and conservation.

"I don't know if there is one solution to self-sufficiency. There is no silver bullet, but you and your water agencies will have to figure out yourself," Chino Basin Watermaster CEO Ken Manning said to the others in attendance.

An issue of concern to many water agencies was "fixing the Delta" or paying for infrastructure investments needed in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. A judge has halted much of the water pumping there to protect the tiny delta smelt fish.

A \$11.1 billion bond has been created to overhaul the state's water system and will be on the ballot in November.

"The whole idea on the bond and selling an \$11 billion bond in this environment is not going to be easy," Manning said.

If passed by voters, the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 would pay for new dams, groundwater cleanup, conservation and habitat restoration. A significant component of the bond is dedicating \$2.25 billion in funding to Delta sustainability.

The court order has already affected many water agencies, which have had their rates increased by their major supplier, said Chris Frahm, a San Diego-based attorney who lobbies for the California Groundwater Coalition, which represents groundwater managers from agencies across the state.

In some cases, farmers could no longer afford to water their crops and orchards, Frahm said. This has resulted in lost jobs, she said.

The bond has received support from several state water agencies but has been opposed by other groups, including the Planning and Conservation League, Frahm said.

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The bond, because of its environmental impacts and the current economy, will be hotly contested, Frahm said.

If it does not pass, Frahm said she believes the bond will not go away.

The water conference was organized by the Association of Ground Water Agencies and the American Ground Water Trust.

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Water district seeks hikes

Rising costs from MWD cited in proposal by Walnut Valley

By Jonathan Riggs Correspondent

The nearly 100,000 customers of the Walnut Valley Water District will likely pay higher rates for their water after March 1, officials said.

The increase is intended to offset rising supplier costs, pending final approval of a price-restructuring proposal to be discussed at a public hearing this month.

The district encompasses an area of about 29 square miles with over 26,000 service connections serving nearly 100,000 multi-use customers in six communities, including all of Diamond Bar and a portion of Pomona.

"Water is a precious commodity these days," district general manager Michael Holmes said. "And it's tough in our world now."

Single-family residential customers will move from a flat rate to a usage-based, three-tiered rate structure. Also included in the proposal: a pumping zone surcharge affecting half the district's customers, a size-based meter charge and a five-year plan for additional increases.

This is necessary, district officials said, because the district relies on imported water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Because of dry conditions and reduced supplies, the MWD has raised rates 37 percent since January. Officials project an additional increase of 20 percent in January 2011.

"We're responding to their increases — 98 percent of this is based on their costs while 2 percent are internal costs," Holmes said. "If we only had to base the rate on the internal costs, we wouldn't have the increase."

Since the last time the Walnut Valley district raised rates, July 2005, it has absorbed a 58 percent increase in wholesale water costs from the MWD and the Three Valleys Municipal Water District.

Despite saving an estimated \$750,000 by capping departmental budgets and reducing full-time

employees, officials project an almost \$5 million deficit for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

"People are very concerned now that the cost of things are going up. We are very sympathetic to the issues our customers raised and are doing everything we can," Holmes said. "We have an affordable rate plan for people who meet the requirements to get a reduction."

A public hearing to consider the proposed rate increases will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 18 at the South Coast Air Quality Management District main auditorium, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar.

Protests must be submitted in writing to the board secretary and received before the close of the meeting, but all will be considered by the

board of directors, an opportunity some citizens are already anticipating.

Officials stressed that the proposed rate hike is only being done out of necessity.

"We have attempted to hold this off for as long as we can," Holmes said. "These are our customers; they're the reason we exist. We are here to serve them in a positive way with a safe reliable supply of water."

Customers have already received e-mailing detailing how their bill will be affected but can visit www.wvwd.com for conservation tips; contact information and a table of current, proposed and projected average residential water rates. For more information or to request an additional copy of e-mailing, call 909-348-8219 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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