

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
JOINT APPROPRIATIVE & NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING
June 9, 2005

The Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on June 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIVE POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Crosley, Chair	City of Chino
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Gerald J. Black	Fontana Union Water Company
J. Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Mike McGraw	Fontana Water Company
Bill Stafford	Marygold Mutual Water Company
Mike Maestas	City of Chino Hills
Robert Tock	Monte Vista Water District

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Justin Scott-Coe	Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)
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Watermaster Staff Present

Kenneth R. Manning	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	Finance Manager
Gordon Treweek	Project Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Josephine Johnson	Monte Vista Water District
Paul Deutsch	GE/Geomatrix Consultants

Chair Crosley called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

There were no additions or reorders made to the agenda.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting held May 12, 2005

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of May 2005
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period April 1, 2005 through April 30 2005

4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2004 through April 2005

C. WATER TRANSACTION

1. Consider Approval for Transaction of Notice of Sale or Transfer – The City of Ontario Has Agreed to Purchase From the City of Chino a Portion of Chino's Water in Storage In the Amount of 5,350 acre-feet; Date of Application: April 20, 2005
2. Consider Approval for Transaction of Notice of Sale or Transfer – Cucamonga Valley Water District Has Agreed to Purchase 500 acre-feet of West San Bernardino County Water District's Stored Chino Basin Groundwater; Date of Application: February 24, 2005

D. COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)

Authorize 3.8% COLA to be applied to the salary schedule as approved in the FY 2005-06 Budget, beginning July 1, 2005

E. TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Chino Basin Watermaster Twenty-Seventh Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2003-04

*Motion by Black, second by McGraw, and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred
Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items A through E, as presented*

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. SAN ANTONIO CHANNEL UPLAND BASIN INTERCONNECT

Mr. Manning reminded the committee members about the College Heights discussion which took place several months ago deferring taking any action to use the College Heights Basins and pipe under Arrow Route and directly into the new Upland Basin. Staff has decided to use College Heights for some testing to get an idea at what point the water transfer into the Upland Basin and get some overall better information prior to making a final determination regarding the use of College Heights Basins. One of the ways the infrastructure can be used, which Watermaster designed and paid for, is to bring a pipe from the San Antonio channel and connect it into the storm drain channel which was installed by the City of Upland. The City of Upland has a 102" storm drain pipe that goes into the Upland Basin that drains all of the area to the north of Arrow Route into the Upland Basin. The Upland Basin is a large hole in the ground that percolates very well and every drop of water that is put into the basin will disperse in a very quick time; staff is anxious to use the Upland Basin. Staff was recently notified that water is being released out of the San Antonio Dam that Pomona Valley Protective Association (PVPA) does not want to take because they have raised the water levels in Claremont to a point where they are starting to show and day light. Our basins are taking in a lot of water that was not anticipated to receive and all of Montclair and Brooks are taking in water at this time; if we had Upland Basin available, water would be put in that basin as well. Right now the Upland Basin is not available to receive water which means staff can't dry out any of the Montclair Basins to perform any work on them, which was scheduled to have done. Staff anticipates that if this item is passed at the Watermaster Board meeting that the work should be able to be completed before the next rainy season. Watermaster staff has discussed this with the City of Upland and they are very amenable to what staff is proposing and have already installed an adapter for Watermaster to hook into with our pipe off the San Antonio channel. Staff is still looking at obtaining some easements from the Conservation District. A brief discussion ensued with regard to diverted water.

*Motion by McGraw, second by Garibay, and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred
Moved to authorize construction of the San Antonio Channel-Upland Basin interconnect, as presented*

B. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 50 GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Manning stated that Watermaster has been asked by Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) to support a Prop 50 grant application which is a joint application with IEUA, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Foothill Municipal Water District and the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster for a cooperative Prop 50 planning grant for the purpose of creating the Integrated Water Regional Management Plan. The benefit to the Chino Basin will be that this would provide an emergency interconnect off the Azusa pipeline. The improvements that will be forthcoming are going to extend the Azusa pipeline to the Foothill districts. Watermaster is being asked to support their Prop 50 grant and staff feels this will be a great benefit. A question regarding the Integrated Management Plan was presented. A brief discussion ensued with regard to this plan and any negative impact it would have on the Chino Basin.

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

Moved to authorize support for a cooperative proposition 50 grant application for the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, as presented

III. REPORTS/UPDATES**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**1. Attorney-Manager

Counsel Fife stated that there are several meetings scheduled throughout the day today. The general “group” meeting will not take place today in lieu of individual meetings; the regular meetings will resume later.

2. North Gualala Amicus

Counsel Fife commented that there is not a lot of new news on this item to report. It was thought by this time in June, there would be a briefing schedule released from the appellate court. The appellate court will assign a briefing schedule, first round of briefs will take place, and then they will have thirty days to respond. It is only at that point that Watermaster can file an amicus brief. As of today, we are still waiting for the briefing schedule to be released.

3. Legislation Update

Counsel Fife stated there are a few bills that staff and counsel have been watching closely that are relevant to Watermaster. The big one that counsel has had a concern about is the bill creating the water courts (AB 1453); which looks like it is stalled in committee. It has not been revised since the last time it was discussed with this committee. SB 820 passed the Senate last week and it is now onto the Assembly. This bill has gone through some minor revisions; however, in general it is remaining intact through the process. The other bills SB 773 and AB 371 (these are the recharge bills); one concerns making it easier to recharge drinking water and the other one concerns recharge of recycled water. SB 773 is the drinking water bill which appears stalled. AB 371 also passed out of the Assembly last week and will go onto the Senate; this one has been revised significantly. In looking over some of the revisions briefly it appears they are contemplating putting statewide charges on the recharge/recycled water in order to create a recycled water fund at DWR. This could be of concern to the Chino Basin and will need to be watched closely.

B. CEO/STAFF REPORT1. Assessment Package Workshop

Mr. Manning noted that the Assessment Package Workshop is scheduled for June 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. Watermaster is developing a computerized program that links both our budget and our assessment process with water activity. In an effort to complete that task Ms. Rojo has taken all the information from the last assessment package and plugged

those numbers into the new program. The workshop will be to review last years' numbers in the new format and to receive comments and suggestions.

2. Recharge Activity Update

Mr. Treweek stated that his report is in reference to the Storm Water Recharge Summary dated May 25, 2005 which is provided as a handout. There have been eleven storm events this past storm season which have provided approximately fifty inches of rainfall; 15,000+ acre feet was captured in our basins. The new yield will have to be calculated from that number by subtracting out historical storm water captured in the basins that had improvements made to them. It appears that the goal of 12,000 acre feet of captured storm water will be met for this year. This summer, Watermaster will be taking on two major objectives, the first will be to recharge as much MWD water as possible and the second will be to renovate the basins that were impacted by the storm flows this past winter. There are about \$1.2 million dollars in FEMA and IEUA money available for the renovations. By the end of June the work will be complete at Lower Day and Banana Basins, which will bring on two more basins that can accept MWD water. By the end of July, Turner and Ely Basins will be complete; Turner will take in MWD water and Ely will take in recycled water. We have a pretty aggressive summer schedule to accomplish some necessary renovation projects. Mr. Manning stated that this last rainy season has provided a lot of information about how the basins work. These renovations that are going to be done in the near future and in working with Flood Control, Watermaster is going to maximize some of our improvements to where the basins can acquire quite a bit more water even with a lower amount of rainfall this next year.

3. Ontario Clean Up & Abatement Orders

Mr. Manning noted that according to the budget which was approved last month some funds were included in that budget to assist the Regional Board in the issuance of the Ontario clean up and abatement orders. Staff has communicated that Watermaster is in full support with the Regional Board on that endeavor; within the next six weeks, the clean up and abatement orders will be issued to the six PRP's in the Ontario Airport area. That will then trigger a date that staff can meet with the responsible parties in order to present to them what we think are their options as far as clean up is concerned. After that presentation is made there will a period of time that they will then analyze what was given to them and come up with their own questions; this is where some time and money working with Wildermuth Environmental to evaluate their questions and options will come into the picture. Staff is hopeful that within the next couple weeks that process will begin which will lead to an eventual funding of a project that will assist Watermaster in the basin with some of the capital improvements.

4. Cooperative Meetings with County Flood Control

Mr. Manning stated that this item was placed on the agenda to make sure that all parties are on the same page as far as the cooperative efforts between Flood Control and Watermaster. Flood Control is working with IEUA and other parties to try and maximize our conservation efforts here in this basin. Flood Control and Watermaster are doing a number of projects and planning together. The GRCC meetings which are held at Watermaster and attended by Flood Control every two weeks are also attended by other member agencies who are working on conservation efforts. Another quarterly meeting has been set up which brings together the policy makers at the County Flood Control, which is widely attended by decision makers from other water agencies. These meetings will be held to discuss planning. The GRCC committee is specifically designed to talk about projects that are in the works and some of the things that are already past the planning process. What staff would like to do is to start interjecting our conservation needs prior to the planning process so that we can get some assistance. By being involved in these meetings it is felt that Watermaster can help expedite some of the improvements that are thought to be essential in the Chino Basin in order to maximize the conservation of rain water.

Mr. Manning stated that SAWPA has initiated a rain water recovery meeting because SAWPA realizes that what dynamics the Chino Basin is facing is happening all over the county of San Bernardino and would like to have the same progress that Watermaster is pursuing. SAWPA has asked Watermaster to participate with them and the County in a rain water meeting which would start an interaction between all the agencies in San Bernardino and Riverside County on an integrated rain water recovery program. The first meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2005.

Mr. Manning stated that Watermaster is working very cooperatively with the Flood Control; they are being supportive and it is felt that the groups are moving at a good pace and jointly to accomplish goals.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles

There were no comments received regarding this item.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. McGraw questioned item 3 of the clean up and abatement orders regarding the support through Wildermuth that Watermaster is providing to the Regional Board and if there is any possibility of recovery for dollars spent. Mr. Manning stated that it is Watermaster's intention to recovery such funds and that the Regional Board has agreed that is the first money that comes out of settlement funds, even before the Regional Board gets its money.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Counsel Fife introduced as a general announcement the new Hatch & Parent summer clerk, Monika Proctor who will be attending several of the meetings scheduled for this summer. The committee members welcomed Ms. Proctor.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

June 9, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
June 9, 2005	12:00 p.m.	Attorney/Manager Meeting
June 15, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Assessment Package Workshop
June 21, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
June 23, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
June 23, 2005	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: July 14, 2005

